Picking up a bowling ball at a young age seemed like the right thing for Dan Schuler to do as a 9-year old. The attachment to the game continued as he competed in Cadillac Lane's Junior Program and subsequently for the Waterloo West team in high school.

After high school graduation as an 18-year old, Dan immediately joined the Waterloo Bowling Association. Over the last 44 years, he has had a great deal of success with honor scores and accomplishments.

Dan did not take long to record his first 700 series in October 1978 which occurred 6-weeks after joining Men's League and now has over five hundred 700 series to his credit.

As with many young bowlers who are developing their game, practice and patience eventually pays off. March 10th, 1986 Dan recorded his first honor score...a 298 game at Cadillac Lanes enroute to earning Waterloo's Bowler of the Year honor. This was the first of what would become many honor scores. The impressive list of honor scores are as follows:

- 300s—28 most recent 3/11/2020 as part of 806 series
- 800s---9 most recent 4/7/2021
- 700s---500+ most recent 4/13/2022 (737)
- 299s --- 10 most recent 2/2/2022
- 298s --- 4 most recent 11/13/2007
- 11 in-a-row Back to back 290s - Oct 19, 1999
- Lifetime High Average 230 (90 games)
- 200+ Average every year since 1983/84 (38 years)

Interestingly, of Dan's (28) 300 games, eight of them came while subbing and one was recorded in the City Tournament. However, the most impressive feat came December 19, 1994 when he had two 300 games in a 795 series.

Dan Schuler has experienced success in many different types of tournaments as both a teammate and an individual.

- 1980 Schlitz Tournament Team champions.
- Northeast Iowa Team Tournament champions (2). Recorded a 1305 team game enroute to title this was one of three 1300+ games to which he has contributed
- Greater Iowa Bowling Association (GIBA) finalist (2) finishing third and fifth

Dan has bowled City (43), State (43) & ABC/USBC Open Championships (38) for a number of years.

Waterloo /Greater Cedar Valley City Tournament

Dan has completed every year since 1979 (43 years) where he has won numerous city titles. Highlights of these titles are:

- Scratch Team (3) – 1986, 1997, 2001
- Handicap Team – 2001
- Scratch Doubles 1988
- All Events - 2100+ Scratch (4)

Local / Regional Competition

Dan is not averse to travel for competition and to compete with his friends. Along the way he has recorded championships and memorable top five finishes. They include:

- 2013 Knoxville 50/50 Doubles Tournament 1st
- 2014 Dickeyville Wisc Team Tournament 1st
- 2018 Dickeyville Wisc Big Kahuna Champion
- 2020 Farley 3-man Champions

Senior Scratch Bowling Association (SSBA)

- 2 Top Five SSBA 111 Doubles (combined ages equal or exceed 111)
  Bowled with State Hall of Famers Gary Brinker & Kurt Krull
  - With State HOF Gary Brinker (Dan rolled 300 game)at Davenport 30 Lanes
  - With State HOF Kurt Krull (Dan rolled 300 game) at Waterloo Maple Lanes

Iowa State Tournament --- 43

Making the journey to compete in the Iowa State Tournament is an annual spring ritual for Dan. He has competed in 43.

Along the way he has competed on some solid teams and has garnered several Top 10 finishes. It is in Singles, Doubles and All Events where Dan has separated himself from his team mates and other Iowa bowlers. In state tournament play he has (2) 299 games, (2) 800 series, a 2146 & 2233 Scratch All Events Totals earning him a 1st place Singles title and (3) 3rd place finishes.

- Doubles
  - 2017 299 game (Davenport)
- Singles
  - 2009 1st place Open Division 823 / 299
  - 2010 3rd place Open Singles 804
- All Events
  - 2008 – 3rd place Open Division 2146
  - 2009 – 3rd place Open Division 2233

Iowa State Senior Tournament

Dan has also competed in several Iowa Senior State Tournaments. He has put up solid numbers garnering a State Senior Singles Title and rolling a 300 /825 in the 2016 tournament.

- 2012 – 1st place -- Scratch Singles – 731
- 2016 – 300/825 Doubles event (Cedar Rapids)
- All Events 2000+ Scratch (4)

ABC/USBC Open Championships

Dan has made the journey traversing thousands of miles to compete at a National level in the annual ABC/USBC Open Championships virtually every year since his initial appearance in Tampa (1979).

Highlights include:

- 38 USBC Tournaments
- High All Events: 1971 (Reno - 2011)
- Rolled 299 game (Knoxville, TN – 2003)
- Lifetime Average: 189

Meritorious Service

When called upon to assist Dan Schuler has answered the call.

- Volunteer Assistant Bowling Coach - Waterloo East High
- Greater Cedar Valley Hall of Fame Committee – 17 years

Summary

When Dan Schuler is asked what he likes best about bowling his answer is immediate....."the team aspect." To him it is much more important than any individual scores or honors. In today's age of monster numbers, it can be quite easy to get caught up in the individuality of the sport, but not Dan Schuler. Dan has accomplished many things on the lanes and he gives it his all even when subbing as evidenced by recording 8 – 300 games.

