

Iowa State U.S.B.C. B.A.

Hall of Fame Class of 2014

Induction March 29, 2014

Burlington, Iowa

“Meritorious Service Category”

Robert Cochran

Des Moines, Iowa

The Greater Des Moines Bowling Association would like submit the name of Robert (Bob) Cochran for consideration and induction into the Iowa State USBC Bowling Association Hall of Fame.

Bob began his bowling career in 1970 when he joined a league at Thunderbird lanes in Des Moines. Over the next seven years he became increasingly interested in the activities of the Greater Des Moines Bowling Association (GDMBA). Having bowled in numerous leagues serving as a league officer and league secretary during this time. He was nominated and appointed to the GDMBA as a director in 1977.

Serving on all committees of the association, Bob was elected assistant secretary in 1982. In 1984, he became a certified lane inspector. In 1985, he attended the Local Association Officer Training Class at ABC Headquarters in Greendale, Wisconsin. In 1987 Bob was elected Secretary of the GDMBA.

Bob was inducted into the GDMBA Hall of Fame in 1997. He was elected to the Iowa State Board of Directors in 2001 as their new 4th Director and served as their President during the 2009 – 2010 Season. Effective August 1, 2012 the men's, women's, and youth Des Moines associations merged as one organization at which time Bob was elected Business Manager of that new organization.

Since 1977, Bb has been a league secretary in 1 to 2 leagues. He bowled right handed for many years and had six (6) 300 games with a high series of 773 and high season average of 208 with numerous other 700 series. In 1989 he injured his right shoulder and had to switch to being a left hander for the next 5 years. During this time he carried a season average of 198 and high game of 280 with an 11 in-a-row game.

Just about anyone who bowls in the GDMBA service area knows Bob. Since 1987 he has assisted league officers with sanction activities, answered questions on league and USBC rules, interpretations and badgered league secretaries for final average sheets.

His service to the Greater Des Moines Bowling Association does not end here. Starting each year in early July, Bob will be certifying lanes at the bowling centers, preparing league officer kits and attending league organizational meetings. He also handles and directs all honor scores to USBC Headquarters for the Greater Des Moines Bowling Association, assists in preparation for annual GDMBA jamboree and serves as tournament director for the annual city tournament.

Bob was instrumental in implementing the first computerized state tournament when Des Moines hosted the tournament for the ISUSBCBA during the 1989/1990 season. The technology was transferred to the GDMBA and he worked many hours to update and improve our computer system. Bob has attended all but one Iowa State Delegates meeting since 1977/78 seasons. In addition he has been a voting delegate at all USBC conventions since 1987.

Bob has been married to his lovely wife for 35 plus years and they have 3 children, Rob, Tracey & Shannon.

Gentleman, we believe Robert Cochran is deserving of the honor of induction into the Iowa State USBC Bowling Association Hall of Fame in recognition of his meritorious service and dedication to our bowlers and the game of 10 pins.

Thank you for your consideration

Ronald Stanley – GDMBA 1st Vice President & Director ISUSBCBA

Richard Welch – President GDMBA

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