Walter Harmsen

Date of birth -

Residence - 1505 West 2nd Street,Waterloo,Iowa 50701

Bowling Ability was his catagory and a master at match type bowling and a very outstanding bowler in tournaments.

Walter was Iowa State All Events Champion in 1940 with 1848 and was a member of the Iowa State Open Team Champions the Spider Kurth team from Waterloo that bowled a 3012 series, in 1941.

Waterloo City Tournament champion in 1941 with winning team, 1948,49,50 All-Events Champion,team again in 1952 as well as the All-Events again, 1953,54,55 winning team and won the Doubles Championship with Roy Granneman,1956 winning team and again the winning team in 1957 and the Doubles title again with Roy Granneman. Won the Waterloo City Match Game Championship 1950,51,52.

Won the Iowa State Match Game Championships in 1946,won the Tribune Classic in Minneapolis with a score of 898. In 1948 won the Cornbelt Classic in Burlington with a record score of 1733.

In 1971 Walter and his pro partner won the Pro-Am at Cadillac Lanes in Waterloo during the 1971 Resident-pro Championships.

Won many tournaments held in the mid-west area during the 40's and 50's such as: 4 game tournament in Owatonna,Minnesota with a 917 score,4 game classic in Perry,Iowa 4 years in a row,4 game sweeper in Fort Dodge,Iowa twice,4 game tournament in Algona,Iowa, 4 game tournaments in Webster City,Lake Park and Boone. Walt won a tournament at the Red Crown Lanes in Waterloo averaging 256 for 14 games.

Walter was a member of the Waterloo 700 Club having bowled many 700 series over the years. Walter had a sanctioned high game of 298. Walter was elected into the Waterloo Bowling Association Hall of Fame in 1971.

Walter won many league championships to numerous to mention but a few was the Classic League in 1940-1941-1943 the VFW League in 1957 and - 1958 and theAll Star League in 1961.

Inducted into the Iowa Bowling Hall of Fame in March 1974 Posthumously.