## Mike Berlin

Date of birth - December 24,1943

Residence - % Plamor Lanes, 1411 Grandview Ave., Muscatine, Iowa 52761

Bowling Ability was his catagory and perhaps Iowa's best and most famous bowler.

Mike started bowling in the Muscatine Junior Bowling program. At age 16 was invited to bowl in the adult scratch leagues.

Mike has bowled numerous 700 series and is a member of the Muscatine 700 Club as well as the National 700 Clubs of America.

Mike has ten sanctioned 300 games and during one 6 months span in 1976 he bowled three of them.

In 1968 Mike won the famous Petersen Classic in Chicago, Illinois and the \$35,000.00 first prize was at that time the highest amount won in a bowling tournament.

In the Greater Iowa BA tournaments he carries the highest average of all the regular competitors and has won four GIBA titles and has been in the finals more than any other member.

Mike has won three Midwest Bowler Association titles in Illinois: Decatur in 1973 - Bloomington in 1974 - Rantoul in 1975. He was selected for the first MBA All-star team. He has won 3 Central Bowler Association titles in Minneapolis/St.Paul, Minnesota. Won 2 Midwest Kegler Club titles in Chicago, Illinois. Won 3 Regional PBA titles at Springfield, Missouri, Oskaloosa, Iowa and Yangton, South Dakota.

In Muscatine City Tournament he has won the All-Events and Doubles Championships and has won the bowler of the year roll-off twice.

In the Iowa State Tournament Mike has been a consistent champion having won the team title in 1971, 1972, 1977, 1979 and 1983. Doubles Championship in 1972 and 1975. All-Events Champion in 1967.

Mike has won the Iowa Match Game title 3 times - 1969, 1973, 1975.

In ABC Tournaments he has averaged over 200 and won the ABC All-Events title in 1970.

Mike has won the Cornbelt Classic in Burlington, Car Tournament in Independence, Argus Singles in Rock Island, Illinois and the Moline Dispatch Tournament in Moline, Illinois.

Mike turned professional in 1976 and won the National PBA Tournaments in Minot, North Dakota and the Quad City Open in Davenport, Iowa.

In April 1977 on nation television Mike won the prestigious PBA Tournament of Champions and the first place prize of \$25,000.00.

This is just a list of a few of Mike's bowling accomplishments but truly shows that Mike Berlin is "IOWA'S GREATEST BOWLER".

Inducted into the Iowa Bowling Hall of Fame in March 1982.





