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## Cedar Rapids U.S.B.C. Bowling Association Nomination For Iowa State U.S.B.C. Hall of Fame Posthumous Category

Attention: IS USBC BA Hall of Fame Committee

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The Cedar Rapids USBC Bowling Association would like to place the name of William "Bill" Seitz (1924 - 2011) for in nomination for the Posthumous Category. Bill started his bowling career working for Kenny Benz, owner of the Town & Country Bowl in Cedar Rapids, Iowa working as a pin setter in 1950 later becoming the deskman and moving to the Cedar Rapids Bowling Center after Town & Country was closed. He countinued to work at the new center until the age of 80. It was always said that Bill had the longest part time job that lasted for 54 years going along with his fulltime job of 40 to 60 hours a week.

At Town & County Bowl, Bill helped Dick Pepmeyer & Lee Atherton with youth bowlers. His children, Loni, Vicky & Lynne all bowled in the youth leagues at Town & Country and Cedar Rapids Bowling Center.

Mavis, Bill's wife was and still is a certified youth coach. Bill would do anything to make sure the youth bowlers got a real chance to participate in the game of ten pins. He loved the game of bowling, participating on Monday in the Legion Major, Tuesday in Staff of Life, Thursday in the

Town & Country Open and Friday in the Friday Fiasco league. With all of Bill's bowling he still found time to spend with his family for their school activities.

Bill bowled in 40 ABC / USBC National Tournaments, 41 Iowa State USBC Bowling Association Tournaments as well as State Senior Tournaments. He was a member of the City, State & National 700 Club. Bill also served as President of the local 700 Club. On January 31,1967 Bill bowled his first 700 a 717.

In 1991 Bill was inducted into the Cedar Rapids USBC Bowling Hall of Fame. In 1998 Bill was presented with the "Frank Stanek" award given to those people who best represent the spirit and dedication to bowling in the Cedar Rapids area. For a time Bill also served on the Cedar Rapids USBC Bowling Association Board of Directors. Other offices held by Bill were President of the Staff of Life League

In 1962 at the ABC Nationals, Bill earned a Bronze Medal at the tournament in Des Moines, IA. with a 606 series and 1791 all events. His team placed 10th that year winning \$300.

Bill sponsored the Blue Jean Youth League for serveal years while his wife, Mavis was the youth coach. We might also add that Mavis is also has been inducted into the Cedar Rapids, USBC Bowling Hall of Fame.

Bill was not the real high bowler type, but did carry a respectable 190 plus average for many decades. His many accomplishments over the years were mainly local during league play winning many first place league awards, series awards etc. as well as local city tournament places culminating with a 1st. place finish in the city Senior Doubles event with Harvey King in 1987.

For his many decades of dedication to the game of bowling as well as

his dedication to the Youth bowling progames in Cedar Rapids and the surounding communities we feel Bill is very worthy of consideration for the Iowa State Hall of Fame, Posthumous Category. Unfortunetly we lost Bill in 2011, very much missed by our bowling community and the youth of Eastern Iowa.

Respectfully Submitted

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