

# *Spencer Area U.S.B.C. Bowling Association*

**The Spencer Area Bowling Association would like to nominate Duane Gustin for election into the Iowa State Bowling Association Hall of Fame. Duane started bowling in league play in 1958 in Spencer. He began working at the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Lanes and ran the pro shop for many years. During this time Duane was very helpful with the junior bowlers and held an instructor's certificate.**

**Duane was on the Spencer Bowling Association Board of Directors for eight years and was President for two years. He was a member of the planning committee to bring the state tournament to Spencer in 1973. Duane and Bud Letcher were responsible for running the singles and doubles house.**

**Duane was the city tournament all-events champion in 1962 and 1963. He was on the city championship team in 1971 and 1977. In 1973 Duane was on the team that won the Iowa State Bowling Association Open Division Team event. He bowled on eight league championship teams in Spencer and also bowled in Lake Park and Spirit Lake. At age 70 he is still carrying an average of 195.**

**Duane has bowled in 40 association tournaments in Spencer and Lake Park. He has also bowled in 21 Iowa State Tournaments and 24 ABC National tournaments.**

**In 1966 Duane entered the BPAA State match games tournament at the Rose Bowl in Fort Dodge. He led the 24 game qualifying with a scratch score of 4879. Two weeks later he joined the other top 11 qualifiers for the finals and bowled a three game series against each one. He led the tournament going into the position round and then defeated Iowa State Hall of Famer Mike Berlin 630 to 590 to win the tournament. Duane has also had a runner up finish in the Iowa State Match Games tournament.**

**In 1969 Mike Berlin asked Duane to join the Midwest Regional PBA. Duane bowled in the Midwest Regional for ten years. Over this 10 year period he bowled in 30 regional tournaments and one national tournament. Duane's average for the ten years was 202. When the PBA Seniors began, he was invited to join by PBA Hall of Famer Dick Weber. Duane declined the chance because of his family and farming operations.**

**Duane was elected to the Spencer Area Bowling Association Hall Fame in 1995. He is a lifetime member of the 700 Club of America and a charter member of the Spencer 700 Club. Duane is also a member of the ABC Century club. He has influenced many bowlers in the Spencer area and is deserving of election into the Iowa State U.S.B.C. Bowling Hall of Fame.**

**Sincerely**

**Spencer Area U.S.B.C. Bowling Association.**

***Note: The attached Hall of Fame form was signed by the President, Secretary and Board Member.***

