

Art Vinall

Date of birth - 9/4/80

Residence - 3019 East 18th Street, Davenport, Iowa (Son)

Bowling ability was his category and truly was a great bowler.

Art Vinall was born in Scott County September 4, 1880 and died in 1933. In 1903 he opened a bowling establishment on East Third Street in Davenport, located across from the Orpheum Theater. In 1915 he became manager of the Blackhawk Lanes, in the Blackhawk Hotel, a position he maintained until his death in 1933.

Not only was Art very instrumental in promoting the bowling game, in those early years but he was also the "Dean of Bowlers" in the Quad City area, being one of the most well known.

His accomplishments as a bowler were many, for instance, according to newspaper accounts he broke two World'd Records. In one season he had 12 perfect games and a high average of 278 when he rolled a 835 series on games of 300-248,287. He later broke that record with a series of 899 on games of 300-299-300. None of these records were recognized by the American Bowling Congress since they were not bowled in league or tournament competition.

Art bowled in 12 ABC Tournaments and at least that many Iowa State Tournaments. Teams that he bowled with was the Blackhawks, W.G. Block Co. and Crescent Macaroni & Cracker Co. with Carl B. Schmidt. He was member of the Crescent Macaroni & Cracker Co., team that won the Iowa State team title in 1928 with a team total of 3002. He also was Iowa State Singles Champion with 662 that same year.

At the time of his death in 1933 he had 17 perfect games, was high average bowler in the Tri-City Classic League seven times with averages of 182,192,195,193,194,203 and 203.

On December 23, 1930 he rolled a sanctioned 299 game.

Inducted into the Iowa Bowling Hall of Fame Posthumously March 1971.

