

To: Iowa State U.S.B.C. Bowling Association Hall of Fame Committee

Attention: Iowa State Hall of Fame Committee

Subject: Nomination of Kurt Krull – Bowling Ability

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The Greater Cedar Valley Bowling Association acting upon recommendation from the local Hall of Fame Committee at this time respectfully submits the name of Kurt Krull for State Hall of Fame consideration.

Kurt is a lifelong resident of Cedar Falls and the Waterloo/Cedar Falls bowling scene. However, his path to organized bowling began at an age a little later in life than most people and under considerably different circumstances.

In high school Kurt was a two sport athlete. He excelled in football as a running back/linebacker. In track, he was a pole vaulter who set the school record by clearing 14ft. Dreams of playing in college were destroyed by a combination of shoulder and knee injuries. However, the competitive urge still burned bright. In the summer, Kurt learned how to hit a golf ball which on occasion covered 300+ yards.

But what to do in the winter?

Kurt began his bowling career in 1979 following his graduation from high school. His first season did not begin to show Kurt's potential but it did ignite the competitive fire that still burns brightly as he continues to pursue bowling excellence. As he began to take the game more seriously, his true potential came quickly to the forefront and he began a rapid ascent towards the top of the local bowling scene. He captured the 1980 city handicap all-events title which would be the first of his many titles and an indicator as a successful tournament bowler.

By the 1980-81 season, Kurt raised his average to 187, and made his move to the more competitive leagues the next season. Kurt first carried an average over 200 during the 1983-84 season and has maintained above that level ever since. He consistently averages in the mid-220s and has recorded a lifetime high of 232.

Along the way Kurt has been part of many league championship teams, including multiples in all of Waterloo's scratch and elite leagues. Kurt continues to bowl two leagues while subbing in others on a regular basis. He enjoys the friendly competition of league bowling and is well known for his easy going personality and his ability to execute great shots while under pressure.

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Tournament Competition

Kurt Krull had a competitive fire from the very beginning and competed in tournaments on a regular basis. He quickly moved from handicap to scratch competition in the early 1980's. Throughout his career he is well known and respected throughout the state as a skilled competitor and consistent performer who more often than not took home a check from the tournament.

Local

- In addition to winning the City Handicap All Events title in his first year of competition Kurt has recorded numerous City titles in both the handicap and scratch divisions.
- Kurt is currently riding a string of three consecutive City Doubles titles in: 2014, 2015, 2016
- 4 – Double elimination Maple Match Games titles with five top three finishes

Regional

Kurt is not afraid to bowl against the best competition in their centers. Over the years Kurt has accumulated many miles on his car while competing in various regional tournaments. Among his championships:

Iowa State Lutheran Bowling Tournament

- 1983 All Events
- 1989 Scratch Doubles
- 1991 Singles & All Events
- 1992 Singles

Iowa State Elks Tournament – 2000 All Events Champion

Central Iowa Bowling Association

- 1985 Ames Open

Greater Iowa Bowling Association

- 1987 Des Moines Merle Hay Open – Kurt shot 279 his final game on a difficult condition to move from 3rd to 1st for the title.
- From 1987 to 2016 Kurt was a regular on the GIBA circuit and has recorded numerous finals appearances frequently placing in the top 5.
- 2011, at the age of 50, Kurt won the Highway to Hell Scratch Tournament at Cedar Rapid's May City Lanes which featured a field of 100 bowlers and contested on Kegel's Highway to Hell pattern.
- This year 2016, at the age of 55, Kurt shows no sign of slowing down.
 - Kurt won the Big Gun GIBA tournament in Marshalltown
 - 2016 - Kurt teamed with Jeff Van Blair to win the SSBA (Senior Scratch Bowling Assoc) Doubles tournament in Muscatine
 - 2016 - Kurt teamed with Brad Jipson and Troy Fuller to win the Manchester Trio Championship
- Kurt has been a member of 3 championship teams in Dickeyville Wisc. team tournament.

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STATE

Kurt has 2-Iowa State titles to his credit.

