



Don Anderson
Inducted Into
Muscatine USBC, Inc
Men's Hall of Fame
May 4, 2012
Outstanding Achievement

Muscatine USBC Awards Committee

RE: Hall of Fame Nomination

We would like to nominate Don Anderson for the Muscatine USBC Hall of Fame

You may change the wording to keep the suspense for name announcement. But the following represents Don's bowling career starting in high school.

Don started his career as a high school student bowling on the Meadow Gold Milk Team in the Classic League in 1958. In his first year, he averaged 184 which put him in the top third of the league featuring Muscatine's top bowlers.

Two years later, his bowling career was interrupted by service in the United State Army. Upon his return, he resumed the sport and was a member of the Pearl Lanes Match Game Team. His teammates consisted of Mike Berlin, Jerry Millage, Chuck Anson, Sam Snyder, and John Carpenter. This team traveled to tournaments around the area with winning success in several events.

Don also bowled in the Eastern Iowa Traveling League competing against talent from Ottumwa, Cedar Rapids, Fairfield, Oskaloosa, and other cities/towns winning many championships. Over the years, he has been a participant in many Local, State and National tournaments. He rolled a 700 series in the team event at the ABC level, which in those days, was a major accomplishment.

In the 1970's Don stopped bowling, taking a break for 10 years. He resumed when his son Jeff became interested in the sport. He continued to bowl in Local, State and the ABC tournaments cashing on a regular basis.

Don has several City Championships including first place in the Doubles event with his son Jeff. He finished in third place at the Petersen Classic with his doubles partner Tim Taylor. This event, held in the Chicago area, drew over 15,000 entries from across the nation with notorious bowling conditions.

The best scores of his career occurred after he retired from HNI in 1997. At that time, he began bowling in the Iowa Senior Scratch Tournaments. Although he never won, he placed second on five occasions and had numerous other top five finishes. In addition, he participated in the Midwest Senior Scratch Tournaments held in the cities from the areas of Chicago, St. Louis, and Kansas City. These events attracted the best seniors in the Midwest, including those who held Professional status. Don posted several top five finishes on this tour.

Don was a regular team member on the Tri City Classic League after the age of 50, for over ten years, carrying an average over 215. For the past 15 years his average ranges from 207 to 221. Currently, at the age of 71, he is averaging 215 in the Muscatine Classic League. His honor scores consist of eight 300 games, four 299 games, and two 800 series.

Don spends the time with any youth bowler wanting to improve their game and will share suggestions to anyone that asks for help. In addition to his time, Don also contributes equipment from his locker for the youth to try in their training.

Overall, this is most definitely a career of which to be proud. If you ask Don, however, he will tell you nothing compares to the pride he feels watching his grandson, Josh, perform on the lanes. For many years, he has been the chauffeur, caddy, sponsor, and fan. He has spent many hours in the backyards, on golf courses, baseball diamonds, and numerous bowling alleys. During this time, he has witnessed Josh's development into one of the best Junior Bowlers every to come out of the state of Iowa. Don will never brag about his personal bowling career, but doesn't hesitate when it comes to Josh.

It is time for you to elect Don Anderson to the Muscatine Bowling Hall of Fame.

Respectfully Submitted

Mike Berlin



Al Jordan



Josh Anderson

