GEORGE HARRIS

Date of Birth - January 21, 1922.

Residence - 1037 - 68th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50311.

George has been bowling since 1947 and he like the sport so much that he decided he wanted to get more involved so in 1948 he was elected to the Greater Des Moines Bowling Association. He became secretary in 1961 and that was for the largest association in the state. In his second year as Secretary, George started the year-end average book in the form that is still used today.

He also founded the first AJBC association in Des Moines and served as it's secretary for the first two years. He was selected to the State Board in 1963 and served as it's president in the 1971-72 season. George was the fourth bowler elected into the Greater Des Moines Hall of Fame in 1971-72 season.

This man has attended every State tournament since 1949 and attended all state Jamborees except one, since the beginning of Jamborees.

George worked long and hard along with other members of their association when the A.B.C. tournament was held in Des Moines in 1962. As much as six months before the entries were due, George and other members would travel to one or two towns a night recruting teams for the National tournament. They did this until the entry deadline. The local association sold ticket strips with sanction cards for three years before the National tournament so they could make their $30,000.00 guarantee and in 1962 that was a wholebunch of money. The National tournament was a big success and George played a big role in the overall operation.

Did George just work for bowling and not have any fun? No, just ask the State Secretary, who would get a call from George at 12:01 A.M. the opening day of the state tournament entries. He was just calling to confirm his date. After a few years, the secretary would just stay up until George would call so he would not get woke up in the middle of the night.

This man also attended the organizational meeting of the State Seniors association and was nominated for secretary, but had to decline as he wasn't old enough to be a senior.

George has always been a very valuable asset to the Des Moines Bowling Association.

Inducted into the Iowa Bowling Hall of Fame in March 1991.

George was selected for Meritorious Service.