

- 1) Placed in the top 3 of any division of the Iowa State USBC Championship Tournaments.
  - 2) Won any division of an affiliate Iowa State USBC Bowling Tournament (Iowa State Senior Women's, Iowa 500 Club, Iowa 600 Club, Iowa 700 Club, or Iowa State Mixed Bowling Tournament).
  - 3) Placed in the top 5 in any division of the AJBC/YABA/ABC/WIBC/USBC National Tournaments.
  - 4) Won any division of a Local Association Tournament.
  - 5) Placed in the top 3 in any division of any other Local, State or National Tournament.
  - 6) Maintained a 190 average or better.
  - 7) Has achieved an 800 series, 700 series, 300 game, 299 game, 298 game or rolled 11 in a row.
- Nominee must be a present or former member of the Iowa State USBC for at least 15 years (not necessarily consecutively) and participated in at least 5 Iowa State USBC tournaments. To be considered for the award the nominee must have at least 5 of the following qualifications as an Iowa State USBC member:

**SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE**

To be considered for a combined category (Meritorious and Performance), nominee must meet at least 3 of the qualifications in each category, for combined total of 6 qualifications.

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Send to: Iowa State USBC, 935 South 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Dodge, IA 50501 or email: [iowastateusbc@trontier.com](mailto:iowastateusbc@trontier.com)

Please submit this cover sheet and the completed form no later than August 15. Use additional sheets if more space is needed.

NAME OF NOMINEE: Don Messner      Date: 7/15/19

ADDRESS: 1219 Patterson Street

PHONE: 319-850-2489      # of Years Members: 40      # of ISUSBC State Tournaments: 35

CURRENT LOCAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP: Burlington USBC

SUBMITTED BY: Burlington Bowling Assoc.      Signature of Submitter: [Signature]      AND      Signature of Local Association Manager: [Signature]

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 655 Burlington IA 52601

The purpose of the Iowa State USBC Hall of Fame is to perpetuate the names of those who have displayed outstanding ability in the game of American Tenpins and/or have contributed through meritorious service to the general welfare and progress of the game in the state of Iowa.

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Submit by August 15

**IOWA STATE USBC HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM**

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# IOWA STATE USBC BOWLING HALL OF FAME

Attached you will find the application for the Iowa State USBC Bowling Hall of Fame. Please complete it in its entirety and submit/postmark no later than August 15. Submit your completed nomination form along with this cover sheet to the Iowa State Association Manager:

Iowa State USBC  
 935 South 26th Street  
 Fort Dodge, IA 50501  
[association.manager@iowabowl.com](mailto:association.manager@iowabowl.com)

Please state which category you are submitting your application for:

Male       Female  
 Performance  
 Meritorious Service  
 Performance/Meritorious  
 Ambassador

The "Ambassador" award shall be presented to those individuals who best exemplify the sport of bowling through their dedication and service to USBC members and the game of American Tenpins. The recipient may or may not be a member of the Iowa State USBC. He or she should embrace the same goals and ideals as the Board of Directors.

Any Iowa State USBC association (including affiliates) or members may nominate an individual for this award. Nominations must be sent to the state office, postmarked or submitted no later than August 15 of the current year. Our recipient is a person who provides leadership, knowledge and cooperation in assisting the Iowa State USBC with its mission of serving the bowlers of Iowa.

Is this application being submitted Posthumous?  YES  NO

**IOWA STATE USBC BOWLING HALL OF FAME  
NOMINATION FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE**

1) Has the nominee been an Iowa State USBC officer or director?  YES  NO If yes, please list the years and offices held:

SEE ATTACH

2) Has the nominee served as chair on any Iowa State USBC committees?  YES  NO If yes, please list the committee and years served:

All Committees on Iowa State Board

3) Has the nominee served on any Iowa State USBC committee(s)?  YES  NO If yes, please list the committee and years served:

All Committees on Iowa State Board

4) Has the nominee served as a delegate to the Iowa State USBC state convention? (minimum 5 years)  YES  NO If yes, please list the years served:

