



Builder Category

Hazel McLeary
Victoria, British Columbia
Inducted: 2002

When anyone asks Hazel how she got so involved in bowling, she always says "I was in the right place at the right time". In 1968, the American Bowling Congress (ABC), and the Women's International Bowling Congress (WIBC) had decided that Canada needed an Association to qualify bowlers for international competition. At that time, she was actively involved in forming a Provincial Association in BC, and was then appointed to represent the BC Women on the very first CTF Board. That's how it all started.

Hazel was a CTF Board Member, either as Vice-President, or Director, until 2004, when CTF became a full membership organization. She then remained as CTF's Media Director and Public Relations Coordinator, and as an advisor to the newly elected Directors for several years, providing her wisdom and advice based on her years of experience with not only CTF, but with ABC and WIBC as well.

Another milestone for McLeary was being elected as a Director on the WIBC Board in 1970. The first Canadian to ever hold a WIBC Officer position. Hazel was also the first Canadian woman to be inducted into the WIBC Hall of Fame in 2000 when she retired from the WIBC Board holding the position of Third Vice President.

Hazel served on the first joint Equipment Specifications Committee and was one of the first Certified Lane Inspector Workshop instructors. She served as Technical Committee Chairman for the FIQ American Zone and the CTF. She also served on technical committees at several international events and was the tenpin bowling technical delegate at the Pan American Games in 2003.

McLeary was also the "one-person team" who first created and published the "CTF Connection" on a regular basis. For many years, this newsletter was one of the primary means of reporting on Team Canada athletes. In addition, the CTF Connection communicated many other items of interest to the CTF bowling community. She retired from this role at the end of 2012.

She has served as a Federation Internationale des Quilleurs Deputy Secretary General, First Vice President of the FIQ American Zone and a World Tenpin Bowling Association Presidium member. For her service to international bowling, Hazel earned the FIQ Silver Pin Award and the World Bowling Writers Distinguished Service Award.

Hazel has been recognized for her dedicated service with induction into the British Columbia Bowling Hall of Fame and the British Columbia Women's Tenpin Bowling Association Hall of Fame.