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Attention: Iowa State U.S.B.C. Bowling Association Hall of Fame Committee

Subject: Nomination for Iowa State U.S.B.C. Bowling Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service

The Cedar Rapids U.S.B.C. Bowling Association is pleased to submit the name of Dennis W. Hebdon for nomination into the Iowa State U.S.B.C. Bowling Association Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service. The following resume contains the many service and bowling accomplishments that Denny has accumulated over the past 55 plus years in supporting the game of ten pins.

Denny started his bowling career in Clinton, Iowa in 1954 at the age of 8 participating in the American Junior Bowling Congress (AJBC) program at the Recreation Lanes. He bowled in the AJBC programs throughout elementary, junior and senior high school at both the Recreation Lanes and Plaza Bowl. He owes much of his interest in bowling to his mother and father for starting him out at an early age. Denny's dad was an active bowler in Clinton for over 50 years. During these early years Denny bowled in many AJBC Tournaments as well as being a member of the local Boy Scouts of America, Explorer Post team that in 1959 finished in 2nd. Place in the Midwest Regional Tournament which included teams from Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri and Illinois.

In 1964 he joined his first adult league at the age of 18 in the Friday Night Industrial League at the Recreation Lanes, carrying a 186 average. In 1966 Denny moved to Cedar Rapids after graduation from Clinton Community College going to work at Collins Radio. In the late summer of that year he began his affiliation with the Cedar Rapids Bowling Association bowling in leagues at Town & Country Bowl and Legion Lanes.

After beginning the 1966-67 bowling season, Denny received his draft notice from the U.S. Army, but instead, chose to enter the U.S. Navy and for the next 7 years would do most of his bowling while attached to Naval Security Group Activities in Bellingham-Washington, Bremerhaven-Germany, Kenitra-Morocco Africa and Terceira Island-Azores.

In 1968 & 1969 he bowled in two leagues in Bellingham, Washington. From 1970 to late 1972 Denny and his family lived in Bremerhaven, Germany. While stationed in Bremerhaven, he bowled at the base lanes as well as a local German Bowling Center. It was at this same time that Denny got his first taste of being an active association board member. In 1970 he was elected as a Director to the Bremerhaven Bowling Association board. In 1971 he was elected Vice President and held that position until his departure in late 1972. During this time he bowled in 5 leagues as well as earning a spot on the U.S. Navy NSGA Traveling Team for Europe. He bowled in many tournaments as part of this team in Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands. His average during this time was 207 – 219. One night while Denny and his wife were bowling in a mixed league he accomplished what very few have ever done in bowling, he converted the 7 – 10, unfortunately, it was on his first ball, leaving all the rest of the pins standing on the lane. He has accomplished this twice in his career.

In late 1972, Denny and his family moved to Kenitra, Morocco. He continued to bowl at a 14 lane house on the Air Force Base. Morocco turned out to be a short stay and in the late spring of 1973 he and his family moved to Terceira Island, in the Azores. During the next year and a half he would bowl in 2 leagues at the base bowling center. Denny became a active member of the Terceira Island Bowling Association serving as a Director on that local board.

In September 1974 Denny returned to Cedar Rapids and began what has been a long career with the Cedar Rapids Bowling Association. During the 1974-75 bowling season he was appointed to fill a vacancy as a Director on the local board. Over the next 13 years he progressed through the offices of Director, Vice President and President. It was during these same years that he was the board's representative to the Cedar Rapids YABA, serving 2 terms (6 years), Cedar Rapids Bowling Hall of Fame Committee for 3 years, and the Cedar Rapids Area Bowling Council for 3 years as well as all of the various committee assignments. In addition Denny served as the Association Tournament Director for 6 years. He was voted a Life Membership to the CRBA at the end of his tenure as President. Not wanting to depart the board, he continues to serve as an active past president. It was during this same time that Denny became a certified YABA coach, coaching at Jubilee Lanes, where his children participated in the YABA program. Denny has also participated as a coach / parent volunteer at Castle Lanes, now Marion Bowl where his grandchildren bowled.

In 1995 Denny was elected to the Iowa State Bowling Association Board of Directors. During this time thru his presidency in 2003-2004 he worked diligently on every committee as well as chair or co-chairs all committees. He continues as an active past president serving on or co-chairing several committees each year.

On October 26, 2003, Denny was inducted into the Cedar Rapids Bowling Association Hall of Fame. He has bowled in 37 Cedar Rapids U.S.B.C. Bowling Association City Tournaments, 37 Iowa State U.S.B.C. State Tournaments, 3 Iowa Seniors Tournaments, as well as 10 ABC/U.S.B.C. National Tournaments and 6 Western European Tournaments.

He has a high game of 290 which he has accomplished twice

High Series of 763

2010 Iowa Seniors in Mason City – 2nd Place doubles with a 1503
with partner Herb Collins

2010 Iowa Seniors in Mason City – 3rd. Place All Events with 1454

Denny is married to his lovely wife Katie of 43 plus years, who we might add, was a pretty avid bowler herself when they lived in Germany as well as bowling in women's and couples leagues after moving back to Cedar Rapids. They have two children, a daughter Stacy who lives in Minneapolis, MN , and son Jayson of Cedar Rapids as well as three grandchildren, Jayson Jr. , Joseph and Tessa.

In addition to bowling, Denny has many other interests which have included church activities, serving three years on the governing board for the First Presbyterian Church near Ely, Iowa and he and his wife as parent volunteers with the youth choir for many years. He is also an avid outdoor person with many trips to Canada, upper Minnesota lakes and Northeast Iowa camping with their RV and trout fishing and fly tying for the past 36 plus years.

For these many accomplishments and his dedication to the game of ten pins as well as his long career at the local, state, and international level, the Cedar Rapids Bowling Association believes Denny to be a most worthy candidate for the Iowa State Bowling Hall of Fame.

Respectfully Submitted

Bryan James

Bryan James – President, Cedar Rapids U.S.B.C. Bowling Association

George Adams Jr.

George Adams Jr. – Association Manager, Cedar Rapids U.S.B.C. Bowling Association & member Cedar Rapids USBC Bowling Association Hall of Fame

Michael Jordan

Michael Jordan – Vice President, Cedar Rapids U.S.B.C. Bowling Association & 4th Director Iowa State USBC Bowling Association

Bob Mumma

Bob Mumma – Past President Cedar Rapids USBC Bowling Association & member Cedar Rapids USBC Bowling Hall of Fame

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