HALL OF FAME

2024

JANICE AKIN

I have the great privilege to tell you about our next inductee, Janice Akin.

Janice is unable to attend this ceremony because of health issues but her husband Rich, daughter Abbey, sons Adam and Andrew are here to accept her award.

Janice started league bowling in the 1977/1978 season averaging 145. She recorded her first 600 3 years later in 1981.

She started to get involved in bowling tournaments including city, state, nationals, Greater Iowa, John Deere Interplant, NE Iowa and others helping to increase her average. Most of her success came from city tournaments and the Iowa State Women's Tournament.

From 1989 to 2005 in city tournaments, she, with her team, won 8 scratch team titles setting scratch records in 1992 and 1999. She teamed with her sister Nancy to win the scratch doubles in 1990 and then won the all events scratch with an 1827.

In the Iowa State Women's Tournament, she, along with the Fran's Pro Shop Team, won 5 Division 1 scratch tournaments in 1989, 1994, 1997, 2001 and 2003. In the 2003 win, she had a team high 704 scratch series. She also joined her team being the first women's team to compete in the Iowa Men's State Tournament in 1995 in Waterloo.

She bowled in one national tournament placing 53rd in the Rudy Doubles Division.

She placed 1st in the Waterloo Courier Tournament of Champions in 1998 and 1987, bowling a 278 which was the highest women's game ever bowled in that tournament and won the 600/700 city mixed doubles in 1993 with a 682 scratch series.

She has seven 700 series bowled; the highest being a 770 in 2006 and in 1993 a 746, which was the 4th highest series ever recorded in Waterloo at that time. Starting in 1995 through 2007, she averaged 190 or better with a high lifetime average of 207 in 2005/2006 and 3 other years averaging over 200.

She was sidelined from bowling by injuries and surgeries after the 2007 season. In 2017 she had recovered enough to finally get to bowl with her daughter Abbey in league. Rich and Andrew previously bowled and Abbey and Adam are still carrying on their mother's love for bowling.

She was elected to the Waterloo Metro Hall of Fame in 2000.

She has served as league officers and on all committees and served as a teller for the Iowa State Women's Bowling Association Convention in Waterloo.

It is with great honor that I can say that my friend and my teammate Janice Akin, is our newest member of the Iowa State Hall of Fame 2024.