RODNEY McKEEVER: Marshalltown, Iowa
Born July 7, 1956

RODNEY "JON" MCKEEVER
BOWLING SKILLS

We the members of the Marshalltown Men's Bowling Association submit the following candidate for consideration for membership into the Iowa State Bowling Association Hall of Fame. Our nominee is Rodney "Jon" McKeever of Marshalltown, Iowa.

Rodney "Jon" McKeever was born on July 7, 1956. He started bowling at the age of 13 and by the age of 17, was carrying a 197 average. In 1973, he was on the champion team for the Iowa State High School Tournament.

Jon went to work for the Fisher Controls Company upon graduation , and is still employed there today. He was married to his wife Kim on September 23, 1978 and they have two son's Jeremiah and Jace.

Jon is committed to his family and his bowling and maintains a close relationship to both.
He bowls 4 nights a week in leagues and works part time on weekends in the bowling center, and he also practices weekly.

Through out the State of Iowa, Jon is know as a serious competitor on the tournament circuit.
He has averaged over 200+ for the past 27 years, in bowling in those 4 leagues per week. He also has competed in leagues in other towns, because he liked to compete against the best in their home centers. Jon traveled to Nevada, Iowa for 8 years, Des Moines Iowa for 7 years, Waterloo, Iowa for 3 years, and Newton, Iowa for 2 years, while still maintaining a home in Marshalltown.

Jon has had numerous team, doubles, and singles titles within the Marshalltown City Association Tournaments. Jon and his Doubles partner Dave Jordan, hold the City record of 1536. Jon bowled an 801 series in that event. He also holds the City Association Scratch All-Events record of 2236, which is a 248+ average. Jon currently holds a National Record as a result of a city tournament. He rolled two 800 series on the same day in two different bowling centers. His series was an 801 and an 824.

Jon was elected as Bowler of the year in 1982, and was inducted as a life member of the Marshalltown Bowling Association in 1999

Jon has participated in almost all of the Iowa State Tournaments since he joined the Adult Leagues. To win one State Title is the dream of all bowlers. Jon has lived the dream many times. His state titles include 1982 All Events Champion, in Des Moines, Iowa. 1986 Open Team Champion in Davenport, Iowa. 1995 All Events Champion with a record 2235 in Waterloo, Iowa. 1995 Open Team Champion, Waterloo, Iowa. 2001 Open Team Champion in Davenport, Iowa. To date, Jon has won more Iowa State Titles than any other bowler in the state. However, the 2001 tournament title was especially sweet for Jon. His oldest son Jeremiah who just turned 21 this year was a member of the 2001 Open Team Champions.

Jon has had multiple high finishes in other State Tournaments. 2nd place open doubles in Council Bluffs. 2nd place open singles in Muscatine, 3rd place open team in Cedar Rapids, and 3rd place open team in Muscatine.

Jon is a member of the board of directors of the Greater Iowa Bowling Association and has been a member for 27 years. He has bowled in over 1700 games in the GIBA. He was the leading money winner for 2 years, and has 10 GIBA singles titles. He also has 4 titles in the Mid-Iowa Bowling Assn. and the Mid-Iowa 40 and over Bowling Assn. He has a 6 game record for a qualifying score of 1558 (259.7) per game average. He also has the 14 game record of 3524 (251.6) average. Both of those records came at the Classic Lanes in Des Moines.

Jon has competed in 19 ABC National Tournaments, and rolled a 299 game in Mobile, Alabama and had high series of 737 and 742. His All-Events score was 2069. Jon bowled a 300 game on 4/22/02 in the National event in Billings, Montana. His Fran's Pro Shop team from Waterloo, finished in 24th place with a score of 3270. It was the 2nd time that this team finished in the top 25 in the Tournament

Jon has bowled in 3 ABC Masters National Tournaments, and rolled a high game of 290 at Salt Lake City. Jon also bowled in the PBA US Open and rolled a 300 game in the qualifying rounds at Val Lanes in Des Moines.

He entered the Las Vegas Hi Roller Tournament 2 times, and placed in the top 32 one year, and the top 64 in the other year. This event has 1500 bowlers, and has a $1000.00 entry fee. He also has many titles and honors in many more events, in Waterloo, Minnesota, Des Moines, Elk Grove Village, Omaha, Nevada. He and his wife Kim placed 1st in mixed doubles at Grand Lanes in Des Moines, Iowa.

Jon has to date, 26- 300 games, 9- 299 games, 12- 11 in a row games, 7- 800 Series with the high being 836. Jon has had 1100+ 700 Series, and all coming in League or Tournament play.

As indicated by virtue of the above statements, Jon McKeever is truly the ambassador of bowling for our association. Not only locally, but Statewide and Nationally. It is with pleasure that we, the Marshalltown Area Bowling Association, supports and highly recommends Rodney "Jon" McKeever for induction consideration into the Iowa State Bowling Association Hall of Fame.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marshalltown Men's Bowling Association

Inducted in 2003 in the Bowling Ability Category

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