DIRK WHEAT : Cedar Falls, Iowa
Born - 1936 Died October 21, 2000

The Cedar Falls Bowling Association would like to place the name of Dirk Wheat as a candidate for election to the Iowa State Bowling Association Hall of Fame.

Dirk Wheat started league bowling while he was in the Air Force, stationed in France. His first league average was 145, but within two years he was averaging over 190. After getting released from the military service, he continued bowling in leagues in Eldora, Iowa, and the Waterloo/Cedar Falls area, bowling in several leagues each year.

In addition to bowling, Dirk became very active in the leadership of his leagues and associations. In Eldora, Iowa, he helped form a traveling league, where he was secretary for two years. Once he moved to the Waterloo/Cedar Falls area he was the secretary of several leagues for many years. He served as a director for the Waterloo Bowling Association for ten years and was secretary for the Cedar Falls Bowling Association from 1987 to 1998.

In 1971 he helped form the Greater Iowa Bowling Association, which is the only scratch monthly singles tournament that travels around the State of Iowa. He served as secretary for that Association from 1985 to 1998.

On the national level, Dirk served as director for the American Bowling Congress, representing Iowa from 1981 to 1988.

His bowling accomplishments include six 300 games, three 299, three 290 games and two 800 series, 824 and 802. Dirk was on over twenty league championship teams and in city tournament settings, finished first in singles, doubles, team, or all events nineteen different times. His lifetime average was over 190.

In the Iowa State Tournament in 1962, his team placed second. In 1969, Dirk placed 5th in singles and in 1971, he and his partner placed second in doubles. Dirk participated in 34 ABC Tournaments and 35 Iowa State Tournaments.

Dirk was elected to the Cedar Falls Hall of Fame in 1992 and to the Waterloo Hall of Fame in 1993.

Respectfully submitted, the Cedar Falls Bowling Association.

Inducted in 2001 in the Special Category