Virgil F. Cerveny
Resume for Nomination
Iowa State U.S.B.C. Bowling Association Hall of Fame

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The Cedar Rapids U.S.B.C. Bowling Association is pleased to submit the name of Virgil F. Cerveny for nomination to the Iowa State U.S.B.C. Bowling Association Hall of Fame. The following resume contains the many accomplishments and awards Virg has accumulated over the past 47 plus years. In addition to his accomplishments on the lanes he has also devoted many years to the promotion, teaching and coaching of bowling to many youth and adults.

Virg started bowling in 1960. His first season league average ended at 144, but by the end of the second season he was averaging in the 180's. He has maintained a 200 plus average since the early 1970's. He currently carries a 2008-2009 book average of 223. A tour of duty in the U.S. Navy from 1964-1968 put his bowling on hold although his last tour of duty in Florida did allow him to qualify for the All Navy Tournament. After his discharge, he returned to Cedar Rapids and by 1969 had developed into one of the top bowlers in the area. He is an Iowa State Champion and a Greater Iowa Champion. Virg has also won many other tournaments in eastern Iowa in addition to competing in the Hank Munech Classis in Milwaukee.

In 1990, Virg was inducted into the Cedar Rapids Bowling Association Hall of Fame. He has twice won the prestigious Frank J. Stanek award for his contributions and service to the game of bowling. For the past 19 plus years, Virg has been promoting the sport of bowling in the Iowa High Schools. For 10 years he was an assistant coach at Jefferson High School and for the past 9 plus years the head coach of the Jefferson High School bowling program for both girls and boys. He has coached the Jefferson Girls to 2 Iowa BPAA State Titles and in 2006 to the Iowa High School Bowling Federation Championship. He has also coached the Jefferson boys to 3 Iowa State BPAA titles.

Virg has received several honors related to his High School coaching position at Jefferson High School:

2007 Mississippi Valley Conference Girls High School Coach of the Year and Girl Metro Coach of the Year.

2008 Mississippi Valley Conference Girls High School Coach of the Year

2009 Mississippi Valley Conference Girls High School Coach of the Year and Metro Girls & Boys Coach of the Year.

2010 Mississippi Valley Conference Girls High School Coach of the Year and Metro Girls & Boys Coach of the Year

Along with this he also coaches the YABA youth programs on weekends at May City Bowling Center. Virgil has worked in many capacities with the Cedar Rapids Bowling Association in setting up the local Hall of Fame. He was instrumental in helping combine the Men's and Women's Hall of Fames into one organization. During these early years of the local Hall of Fame he put in many hours doing fund raising, and finding guest such as Carmen Salvino, Dick Ritger, and John Jowdy to speak at those induction ceremonies.

For 28 plus years, Virg served as Director of the Cedar Rapids 700 Scratch Singles Tournament and the 1900 Trio Tournament for 6 years. He has served on the Cedar Rapids Metro Bowling Council which is an organization consisting of members from the Men's and Women's local board as well as YABA youth and local at large members promoting bowling in the Cedar Rapids Area. This organizations primary objective is raising money for youth scholarships. He has also served on the Nominating Committee of the Cedar Rapids Men's board.

To list a few of his accomplishments would include:

<u>Championship Titles</u>
1968 Christmas Club Team Tournament – Burlington IA
1971 Iowa State Eagles Tournament – Team Event
1971 Iowa State Eagles Tournament – Doubles Event
1971 Iowa State Eagles Tournament – All Events (Scratch & Handicap)
1972 BPAA District Team Championship State Finals
1973 Iowa State American Legion Tournament – All Events
1974 Cedar Rapids City Team Champions
1975 Cedar Rapids City Doubles Champion
1978 Castle Lanes Singles Champion
1978 DeWitt Iowa Holiday Doubles Champion
1982 Greater Iowa Bowling Association Champion (Waterloo)
1988 Iowa State American Legion All Events Champion
1994 Cedar Rapids 700 Mixed Doubles
1997 Cedar Rapids 1900 Tournament
1998 Cedar Rapids City Tournament Team Event Champion
1998 Cedar Rapids Senior doubles Champion
1998 Senior Scratch Bowling Association Champion
1999 Cedar Rapids Senior City Team Champion
2000 Cedar Rapids Senior City Team Champion
2000 Senior Scratch Bowling Association Champion
2000 Iowa State Bowling Association Team Event Champion
2000 Iowa State Senior Scratch Champion
2008 Senior Scratch Bowling Association Champion
2008 Cedar Rapids Senior City Team Champion

<u>Other Tournament Accomplishments:</u>
1969 ABC National Tournament Singles – 58th place
1970 Iowa State Bowling Association All Events – 2nd place
1970 Iowa State Bowling Association Doubles – 4th place
1970 Iowa Match Games Finals – 4th place
1970 ABC National Team 50th place
1971 Iowa State Bowling Association All Events 3rd. place
1971 Cedar Rapids City Tournament All Events – 3rd. place
1972 Hank Munech Individual Classic – 3rd. place
1979 Iowa State Bowling Association Doubles Event 2nd place

1980 Iowa State Bowling Association Team Event – 2nd place
1981 Greater Iowa BA – 2nd place
1983 Iowa State BA Team Event – 2nd. place
1985 Greater Iowa BA – 3rd. place
1985 Iowa State BA Doubles – 3rd. place
1987 Iowa State BA Team Event – 4th place

Virg has had: Five - 300 games
Two - 299 games
High series of 837 (shot on Feb. 3, 2009 with games of 279,290,268)

Virg has been married to his lovely wife Arlene for 38 plus years. They have two sons, Dan from Cedar Rapids, and Brian and his wife Jennifer, granddaughter Claire and grandson Luke from Buffalo Grove, Illinois. Virg is now retired from Quest Communications and devotes much of his time to the youth bowling programs both locally and state wide.

For his many accomplishments and devotion to the sport and game of bowling, the Cedar Rapids U.S.B.C. Bowling Association is pleased to place the name of Virgil F. Cerveny before the Iowa State Hall of Fame Committee for consideration/ election into the Iowa State U.S.B.C. Bowling Hall of Fame.

Respectfully submitted

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