

Cedar Rapids U.S.B.C.Bowling Association

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Greater Cedar Valley USBC Bowling Association

Nomination of Stephen C. Berry for Iowa State USBC Bowling Associtation Hall of Fame

Attention: Hall of Fame Committee

Iowa State USBC Bowling Association

C/O Darrell Fremont, Association Manager

The Cedar Rapids USBC Bowling Association and Greater Cedar Valley USBC Bowling Association would like to place the name of Steve Berry for your review and consideration for election into the Iowa State Bowling Hall of Fame. We do not believe there has ever been two association who have ever cosponsored a candidate before, but Steve has been bowling in both associations for many years.

Steve started bowling at the age of 7 in Muscatine, Iowa before moving to Vinton one (1) year later. He was literally raised in a bowling center with his folks owning the center. Steve stayed in junior bowling (as it was known at that time), until he was the age of 18 at which time he joined his first adult league in 1972. In 1975 Steve became a member of the Waterloo Association to bowl against some of the best compition Waterloo had to offer.

Steve has competed in four different leagues in the Cedar Rapids BA at Berry's Lanes in Vinton including: the Cedar Mixers, Wednesday Jets, Metropolitan and Sunday Fall Family Fun League. In Waterlooa he competed in the Cadillac All Star, the Maple Masters, Waterloo Bowl-In Major and Cadillac Viking.

His CRBA Tournament titles include Team Event with Elwick Electric, Doubles Championship bowling with Mark Elwick, Singles titles and All Events titles. In Waterloo, Steve won the Waterloo Scratch All Events Title, and the Team Event in the Waterloo Courier Tournament. In 1975 Steve entered the Cedar Rapids 1900 tournament with Florence Ripple and Charlotte Byam and won the tournament. In 1982 Steve earned his first State title bowling for the Berry's Lane Team along with teammates: Gary Brinker, Dick Fisher, Fran Eighme, and Rick Eighme. The second team title came in 1993 bowling with Fran's Pro Shop from Waterloo with teammates: Curt Kroll, Joe Engelkes, Fran Eighme and Rick Eighme.. In addition to those

two team titles, Steve has also finished 2nd four times in the State team event. In 2003 Steve won the State Singles title bowling in Fort Dodge with an 812 series and in 2011 he won his 2nd State Singles title with an 828 series bowling in Davenport, He also has placed 2nd twice in the singles event.

Also in 2011, Steve and Fran Eighme entered the Iowa State Senior Tournament. They won the Scratch Doubles event and Steve also won the Class D Scratch & Handicap Singles as well as the Class D Scratch & Handicap All Events titles.

Steve bowled his first ABC National in 1975 in Dayton, Ohio and this year will mark his 41st. consecutive Nationals. He's earned 23 Bronze and 16 Silver Medals and has a 200.2 lifetime average at the Nationals.

In 1982, Steve joined the PBA and kept his card until 1997. He qualified for the regional finals 13 times and finished 9th twice, in Racine, Wisconsin and Waterloo.

In 1979, Steve bowled with his dad, Carl, to win the Eagles State Tournament title in Dubuque, Iowa. His most rewarding experiences involved competing with Carl winning the team event tournament in Galena, Ill. along with Roy Saub. In addition he won a District Five Tournament bowling with his dad Carl, Roy Saub, Lou Kacera and Clark Haddy all Iowa State Hall of Fame inductees.

Steve has been instramental in organizing the "In School Bowling Progam" for the Vinton/Shellsburg school district for many years. His sponsorship of this program has lead to many youth bowlers becoming outstanding adult league bowlers in the area.

A few of Steve's accomplishments would include:

- 16 300 Games
- 10 299 Games
- 300 plus 700 Series
- 9 800 Series
- 15 Eleven-in-a-row Games
- Qualified for the Iowa State Match Games 3 times
- 2 All Events Youth Awards in 1970 & 1971
- 1 Second place finish in the Buck Rogers Tournament in Platteville, Wisconsin
- 2 Cedar Rapids BA Doubles Titles
- 2 Cedar Rapids BA Singles Titles
- 2 Cedar Rapids BA All Events Titles
- Steve has coached youth bowling for 39 plus years

Steve and his wife Rachelle have two daughters Stephanie and Taylor. Steve also has a sister Carlyn and they are co-owners of Berry's Lanes Incorporated in Vinton, Iowa.

Steve & Carlyn's dad, Carl passed away in 1985 and was inducted into the Iowa State Hall of Fame in the Posthumous Category in 1988. There mother, Evelyn passed away in 2001. Both were very active in the bowling community all their lives.

We the undersigned feel the above listed resume qualifies Steve for consideration and hopefully induction into the Iowa State Bowling Hall of Fame.

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