Spencer U.S.B.C. Bowling Association

Spencer, Iowa

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

C/O: Darrell Fremont, ISBA Association Manager

Attention: Iowa State Hall of Fame Committee

Subject: Nomination of Elwin Clark – Posthumous Category

The Spencer U.S.B.C. Bowling Association would like to nominate Elwin Clark for election into the Iowa State U.S.B.C. Bowling Association Hall of Fame. Elwin started bowling in league play in the 1970's in his home town of Terril, Iowa.

Many years were enjoyed in couple's leagues at Spirit Lake with his wife, Doris. He later joined men's league play in Spencer, Iowa leagues as well as Spirit Lake's leagues. Elwin was an active league member in Spencer for over 30 years and in the Spirit Lake leagues for over 10 years. During his Spencer duration, he served as League Secretary 1986-1987. He was league President 1995-1997. He also served as a league delegate from 1995-1998. Elwin was elected to the Spencer Board of Directors in 1996 and served as the Spencer Association President 1996-2001 and continued his affiliation through 2004 working actively on the board through 2004. In 2001 Elwin was elected to the Iowa State U.S.B.C. Bowling Association Board of Directors. During the 2009-2010 season he served as the President of the Iowa State U.S.B.C Bowling Association.

Elwin participated in most local association tournaments in Spencer, Spirit Lake and Lake Park during his bowling career. He enjoyed his 20 years attending the Iowa State Bowling Association tournaments as well as entering the Big Sioux tournaments in Sioux Fall making sure his daughters and son-in-laws had teams also entered. These were wonderful fun weekends away with his family and friends. As his winters found more time to travel, he entered the National Tournaments for the past 8 years, always looking forward to the warmer climate and seeing the countryside.

Elwin's high game came twice. On April 24, 2000 and again on March 12, 2008 he bowled a 279. In 1980 he partnered with Darrell Dickson in doubles winning 1`st Place in the City Tournament. His team of The North West Rebels won 1st. place in the Spencer Area Bowling league during the 2001-2002 season. Elwin served as Team Captain of that team for many years.

Elwin always wanted to help people whenever he could with their game. He had a desire to watch all bowlers succeed and often found himself offering advice to anyone, especially his family members. On many occasions you would hear him say " take a step to the left or follow through your release." Great times were had when he bowled with his grandsons. It was a surprise for the boys to realize that Grandpa was a pretty darn good bowler.

It was with great pride that Elwin was inducted into the 2010-2011 Spencer U.S.B.C. Bowling Association Hall of Fame with his daughters and 4 or his 5 grandson's present as this was only a few months after his wife, Doris had passed away. She was always by his side at all tournaments and would also ride along numerous nights to his regular league play. Elwin was looking forward to his next National Tournament when suddenly two month before he was to leave he suddenly passed away.

The Spencer U.S.B.C. Bowling Association believes Elwin Clark is a much deserving individual for his dedication to the game of bowling and to his promotion of the game. Elwin was a person who saved every award, every pin, every trophy presented to him as he was extremely proud of earning them all.

Local Leagues:

1986-1987 League Secretary

1995-1998 League President

1996 – 2004 Spencer Area Bowling Association Board of Director

2000-2001 Spencer Bowling Association President

State Association:

2001 – 2009 Director & Vice President ISBA

2009-2010 President Iowa State USBC Bowling Association

Robert T. Hamilton

Robert T. Hamilton, President Spencer Area U.S.B.C. Bowling Association

Gilbert A. Scribner

Gilbert A. Scribner, Spencer Bowling Hall of Fame

Duane Gustin

Duane Gustin, Spencer Bowling Hall of Fame

Iowa State USBC Bowling Association Hall of Fame member