ARDEN SCHOEP : Nevada, Iowa
Born December 15, 1943

The Ames Area Bowling Association is proud to submit the name of Arden Schoep for possible election to the Iowa State Bowling Hall of Fame.

Arden started bowling as a high school senior in an adult league and averaged 139 the first season. He began bowling in Nevada, Iowa in the 1963-64 season and served as secretary of leagues at Nevada and Independence, where he bowled from 1973 through 1978. He bowled in leagues in Marshalltown from 1978 to 1983, when he moved back to Nevada, and has bowled leagues in Nevada and Ames since that time.

Arden served on the board of directors of the Ames Area Association in the 1970's before moving away; then was on the board at Independence and at Marshalltown while living in those communities. In moving back to Nevada, he was elected to the Ames Area Board of Directors again in 1983, and in 1986 took over as secretary-treasurer of the Ames Area Association, a job that he has held ever since.

In 1988 Arden was elected to the Iowa State board as fourth director. He moved up through the chairs and was President for the 1994-95 season.

As a former sports writer, he always made sure the bowling news got fair space in the newspaper and, while at Marshalltown, he did a weekly 15 minute radio program about bowling, giving high scores as well as promoting tournaments, etc.

Arden has never been the top bowler in the area, but has competed well against anyone he has faced. He has averaged over 200 five times in the last 8 years with 209 his top average. He has had a 798 high series and in 1999 he bowled his first 300 game. He has bowled a 290, four 289's and a 288. He has numerous 700 series.

Arden has been on several association champion teams, won the Marshalltown all events title in 1981 and bowled on the 1984 state championship team in the Iowa Bowling Proprietors Tournament. He has bowled in every Iowa State Tournament except one since 1965, and has bowled in 18 ABC National tournaments.

Arden was elected to the Ames Area Bowling Association Hall of Fame in 1993.

Each year for the past 20 or so years, Schoep has put together teams and doubles and singles entries for the Iowa State Lutheran Tournament in Waterloo, Iowa, a tournament he has bowled in for over 27 straight years.

Respectfully submitted, the Ames Area Bowling Association.

Inducted in 2001 in the Meritorious Service Category