Since 1990

5) Has the nominee served as a delegate to the national convention?  YES  NO If yes, please list the years served:

~~2000~~ Several Years

6) Has the nominee served in some capacity in any Iowa State USBC state tournament?  YES  NO If yes, please list the years served and in what capacity:

With Burlington Hosted Iowa 3 District Years

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Fame:

11) Please tell us why you feel the nominee should be considered for the Iowa State Bowling Hall of

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ability under meritorious service:

10) Please list anything else bowling related that you would like us to consider regarding the nominee's

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organizations? YES  NO  If yes, please list in what capacity and years served:

9) Has the nominee served as manager/secretary for the BVL, Bowl for the Cure, AJBC/YABA, Bowling Council, Iowa 500 Club, Iowa 600 Club, Iowa 700 Club, Iowa 20-Year Club, Iowa Women Bowling Writer's Club, and/or served as an officer, director or manager of other related Iowa State bowling

8) Has the nominee served as a National officer, director or committee member? YES  NO  If yes, please list in what capacity and years served:

IOWA STATE USBC BOWLING ASSC. DID NOT HAVE ANY OF THESE AWARDS

7) Has the nominee showed outstanding support, served as an officer for, or been a recipient of any Iowa State USBC award? (Example: BVL, Bowl for the Cure, Outstanding Association Manager, Workshop, Above & Beyond, Friendship or Spirit Award, Coach of the Year, Volunteer of the Year.) YES  NO  If yes, please list the activity/award and the year participated/award received:

July 15, 2019

To: Iowa State USBC Bowling Association  
C/O Charla Wilke, Association Manager

935 South 26<sup>th</sup> Street

Ft Dodge, IA 50501-6650

Attention: Iowa State USBC Bowling Association Hall of Fame Committee

Subject: Nomination for Iowa State USBC Bowling Association Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service,

With a profound sense of pride, humility and honor, we the members of the Burlington Area USBC Bowling Association submit the name of Don Meisner as a candidate for election to the Iowa State USBC Bowling Association Hall of Fame for his performance, dedication and service for the sport of bowling.

Don started bowling in 1973 in Toledo, Ohio on a Ma & Pa league that his Grandmother coaxed him into bowling. His average that first year was 158. Don continued to bowl in Toledo raising his average to 185 before his job got him transferred to Burlington in 1984. After moving to Burlington Don's average improved drastically as Don said he got a lot of coaching and help. Don has averaged above 200 for many years. His highest average being 222 in 2011 – 12 seasons. Don's highest game is 300 which he bowled on 9/15/2010 he also had a 299 game in 2008. Don has had numerous 700 series, with his highest being 792.

Don has also bowled on some record setting teams. In 1992 Don bowled on the Wednesday Night Classic League, his Rheinschmidts team shot a 3323 series. Team members were Gerry Marshall 716, Don Day 697, Bill Fuhrer Jr. 613, Paul Marshall 585 and Don with a 712. that was the second highest team series in Burlington to that date. The high was 3359 shot by Midwest Federal also in the Classic League. Later that same year their Rheinschmidts team did one better than that. Gerry Marshall shot a 300 Game and 750 series, Don Day 705, Dave Zahner 657, Paul Marshall 560, and Don shot a 760 for a City Record of 3432 series. That series held up till 1996 Season when the new City Record 3608 was shot by the

Boomers in the City Tournament. Their Series is still the 4th highest team total ever shot in Burlington.

Don has also been a member of the Burlington Area All-Star Teams. He was a First Team member in 1988 – 89, 1989 – 90, 2010 – 11 and 2011 – 12 that season he was the high average bowler from Burlington with a 222 average. Don has been a Second Team member in five different seasons, a Third Team member one season and a Fourth Team member 3 different times. Don has consistently averaged over 200 for many years

### Achievements of Candidate

#### Local Association Tournaments:

Don has done very well in our Association Tournaments throughout the years.

