

CHARLES "CHUCK" RUTLEDGE: Clinton
Born July 7, 1941

Chuck became a member of the Clinton Bowling Association in 1959 and has been an active member for the past 38 years. He was elected to the Clinton Bowling Association Board of Directors in 1968 and served until 1973, attaining the office of 3rd Vice President. In 1973 he resigned his position on the Board to become a co-owner of the Plaza Bowl Bowling Lanes.

During his five years on the Clinton Bowling Association Board of Directors, he was the Board's representative for the Young American Bowling Alliance. He served on the Y.A.B.A. Board as vice president in 1971 and 1972 and as president in 1973. Chuck has not limited his Y.A.B.A. activities only to the local level for he has been very active on the state level. From 1972 to 1976 he was the state delegate from Clinton. Since 1968 he has attended 26 of the 29 State Y.A.B.A. meetings. He was elected to the Board of Directors in 1976 and 1977, elected 2nd vice president for the years 1978 and 1979, served as president in 1980 and 1981. From 1984 until the present time he has served on the Board of Directors as a representative of the Bowling Proprietor's Association. Chuck directed the State finals for 4 years for the Coca Cola tournament.

Chuck has been a member of the Iowa Bowling Proprietor's Association since 1973. In 1979 and 1980 he served as a Board member, was the Sergeant of Arms in 1981 and 1982, elected Treasurer in 1983 and 1984,, served as Secretary in 1985 and 1986, elected vice president in 1987 and 1988, and elected president in 1989 and 1990. Chuck is also a member of the National Bowling Proprietor's Association. For the past 10 years he has served on the Board of Directors. He was elected as a Regional vice president in 1990 and 1991, representing the state of Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, and South Dakota. He was the recipient of the "New Membership" Award for both 1990 and 1991.

Since 1987 he has served on the Iowa Bowling Council Board of Directors. Chuck was elected vice president in 1987 and again in 1989 through 1996 and is presently an active member of the Board of Directors. He also has been an active member of the Board of Directors for the Big Brothers - Big Sisters bowling event.

Chuck bowls in numerous leagues in Clinton and the surrounding communities. He has maintained a 200 plus average many times with his highest being 217 in the 1996-97 season. He has bowled over sixty 700 or better series with his highest a 776. During the 1996-97 season he bowled a 299 game at the Plaza Bowl.

Chuck has bowled in the Clinton city tournament since 1959. In 1968 he was the all events champion and he was also a member of the 1980 championship team which set an all time high scratch series of 3514. He was elected to the Clinton Hall of Fame in

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1980. Chuck has bowled in every state tournament since 1962, a total of 36 consecutive years. He achieved every bowler's dream in the 1993 Iowa State Bowling tournament in Council Bluffs when he rolled his first 300 game in the doubles event.

He has bowled in 25 ABC National tournaments. He has bowled in 27 Petersen Classic tournaments in Chicago. For 18 of the 27 Petersen tournaments, Chuck would sponsor a Clinton squad by getting an additional 31 bowlers from the Clinton area to compete. In 1987 he bowled an 8 game series of 1551 to capture a 2nd place finish in the Sponsor's Division. He won the 1982 Schlitz Beer left handers classic in Dubuque with a 726 series. And in 1980 Chuck won the Rock Island Argus 5 game singles tournament with games of 246, 214, 278, 224, and 269 for a 1231 series and an average of 246.

Inducted in 2000 in the Special Category

