

JAMES DIXON

Date of Birth -

Residence -

Burlington, Iowa

James was a Posthumous Selection.

Jim started bowling competitively in the AJBC Youth League at Bowl Inn in Burlington, Iowa in 1944. During that year, owner Charles McDonald put together a team of six kids ages 15 to 19 and sent them on a 16 day bowling trip, and Jim was one of the members of the team. They bowled and won matches in Denver, Santa Monica, San Diego, Salt Lake City, and Los Angeles. While in Los Angeles they bowled in the 44th A.B.C. tournament. Jim was high average for the trip with a 186, while the team averaged 895.

Jim Bowled in every Iowa State Tournament from 1947 until the time of his death in 1972. In 1949 Jim won the All-events title with a score of 1838. In 1967 He finished second with a score of 1980 also in the all-events division. In addition, Jim has finished high in the money in every event numerous times.

In 1952, Jim and Roger Wiemer made a very big splash in the bowling world. Against the advice of almost everyone, they entered and won the doubles title at the midwest Classic in Springfield, Illinois against the top professionals in the country. This tournament was like the pro tour today. They were written up as "The Iowa farm boys who beat the pros".

In 1970 at the famed Petersen Classic in Chicago, Jim finished third in a field of 18,000 with a score of 1654 for eight games, winning \$9,225.00.

In the 1960's Jim was a member of the Burlington travel team. This team won tournaments in Decatur, Ill., St. Louis, Mo., Wahington, Iowa, the Holiday team Classic in Burlington, also several City tournament team titles. Their team had the reputation as the best team in Southeast Iowa.

Jim was an officer in many of the leagues he bowled, including the president of the Classic League. Jim served as a Director on the Burlington Area Bowling Association. Jim was the driving force for the Burlington Match Game Championships, the most prestigious tournament in Burlington.

Jim's lifetime high game was 289, his lifetime high series was 719 and his high average was a 192.

Jim was inducted into the Burlington Area Men's Bowling Association Hall of Fame in 1971.

Inducted into the Iowa Bowling Hall of Fame in March 1992.

