Robert Hugo Jacobs

Date of birth - August 5,1919

Residence - 723 Oak Street,Davenport , Iowa 52804

Meritorious Service was his catagory and known as Mr. Bowling in the Davenport area.

While still going to high school Bob started bowling in the 1936-37 season by subbing in a league that his father bowled in. Greatly interested while in high school to promote bowling in school but with little success. Secretary of a number of leagues for over 40 years.

Elected Secretary of the Davenport Bowling Association in 1949 and held that position for 25 years resigning in 1974. Bob was instrumental in the growth of the Davenport Bowling Association and in the operation of a well organized association. New by-laws and constitution was formed and the association started the trend of progressive President's and officers. Bob was also the treasurer those first few years and brought the financial statements up to date.

Promoted the annual city tournament to the extent that Davenport eventually had the largest city tournament in the State of Iowa and on the national level. Bob originated the Robert Jacobs Roll-Off which is the high light of the annual City Tournament. This brings together the high scratch series bowlers to roll a special 3 game series for a beautiful trophy. A number of association's around the Davenport area now have something similar to this roll-off. Bob organized the Davenport Masters Bowling Association that later developed into the Mississippi Masters BA and eventually combined with the GIBA. Bob organized the "Bowlers Milk Fund Tournament" with his uncle LeRoy and this project assists in getting milk to under privileged infants. Bob worked hard for the Junior Bowling program locally and on the state level. Any aspect of bowling you could be sure that he was always doing something of a helpful nature.

In 1972 Bob was appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the Iowa State BA after being an officer of the ISBA since 1960 and served as President during the 1967-68 season. Bob carried on the tradition of doing a good job since he inherited that from Max Jepson and Pat Finnegan. Bob retired from the State Secretary position in 1986 so with his local and state secretary terms he served 37 years of devoted service.

Bob has attended every ABC Convention as a delegate since 1950 and has bowled in 38 ABC Tournaments which is high for the State of Iowa.

Bob has a high series of 689 and a high game of 288. Member of the winning team in the Davenport City Tournament in 1955. Life member of the Davenport 700 Club Chapter 94.

When Davenport BA formed its Bowling Hall of Fame in 1969 Bob was inducted as a charter member.

Inducted into the Iowa Bowling Hall of FAme in March 1976.

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