ROBERT J. GANAHL

Date of birth - April 28, 1925

Residence - 1850 Forest Avenue, Waterloo, Iowa 50702.

Bob was selected in the Special Category.

Bob was inducted into the Waterloo Bowling Hall of Fame in 1978.

He started bowling in men's league in the Major league in Dubuque, and averaged in the 170's. In 1949 he had intended to bowl in four leagues but was asked by the owner not to participate because he threw the ball to hard.

Bob later moved to Burlington in 1952 and resumed league bowling and averaged in the 180's. In 1959-60 season he had the highest in Burlington with 190. In the late 1950's he was elected to the Burlington bowling association and later became association secretary. He won several city titles before it came time to move on to Waterloo.

Within a year Bob was elected to the Waterloo Bowling association and in 1967 took over as its secretary and still serves that position 22 years later. He was a very important figure in the successful operation of three state tournaments held in Waterloo.

He was very dedicated in running tournaments and organizing teams for squads to the state tournament and once help with a full squad of 40 teams to the ABC tournament to Las Vegas.

Mr. Ganahl was elected to the Iowa State Board of Directors in 1974 and after serving on all committees he was president in 1981. He still continues to attend all state and local functions of their associations.

Bob has averaged in the 190's for many years, with a high of 201. He has shot four 700 series with a high game of 279. He has also served as an officer in a league for most of the 29 years in the association.

Bob's accomplishments on the lanes and his dedication to the sport behind the scene makes him a great asset to our sport to ten pins.

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