RICHARD CROWE: Ottumwa
Born December 3, 1927

Richard began league bowling in 1949 in the John Deere league in Ottumwa and averaged 169 his first season. In 1964 he was elected to the Ottumwa Bowling Association Board of Directors. He has served on the Board since that time in various offices. He was President in the 1974-75 season and became Secretary/Treasurer in 1975, retiring May 31, 1995. He was elected a Member Emeritus at the 1995 annual meeting. He is still active on the Board and is the awards chairman for the Association, and he is also the chairman of their Hall of Fame committee. Richard was elected to the Ottumwa Bowling Hall of Fame in 1986.

He has been a delegate to the State meeting since 1968 missing very few meetings or Jamborees. He was elected to the Iowa State Seniors Board in 1990 and is still a member. He was on the committee with Syd Guest, Sr. to form the Ottumwa Bowling Hall of Fame, the Bowler of the Year, and also helped to form the first average book for the Ottumwa Bowling Association in 1969. He was instrumental in Ottumwa Bowling Association receiving the ABC Service Awards, for the first year, five years, and the ten year award in 1991 in Toledo, Ohio.

In 1993 Richard and George Fuller established the Otumwa Area 700 Club. The Club was chartered in 1994 with 53 members, and he served as the Pin Buoy. He is the secretary of the seniors league with 24 teams of 5 persons each. He has been a tournament director of many tournaments held in Ottumwa, including the John Deere Interplant and the American Legion state tournament several times.

Richard has competed in 18 state tournaments, 15 ABC National tournaments and many other local and area events. His high average was 197 in 1995-96, his high game is 299, and high series is 749 in the American Legion State tournament in 1988. He was Ottumwa singles champion in 1967, was all-events scratch champion in 1997 and has been on several championship teams. In 1986 Richard won the Class "D" scratch singles and all events champion in the state Seniors tournament, also was the co-winner of the handicap all-events that year. In 1990 he was the Class "C" scratch all-events winner.

Inducted in 2000 in the Meritorious Service Category.

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