In 1990 an article the Burlington Hawkeye Bowling Column headlined " Meisner Explodes to City Tournament Win ". Don had a weekend to remember, he won the City Singles Title with a 785 series, he teamed with Danny Steward to win the Doubles Title with a 1324 total, he won the All - Event Title with a 2150 total, and just for good measure his team finished 2nd just 12 pins from the title.

In 1993 Don again had another good City Tournament. Don was 2nd in Singles with a 746 series, 1st in Doubles again with Danny Steward with a 1386 total. He also finished 1st in All - Events with a 2133 total.

Don has also been on winning Team Titles in 1998 – 99, 2010 – 11. He won the Singles in 2009 – with 749

In 1988 He finished 2nd to Ray Reyes in the Match Games tournament losing 244 to 222 in the final match.

In 1998 - 99 Don won the Match Games Title averaging 218 in the qualifying and then 213 in the round robin round and only losing two matches.

Don won the King of the Hill Title in 2010 – 11 season bowling 1435 total in the two centers that hosted the tournament.

Don has consistently supported all our local Association Tournaments and if you ever needed a bowler to go to a tournament Don would always step up and go

Iowa State USBC Tournaments:

Don has bowled in every Iowa State USBC Tournament since 1985 as well as the Iowa State USBC Jamboree Tournament. Bowling well in many of them

National USBC Tournaments:

Don has bowled in 27 USBC national tournaments and continues to bowl in them every year. Don has bowled well in many of the tournaments, he has cashed almost every year that he has bowled.

Area, Regional and Other Tournaments:

He has bowled in Springfield & Decatur Ill. every year since 1993, and his best finish was 2nd place in All-Events at Springfield with a 2209 total in 1993.

Individual Achievements:

Highest lifetime average – 222  
Highest lifetime Game – 300

Burlington Area USBC Bowler of the Year in 2012

Service to Sport:

Youth Activities:

Don help to re-establish our youth program in Burlington after the local centers closed for two years and King Pins our current center was built. Don worked with the Burlington Women's Association and the management of King Pins to start the youth program back up.

USBC Activities Local:

Don has served as a league officer for every league he has bowled in. From President in several leagues to Secretary/Treasurer in the Classic League for two years

Don was elected to the Burlington Area Bowling Association Board of Directors in August 1986 and has served in the following capacity:

Director 1986 – Present

President: Three different times

1992 – 93, 2001 – 02 and 2010 - 2014

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Three times

1991 – 92, 2000 – 01, and 2006 - 08

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:

1990 - 91

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President:

1989 - 90

Don has chaired every committee while on the Board of Directors

He received the Association's Outstanding Service Award: 1989

He has been a Delegate to Iowa State USBC Annual Meeting 1990 – present

He is a Certified Lane Inspector

Elected to Burlington Area USBC Hall of Fame in 1999

Don is a member of our Local Hall of Fame Board of Directors, which is made up

entirely of the Hall of Fame Members. This group submits names to the

Burlington Board of Directors for approval to be elected into our Hall of Fame

### USBC Activities State:

Don was elected to the Iowa State Board of Directors in 1999 – 2000 season.

He was a Director from 1999 – 2003

Was elected as a Vice President in 2003 – 2007

Was elected President in 2007 – 08 season.

Don worked with Charlie Kutich on the transition from ABC to USBC doing his time as President. That set up the frame work of the Iowa State USBC Board of Directors for the next ten years.



Don Served as a member of the Iowa State USBC Hall of Fame Committee from 2008 – 2019 Season he was the Chairman of this committee in 2014.

For all his accomplishments and dedication to the sport of bowling in Burlington as well as the State of Iowa, the Burlington USBC Bowling Association believes Donald Meisner is worthy of your consideration of election into the Iowa State USBC Bowling Association Hall of Fame

Respectfully Submitted:

*Charles J. Budzyn*  
Charles Budzyn–President, Burlington Area USBC Bowling Association

*James Ferrell*  
James Ferrell – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Burlington Area USBC Bowling Association

*Mark Haynes*  
Mark Haynes – Association Manager, Burlington USBC Bowling Association