CALVIN "CAL" WHITMORE

Date of Birth - May 14, 1927.

Residence - 1202 - 35th St. Drive, Moline, Illinois 61265.

Cal was selected in our Special Category.

Cal has the distinguished honor of being the first bowler installed into the Iowa State Bowling Hall of Fame from outside the State of Iowa. He was inducted into the Illinois State Hall of Fame in 1989. In 1981 he was elected a member of the Greater Davenport Bowling Association Hall of Fame and in 1983 he was also elected a Charter member of the Moline Bowling Association Hall of Fame.

The American Bowling Association has produced many fine stars over the years, and continues to do so. But let's go back in time some 48 years ago when the program was not yet in existence. A young man of 15 was so bitten by the bowling bug, he joined an adult league. The year was 1942, and in just 7 short years he took on the job of league Secretaryand has continued in that capacity for from one to three leagues each season. He is now in his 37th year as secretary of the Tri City Classic League.

This gentleman served as president of the Moline, Illinois Bowling Association from 1955 to 1958. He has been a member of the Greater Davenport Bowling Association since 1951, served as President in 1981 and has been a Past President since that time.

Cal served as president of one league for 13 years in the Moline area and has also been involved in the management of countless tournaments including a regional BPAA team tournament and National Turners for men and women. He was the first President of the John Deere Inplant Association and served for 15 years, and ran many John Deere tournaments in Iowa. He has bowled in 40 National and 29 Iowa State tournaments and has attended 18 A.B.C. conventions and Iowa State Jamborees since 1953.

Cal is a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America and and also the Midwest. He has been writing a weekly column for the Moline Dispatch and also the Rock Island Argus.

He has been a Director for the American Bowling Congress since 1982, covering 8 counties in Iowa and 26 in Illinois. He is also a Director at large of the Illinois State Bowling Association. Cal is now serving on the A.B.C. legal committee and has served on the rules and education committees. His high game is 290 and high series is 743 with a league high average of 195.

Around the State of Iowa Cal is noted for his off the cuff humor at the bowling banquets and he not only has done much for the game of bowling but Cal is always a perfect gentleman.

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

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