

Irving “The Mayor” Rosenblatt



During the 1960's Irving “The Mayor” was the backbone of National AAU 1-Wall Tournament play.

He frequently chaired the annual AAU event in addition to co-sponsoring 1-wall exhibitions all around New York City including Castle Hill Beach Club, Shore Haven Beach Club, the Brownsville Boys Club, Union Temple, Brighton Beach Baths, and others. Through the power of petition Ir was instrumental in preserving the courts at Coney Island's West 5th Street when the powers that be slated them for demolition in the '30's. Some years later he again circulated a petition, this time for installation of a drinking fountain at the courts. At this writing the fountain still exists. For his leadership in these efforts he was affectionately dubbed “The Mayor,” a nickname that stuck with him for the rest of his life.