

THE FINAL FOUR

The Brockton Bowling Association held its 2nd Annual Hall of Fame induction dinner on Saturday night at the Holiday Inn in Brockton. The BBA inducted 4 gentlemen into its hall. Jim Ferguson, John Ellis, Steve Travers, and Fred Delfino became the newest members to this club. The first of them to be inducted was John Ellis for bowling ability. Ellis, the General Manager of Boston Bowl, was the BBA's Bowler of the Year in 2005. He is also a 6 time NEBA champion. John spoke briefly "thanking the selection board for the honor." The second inductee was Jim Ferguson, also being inducted for bowling ability. Ferguson, also a former Bowler of the Year in 2004, said "that if it wasn't for my mother I would not be standing here today." The third inductee of the night for bowling ability was Steve Travers. Travers, who averaged 227 in 1987, was humbled by the occasion, but still asked "why didn't I get voted in last year." As Steve spoke, he explained what made him such a great bowler. "I would just watch others," explained Travers, "someone like Earl Anthony." However it was the fourth and final inductee of the night who stole the show. Fred Delfino, manager of North Bowl Lanes for 33 years, was being inducted for Meritorious Service, but did not really think that was the case. Delfino was president of the New England Bowlers Association (NEBA) when the first tournament was held in 1963. Fred told many stories and even came back to the front to tell couple of more after going back to his seat. However, the best of the night was when he explained how his team of 5 men, which included himself, and other BBA Hall of Famer's, Rolly Savingano and Bill Fisher, as well as Joe Picanzo. They put a "challenge into the Boston Globe," he added, "to bowl anyone, anywhere, for any amount." The team got 21 challenges and never lost one of them.