

IOWA STATE
USBC WOMEN'S BOWLING
ASSOCIATION, INC.

HALL OF FAME

2015

SHIRLEY BLOODSWORTH

It is with great pleasure that we induct Shirley Bloodsworth into the Iowa State USBC Women's Bowling Assn., Inc. Hall of Fame for her Meritorious Service.

Shirley Bloodsworth was recommended by the Special Awards Committee of the Iowa State USBC WBA for induction to the Hall of Fame. The Executive Board of the Iowa State USBC WBA approved the recommendation.

Shirley has been an Iowa State USBC WBA/IWBA member for 50 years first sanctioning in 1964. She has served the bowlers from Pella, Oskaloosa and the state of Iowa. She has bowled in 45 state tournaments and 28 USBC/WIBC tournaments and the Midwest Women's Tournament.

In the early 60's she heard an announcement about the Oskaloosa association meeting. Living in Pella but working in Oskaloosa, she decided to attend her first association meeting. She was impressed with the organization of that meeting and has been actively involved ever since.

She was elected as the Oskaloosa WBA Sergeant-at-Arms and served for six years, and was then elected as Vice President for six years. She became the President in 1987 serving 12 years. She was inducted into the Oskaloosa WBA Hall of Fame.

In 1999, Pella was blessed with a new bowling center. Shirley was instrumental in organizing the Pella WBA, which was one of the last associations formed under WIBC. Shirley was elected President of the Pella WBA and still holds that office today. She has received the 10-year service awards for her presidency in both the Oskaloosa and Pella WBA's.

She served as President of the Original Bowlers League for 31 years and still bowls in that league today.

Serving as a leader for her associations, Shirley attended many of the Iowa State annual meetings beginning in 1968 in Des Moines, getting to know the work and responsibilities of our state board. She was encouraged to run for a director position on the IWBA State Board, but was defeated in her first attempt. Then sitting President Elaine Rasmussen appointed Shirley to fill a vacancy on the board. She served as a director until the Iowa State USBC WBA was formed in 2006 at which time she was elected 1st Vice President.

She has served on all committees of the state board chairing the ever so popular summer and annual meeting workshops. According to Shirley's words, she told President Rasmussen that the State Workshops were boring. She was appointed to that committee in 2001 and has been on the committee since, chairing many of them. Her wit, humor, and knowledge of our sport of bowling, makes these two events fun and informative for everyone.

She has attended many WIBC/USBC National Conventions, Association Workshops, the Transition Workshop, USBC Summit and the Midwest Women's Tournament organization meetings.

At her home center, she bowls in two leagues and has coordinated the Saturday morning Youth Leagues the past 13 years. She also manages the Pella Iowa Games competition, the BVL and BFTC tournaments, as well as the local Spring Fling Tournament. At the present time, she is serving as co-chairman of the Pella High Bowling Club, with the goal of making bowling a sanctioned sport at Pella Community School.

Please join us in congratulating Shirley as we induct her into the Iowa State USBC WBA Hall of Fame.