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Carroll Lanes

The Beginning of the McCook Association

In 1949-50 Welden (Nick) Nickels purchased the building known as the Greyhound Bus Stop and Blue Tea Room. When they purchased the building, Nick and Mary lived above the restaurant. At one time the center also housed a barbershop.

In 1951-52 it became a 6 lane bowling center using the aide of pin boys to set the pins. Automatic pin setters were installed in 1958. Nick added 4 additional lanes in 1964.

The bowling center was in the Greater Canton Association through 1959. In 1960-61, Nick and Mary formed the McCook Bowling Association.

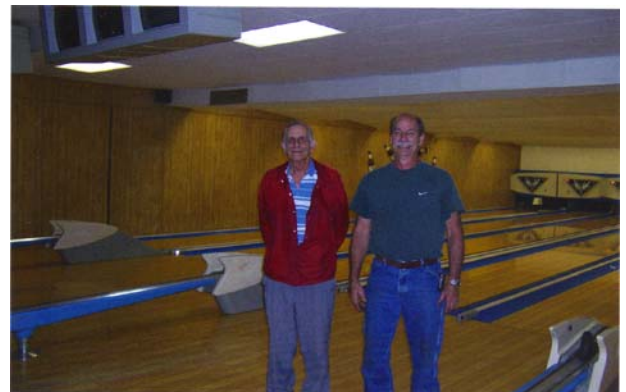
John DeFord and Cecil Gallon joined Nick as proprietors in 1969. Cecil passed away in 1977, and at the time Tim Johnston became a partner. Along the way a lot of improvements took place. In 1980 the wooden lanes were replaced with synthetic lane surface. They were replaced two more times. The third time they were replaced with AMF high performance Synthetic lane surface, which is still being used.

Carroll Lanes became the first center in the McCook to install automatic scorers in 1995.

Carroll Lanes has 3 original leagues still bowling, the men's Monday Night Industrial League, Carroll Lanes Ladies on Monday night, and the men's Thursday Civic League.

Nick formed a youth league in the 1960's. Some of the bowlers were Frank and Joe Boley, Jimmy Henry, Harold Tinlin, Rick Smith, Jim Pyles and a few others. In 1970 at the age of 14 Harold rolled a 633 series. That was good bowling at that time!

In 1974 Helen Hepner and Joan Enterline helped start the McCook AJBC Youth Association. It has since been known as YABA and is now the McCook USBC Youth Association. Some of the coaches over the years have been Helen Hepner, Joan Enterline, Jerry Snyder, Dale & Michele Howell, Elaine Grunder, Jim Stack, Walt & Linda Phillips, and Edna Davis. Also coaching were Tim Johnston, Tom & Kaye Thompson, Kurt Lumley and Steve Easterday. A lot of our adults bowlers came from the youth program. (Continued on Pg 2)



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In 1970 John DeFord rolled the first 300 game. Numerous 300's have been rolled since that time. Fred Haas and Matt Miller rolled the first 800 series. Ladies high series of 759 was rolled by Crystal Koons and Janet Grunder holds high game of 299.

In 1997 Tim sold his share to Doug Hutchison and Tom Thompson. After a few years, Tom sold his share to Doug and John, who still share ownership. John and Doug both have three generations bowling in leagues.

In 2008 Kurt Lumley formed a boys' and girls' high school team which competes in Stark County High School Association. Carroll Lanes is proud to host the Carrollton High School teams. The boy's team won the American Boys conference the first year. Great Job!

The following leagues bowl at Carroll Lanes: Men's Monday Nite Industrial League, Monday Nite Carroll Lanes Ladies, Ladies Tuesday Odds & Ends, Tuesday Nite Ladies, Wednesday Mixed League, and the Ladies Thursday Classic League. On Saturdays, the youth have two leagues: Carroll Mixers and Carroll Bantams. On Wednesday mornings the seniors get together for a fun time. Monday night also has a summer league.

Carroll Lanes hosts an end of season party for the men's league bowlers and one for the women's league bowlers. We thank you very much.

Carroll Lanes has open bowling Friday and Saturday nights and is open for parties, etc.

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