DICK HUGHES: Mason City
Born

Dick is 75 years old and lives with his wife, Arlene, at Clear Lake, Iowa. He is the owner of the Rose Bowl Lanes in Mason City and has owned this establishment for the past 49 years.

Dick has been the backbone for bowling in the Mason City area for many, many years. Several years ago, he built the new 28 lane center on the south edge of Mason City. It was then, and still is today, the "showplace" of bowling establishments in North Iowa. Dick continues to keep the Rose Bowl up to date, installing automatic scoring in 1991. Dick's support of the Mason City Bowling Association and it's programs over the years goes far beyond what would be normally expected in a proprietor/association relationship. For many years, he has provided free bowling for our handicapped bowling program. And, for the past several seasons's, as our City Association tournament has declined due to economic conditions in the area, Dick and Arlene have made very generous cash donations to the tournament prize fund to help keep our tournament going.

Dick is no longer an active bowler, but has had his time in the limelight as a bowler. In the 1960 City Association Tournament, he posted a 788 series that included 25 strikes and games of 276, 274, and 238. In his active years, Dick carried a 180 plus average. He is a past president of the Iowa Bowling Proprietor's Association, served as a director of the National Bowling Proprietors for several years, and has been a member of the BPAA for 49 years. Dick has competed in 15 ABC Tournaments and 25 ISBA Tournaments.

Dick Hughes has spent the greater part of his life in the Mason City area providing area bowlers a modern, up-to-date, pleasant place to conduct their leagues, tournaments, etc. He is and always has been, not just a bowling proprietor, but a friend of bowlers and bowling in North Iowa.

Inducted in 1996 in the Meritorious Service Category.