MARLIN GUSTIN: Royal, Iowa
Born May 13, 1935

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SPECIAL CATEGORY

Marlin began his bowling career in a couples league in 1958-1959 season while in college. In the league, you had to set pins for the teams bowling before you and after you. In 1964 he joined a men's league in Webster City and bowled there 1964 to 1966. Marlin then moved to Royal, Iowa and joined the Spencer Area Bowling Association and has been a member since that time.

In 1980, Marlin became a league delegate and in 1982, was elected to the Board of Directors. He served as association president during the 1988-89 season. During his term, the business meetings had a change. The jokes and talking were before and after the meetings. From calling the meeting to order to the adjournment, it was all association business

In 1989 Marlin was elected to the Iowa State Bowling Association Board of Directors and served as the State President during the 1997-98 season. In 1992 he was voted a lifetime member of the Spencer Area Bowling Association Board of Directors. He was elected to the Spencer Area Bowling Association Hall of Fame in 1994. He was the 11th member elected to the hall.

Marlin has served on all of the committees at the local and state levels and continues to do so each year. Marlin initiated the talks to begin a Hall of Fame in Spencer. He had a showcase constructed for displaying the pictures of the Hall of Fame members in 1992 and donated it to the association in his dad's name. It is on display at the bowling center in Spencer.

During his tenure as an elementary principal and physical education instructor, he taught and encouraged bowling. He taught the students how to keep score, the old way, during Math classes and the bowling skills and etiquette during physical education classes. He purchased and donated videos on bowling to the school library for the students to check out. He took fourth and fifth grade classes bowling and was invited by students to birthday bowling parties.

Marlin has been president of a couples league for 27 years and has been elected for another year. He served as president of a men's league for 8 years and was secretary of men's leagues for 5 years. He has bowled in men's leagues for 38 years, in couples leagues for 37 years and was a member of a traveling scratch league for 6 years.

His high game has been 290 and a high series of 737. His current average of 208 is the highest he has attained. He placed first in the City Team event twice, second in the Doubles and fifth in Singles. Marlin is the only member of the association to win the Scratch All-Events in consecutive years. The Association selects a first team and a second team for high averages each year. Marlin has been on them 15 of the 16 years they have been selected.

Marlin has bowled in thirty consecutive Iowa State Tournaments and the last time it was held in Fort Dodge, he had the nice experience of bowling on the same team with his father and his son. His children are all married and have been involved in bowling leagues themselves. His oldest daughter and a friend bowled with Marlin and Marcia in a couples league and were fortunate enough to win that year. He is busy now teaching his five grandchildren how to bowl and they all enjoy the game. He still bowls in a couples league against his parents.

His service is shown in other areas also. The Library Board of Trustees, Board of Directors of the Spencer Senior Center, Chairperson of the Church Administrative Board, Senior Volunteer Program through Iowa Lakes Community College and a former city Councilman. Marlin has been asked to serve again, when in 2002 he was elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Iowa State Seniors Bowling Association.

We feel that Marlin Gustin is worthy of election to the Iowa State Bowling Association Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Spencer Area Bowling Association

Inducted in 2003 in the Special Category

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