RUSSELL YOUNG: Evansdale
Born July 26, 1951

Russ started bowling in 1959 at the age of eight. During his career as a junior bowler he won eleven Junior City tournaments. He won one state family doubles and three district family doubles tournaments. In the 1969-70 bowling season, his last year in junior league, he had three 700 series, his first a 766 with a 287 game and ended the season with a 194 average.

In 1970-71 he started in the men's league, one in Waterloo and one in Iowa Falls. He had high average in both leagues with a 191. Since the 1973-74 season Russ has won a number of bowling championships. In 1973 his team took first in the Budweiser tournament, where Russ led the team with a scratch 714 series. Then in 1974 his team took fifth in the Iowa State bowling tournament and his team also was fifth in the Waterloo Courier tournament of champions. In 1975 Russ captured the Waterloo City tournament scratch and handicap all-events titles by rolling a 2,028 scratch and a 2,136 handicap total. In the day and age where records are broken every week, those two scores set a city record which went untouched for the next ten years. Then at the Iowa State Officer's Jamboree in Ottumwa, Russ was first with a 705 series.

In 1976 Russ bowled in the John Deere Interplant tournament where again he captured a first place title in the doubles competition. His 706 scratch series was the high score for the entire tournament and he added a 695 scratch series in the singles event. Russ took over the state Amvets tournament that was being held in Atlantic, Iowa in 1982, receiving first place in the team, doubles, and all events. His efforts of scratch scores of 716 in the team event a 767 series, with a 298 game in the doubles event, and a 2,107 in the all events, proved once again his skills were far above most. Also in the early 1980's he won the Greater Waterloo Open. His team won first place in 1985 in West Union, Iowa during a North East Iowa tournament. Russ teamed with his *son in 1990 to win the State Family Doubles tournament. His score* was a scratch series of 701.

At age 23 in 1975 Russ became a Waterloo Bowling Association Director and a certified AJBC Coach. From 1975-1979 he was Pin Buoy for the Waterloo 700 Club. Working with King Pin Adrian Erickson they rebuilt the 700 Club into the second largest club in the nation. They also started the first 700 Invitational tournament.

He was the Assistant Secretary of the Waterloo Bowling Association for four years. Russ has been a State Delegate every year since 1976 and has attended every State Officer's Jamboree since 1975. He has also been a delegate to the ABC convention three times: Tampa Bay, Louisville, and Niagara Falls. He has been a delegate

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to the State Junior Association five times and served on the State Junior Board two years. Russ has been chairman on many committees both locally and on the state level. Russ has served on the local Hall of Fame committee since 1979 and chairman on the nomination committee since 1985. He was chairman of the Iowa State Bowling Association Hall of Fame committee for 2 years.

At the ABC National tournament, Russ received Bronze medals in 1991 for an all events score of 1863, in 1992 for his 1818, and in 1996 for his 1878 total.

Since 1974 Russ has bowled in every city, state and ABC tournament except Niagara Falls and Jacksonville. He has bowled in six Peterson Classics cashing five times, has bowled in three Hank Muench tournaments in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and four Tri State tournaments in Rochester, Minnesota. He bowled in a number of Greater Iowa Bowling Association tournaments and a regular competitor in many North East Iowa team tournaments. Russ has won a number of league championships, high averages, high games, and high series awards. He has over 60 series above 700, 30 of which were in tournament play. Russ has a high series is 767, his high game is 300, and high average is 212. He has had three triplicates, with a high of 227, four all spare games, and five eleven in a row awards. In one of them he started with a gutter ball, spare, and then followed with eleven in a row.

At the age of 33 Russ was elected to the Iowa State Bowling Association Board where he served since 1983 and in 1991-92 served as the President. He has the distinction of being one of the youngest presidents, at the age of 40, in the history of the ISBA. In 1995 Russ's bowling skill, his meritorious service, and his dedication to the game of bowling earned him the overwhelming approval of the Hall of Fame Committee and was inducted into the Waterloo Men's Bowling Hall of Fame.

Inducted in 1999 in the Special Category.