

* Nellie Pestinger
Wichita
KWBA Hall of Fame
Service - 1975

Nellie was the first inductee into the Kansas WBA Hall of Fame in 1975. Nellie began her bowling career in 1921. Nellie had been active in the Wichita Women's Bowling Association (WWBA) for forty-eight years at the time of her induction, serving in many areas. In 1947 she was elected to the office of president of the Kansas WBA, serving in that capacity for twenty years.

Nellie was one of the first American Junior Bowling Congress (AJBC) certified youth instructors in Kansas, many adult bowlers today bowl because of the encouragement that came from Nellie.

On the national level in 1958 Nellie was inducted into the Women's International Bowling Congress (WIBC) 20 Year Club, the only member from Kansas holding this honor. In 1965 the club was declared closed, and the name was changed to "Pioneer Club". It is hard to visualize what the conditions were in the early days of bowling for bowling has "come a long way", thanks to Nellie and those other members of the Pioneer Club.

In 1976 Nellie traveled to Las Vegas to attend her forty-fourth WIBC Annual Convention and participate in her forty-fourth WIBC Championship Tournament.