- 1989 All Events (Cedar Rapids)
- 1993 Team (Council Bluffs) bowling with 4-Iowa State Hall of Famers: Fran & Rick Eighme, Joe Engelkes and Steve Berry
- Multiple Top 10 Finishes at State

In statewide competition Kurt has made the finals of two BPAA Iowa Open Tournaments.

Kurt's athleticism and stamina come to the forefront when he has the opportunity to bowl marathon tournaments. He is always a threat and has placed high in several of these tournaments including the Storm Classic and the Iron Man. These tournaments draw some of the best bowlers in the state.

NATIONAL

When it comes to tournament competition Kurt does not limit himself to the State of Iowa. He has travelled all over the country searching for opportunities to test his skill. He began bowling the ABC tournament in 1985 and has bowled every year since (31 consecutive years and counting). He currently is carrying a very respectable lifetime average of 199.7 for his ABC/USBC appearances.

Kurt has been a member of the Fran's Pro Shop #1 for the last 30 years. Over the past 11-team events, his team is always a contender and they have finished higher than the top 165 out of fields that have averaged 12,000+/yr. The top team finish was 11th in 2012, with 3-top 50 finishes and 4 more in the top 100.

In doubles, Kurt's highest finish to date is a 13th place in the doubles while paired with Steve Berry of Vinton.

One of Kurt's major accomplishments at the national level occurred at a Las Vegas High Roller Tournament. The field for that event was in excess of 1500 bowlers competing in a single game elimination format. Lose once and you go home. Kurt bowled well enough to advance through the first few rounds and continued to eliminate his opponents until the field was paired to 32 and the pressure became intense. Kurt made clutch shot after clutch shot in the next two matches to reach the quarterfinal round of 8. While he was defeated in his quarterfinal match he proved his ability to execute under intense pressure where a single shot was potentially worth thousands of dollars.

In 1990 Kurt made the decision to join the Professional Bowlers Association as a Regional Member. During his two year membership he bowled eight tournaments and made the finals in five of them with a high finish of 4th. In 1990 he also competed in the ABC Masters.

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Honor Scores and Other Awards.

Over the years Kurt has had many honor scores & awards.

- 1988 – Waterloo All Star 1st Team
- 1st 700 – Oct 19, 1989 with hundreds since recorded
- 11 - 800s
- 20+ 298 & 299s
- Lifetime High Average - 232

Kurt has repeatedly demonstrated the uncanny ability to roll perfect 300 games.

- 1986 – bowled his first 300 in a CIBA (Central Iowa Bowling Assoc) tournament in Newton, Iowa
- Lifetime total of 44 - 300s
- At least one 300 game in 28 of the last 30 years
- One of the top highlights in the Greater Cedar Valley Association history is the night that Kurt shot back to back 300s to open the night and proceeded to start the 3rd game with the front three for a total of 27 strikes in a row. To date this is the closest any Waterloo bowler has come to rolling three perfect games in a row.

Kurt Krull has been a fixture in the Waterloo/Greater Cedar Valley bowling scene for 37 years. He is dedicated and ultra-competitive and has given back to the sport by serving as a Director for two years. Kurt is highly respected by his fellow competitors for his bowling skill and attitude on the lanes. He has a unique ability to combine a fierce desire to win with a respect for his fellow competitor. This attitude is a desirable attribute which the Greater Cedar Valley Board of Directors and Hall of Fame Committee feels separates him for his peers while providing a role model image for younger bowlers.

The Greater Cedar Valley has been fortunate over the years to have witnessed some of the best bowlers in Iowa history pass through their centers. Some of those top tier competitors to have reached State Hall of Fame inclusion for their skill are: Bob Hansen, Rich Schmitt, Arnie Reynolds, Rick & Fran Eighme, Adrian Ericson, Gary Brinker, Joe Engelkes, Emmett Tragord and Bruce Pals.

At this time, it is the unanimous decision of the Greater Cedar Valley Board of Directors to endorse the candidacy of Kurt Krull for Iowa State Bowling Hall of Fame consideration. Kurt's skill, attitude and on-lane demeanor are attributes which reflect positively on the Greater Cedar Valley and the sport of bowling. It is this type of legacy that has helped to found the Association and make it what it is today.

Respectfully submitted

Greater Cedar Valley Bowling Association

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