

JOE SOLLAZZO: Sioux City  
Born - January 2, 1919

Joe started bowling in 1938 in Council Bluffs and Omaha. Then he moved to Sioux City in 1957 and has lived there ever since. He started the Suburban mens league in 1959 and became the secretary in 1962 and remains in that position at this time. In 1962 Joe became a board member of the Sioux City bowling association and served as the president in 1979-80. Joe was elected to the Sioux City Bowling Association Hall of Fame in 1979. He joined the Sioux City Junior Bowling Association in 1972 and in 1975 was elected the president and still holds that office at this time.

Mr. Sollazzo was elected to the Iowa State Bowling Association in 1982 and served as the president in 1989-90. Joe became a board member of the of the Iowa State Junior Bowling Association in 1980 and was president in 1987-88, 88-89, and 89-90.

Some of Joe's accomplishments in the game of bowling as a member of the Sioux City Bowling association: He introduced the certification of lanes to the board of directors of the Sioux City Bowling Association, expanded the board of directors of that association by four more members, established the lane representatives program in Sioux City, was instrumental in bringing the state tournament to Sioux City and was co-chairman of the 1987 tournament. He also organized the first River-Cade bowling tournament in Sioux City. Joe introduced the John C. Robb match point scoring using league scores.

Highlights of Joe's affiliation with the Sioux City Junior bowling association: Established the bowler of the month program along with the bowler of the year, introduced many tournaments (the masters, handicap, and scratch), established a scholarship program (11 scholarships have been awarded in the last six years), organized a fundraising program for youth bowlers which has made the YABA almost self-supporting. Joe spent many hours organizing bus trips for the youth bowlers to the state tournament.

As a member of the Iowa State Junior program, Joe served as chairman of all committees, installed special meeting of supervisors with the president previous to the annual meeting, added a publicity committee to the operation of the board, and thoroughly enjoyed serving 12 years on the Iowa State Junior Board.

Joe bowled in many state tournaments and was a delegate to the ABC convention numerous times, and while he attended the national convention he bowled in the ABC tournament also.

Inducted in 1998 in the Meritorious Service Category.