- 2009 Iowa State Open Division Singles Title with a 299/823
- 3 – Top 3 finishes in Iowa State Tournament (1-Scratch Singles, 2-Scratch All Events)
- 299 game at 2003 Knoxville ABC Open Championships
- 300 games - 28
- 800 series - 9
- 700 series – 500+
- Lifetime High Average – 230
- Nov 2017 – 3741 Team Scratch Series – 5th high in the country – Dan contributed 299/789
- April 2018 – 3717 Team Scratch Series – Dan contributed 300 - 785

Although Dan Schuler likes to put his team first, the Greater Cedar Valley Bowling Association feels that he is deserving of an individual honor and that honor is election into the Iowa State Bowling Hall of Fame. The Greater Cedar Valley Bowling Association supports and endorses the candidacy of Dan Schuler for The Iowa State Bowling Association Hall of Fame.

Respectfully Submitted

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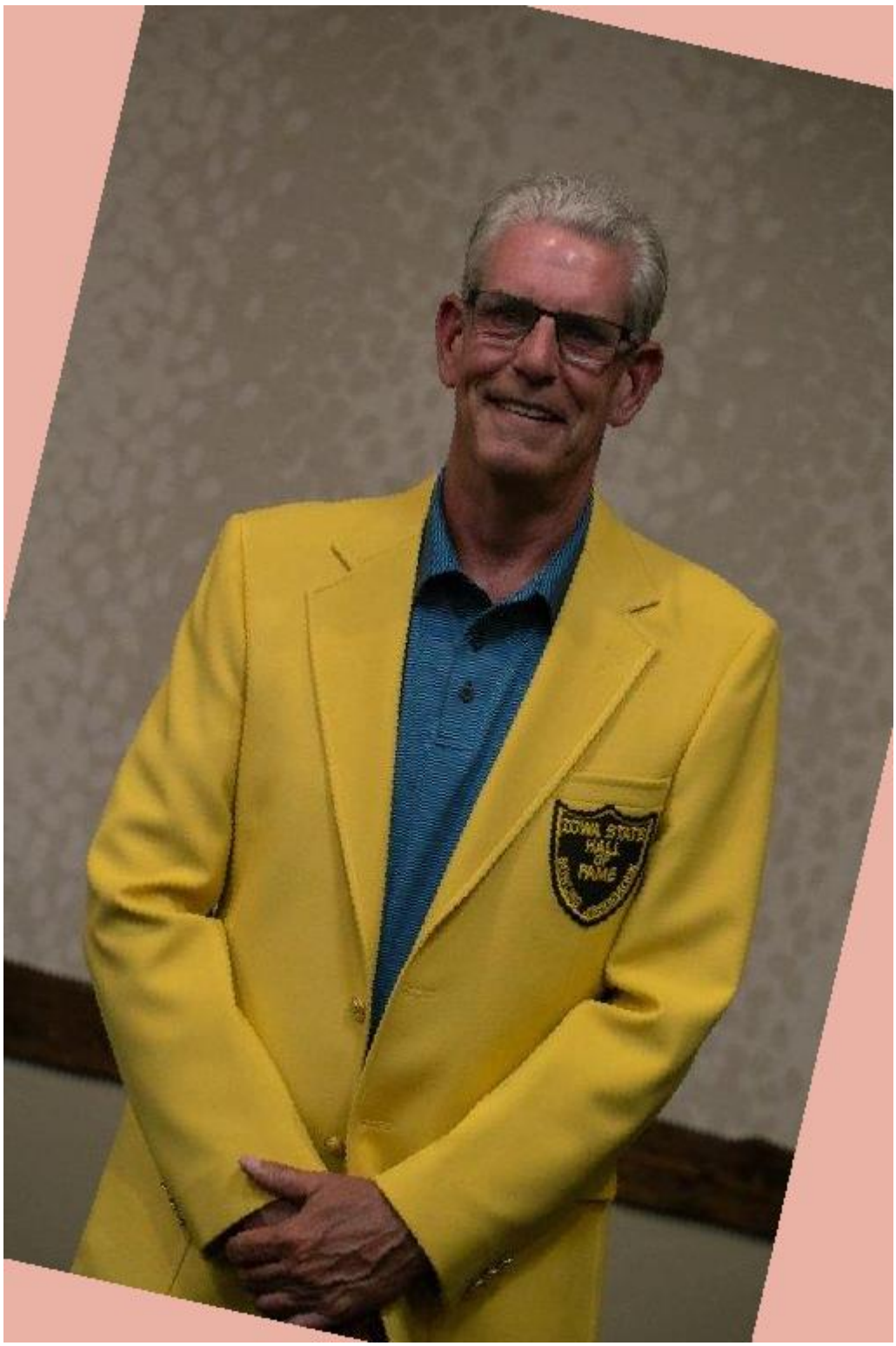
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