James L. "Jim" Brenner
Born - July 5, 1939 Age - 53

Jim's bowling career began in 1956. From the 133 average in that first season, he has advanced to a high season's average of 227 in 1984-1985. During his career he has had league book averages in excess of 200, 52 times. Of these, 18 were in excess of 210. Bowling in only one league in the 1991-1992 season, he still averaged 209.

Jim has mastered a large number of honor scores. Nine 300, one 299, and two 298 games, and seven series in excess of 800, the highest being an 824. Three of these honor scores were bowled in one session of the Tri-City Classic league in the 1984-1985 season, with games of 300, 214, 299, for an 813 series. In addition to the honor scores, Jim has rolled many 700 series. At this writing, 255 total.

Jim's success has not been restricted to league play as he has faired well in tournaments. Teamed with Mike Peters in 1990, he won the doubles event in the Iowa State Tournament. In 1973 he was scratch all-events champion in the Greater Davenport B.A. Tournament. In 1983 he won a Greater Iowa B.A. tournament and he has won two Central Illinois tournament titles. In 1992, he won a Greater Iowa B.A. Senior tournament and a Midwest Senior Bowling Tour tournament.

Jim joined the PBA ranks in 1985 and has bowled in various regional events since then. In 1989, following his 50th birthday, Jim becam a regular entrant on the PBA Senior Tour. He bowled in three PBA Senior tournaments in 1989-1990, seven in 1990-1991, nine in 1991-1992, and is scheduled to enter 12 in 1992-1993. In 1991-1992, Jim cashed in seven of the nine PBA Senior tournaments he entered and finished in 13th place on the PBA Senior money list. Jim's best finish on the tour was fifth place where he rolled a 235 on his first televised event and lost. His opponent had a 247.

In 1991 Jim became the director of the Midwest Senior Bowling Tour, conducting tournaments around the Midwest for bowlers age 50 and older.

Jim is not only an outstanding bowler. This LeClaire, Iowa resident is an outstanding person. His personality is such that he is a very popular man in the bowling community.

A dedicated family man who has missed many league nights so that he could follow the various activities of his children while they were in school. His wife, Fran, accompanies Jim all over the country to each of his tournaments.

Because of his bowling credentials, knowledge of the game, and popularity, it is my pleasure to induct James L. "Jim" Brenner into the Bowling Skills Category of the Iowa State Bowling Association Hall of Fame.

Inducted 1993 in the Bowling Ability category.

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