IOWA STATE
USBC WOMEN'S BOWLING
ASSOCIATION, INC.

HALL OF FAME

2017

MARILYN MITTAN

It is with great pleasure that we induct Marilyn Mittan into the Iowa State USBC Women's Bowling Assn., Inc. Hall of Fame for her Meritorious Service.

Marilyn joined her first bowling league in 1972 after being asked by a friend to join her in the Early Birds on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. So, with her two young children along, Marilyn started bowling.

Later in that first season, Marilyn was asked to take over the job of league secretary, which she did, and she continued that service for a number of years.

Her first state tournament competition was in 1975 in Dubuque and she has been going to "state" every year since then. Her team once rode in the back of a pickup truck camper and played cards on their way to Iowa City for the tournament.

For a couple of years, Marilyn went along with other delegates to the annual meeting and remembers being impressed with the information and fun there.

When the Belle Plaine Women's secretary decided to retire and move from the area in 1980, Marilyn decided to run for that position and it seemed no one else wanted the job.

At a celebration for Belle Plaine's twenty-fifth year of organization, she met Floy Harmsen and Dorathea Fort from the Iowa Women's Bowling Assn., Inc. In 1984, IWBA President Fort appointed her as a director to the state board.

In 1985, when the annual meeting was in Fort Dodge, Marilyn was elected to the board and in 1993 she was elected to the position of 2nd vice president, the office she still holds. And as Marilyn says "the rest is history"!

After thirty-six years, Marilyn continues as the association manager of the Belle Plaine USBC Women's Bowling Assn. and she began serving as the association manager for the Belle Plaine USBC Men's Bowling Assn. eleven years ago.

Marilyn is pleased that she has bowled a 200 or higher game at least 100 times in her career and she had had two series of 600 and once had an average of 163.

Marilyn jokes that the days of rolling a 200 game at every state tournament are gone, but it was fun!

Please join us as we honor and thank Marilyn for all her years of service to bowling, both on her local level and for the Iowa Women's Bowling Assn., Inc. and the Iowa State USBC Women's Bowling Assn., Inc.