WILFRED "BUD" NORTON
IOWA BOWLING ASSOCIATION
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PERSONALITY

Bud Norton is a very pleasant gentleman to deal with. He listens intently to the person that approached him with a problem. He asks questions to make sure that he understands the exact nature of the problem and then proceeds to find the answer as quickly as possible.

DEDICATION

Bus Norton was very instrumental in helping to establish the Anamosa Bowling Association in the late 1950's. He was elected as the first secretary of the Anamosa Bowling Association in 1959. He has served as Association Secretary the past 19 years (1983-2002) and is continuing as Association Secretary for Anamosa Bowling Association. Bud has also served as league secretary numerous times over his 45 years of membership in the ABC and Anamosa Bowling Association. In recent years, Bud has served as league secretary in more than one league during the year. Bud has been a team captain on many of the teams he has bowled with over his bowling career.

LEADERSHIP

Bud Norton has worked diligently over the past 15 years to get the Anamosa Bowling Association annual tournament to run smoothly and efficiently at tournament time. He has done this by talking with the leagues and teams to make sure that the rules and schedules were understood. He made sure that notices and sign-up sheets were put out in the bowling center in plenty of time. He has worked hard over the past 10 years to help establish the 700 Honor Roll for the Anamosa Bowling Association and organizing the committee for the Anamosa Bowling Association's Hall of Fame.

My name is Robert Hall. I have been a member of the Anamosa Bowling Association the better part of the past 30 years. I have known Bud Norton for more than 30 years. When I first started bowling in league Bud Norton was one of the top bowlers in Anamosa. He carried one of the higher averages at the time. The teams he bowled on in different leagues were the most respected of all the teams. He and his teammates were the bowlers that young bowlers looked up to.

Although younger bowlers and higher averages have passed him by, Bud has stayed a competitor. He has given his time to helping the association become a more efficient organization. He has served the past 19 years as Association Secretary. Even when he fought a battle with cancer 10 years ago, Bud still tried to help the Association as much as he could. He has worked hard in efforts such as : the 700 Club Honor Roll, Anamosa Bowling Association Hall of Fame, and youth bowling in Anamosa.

Bud Norton bowled one of the first 700 series on the lanes in Anamosa. He has been a member of 10 Anamosa Bowling Association team champions and bowled with a team that would travel to various team tournaments around the state of Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota. He bowled in 25 Iowa State Bowling Association Tournaments. Most of those tournaments were consecutive years except for the year he fought cancer. He has bowled in 4 ABC national tournaments.

Bud's health may end his bowling career, but he will stay involved with bowling as long as he can do so. Bud has given a lot to the sport of bowling and the bowlers of Anamosa, Iowa. I feel that Bud deserves a place in the Iowa State Bowling Association's Hall of Fame due to the contributions and efforts he has given to bowling.

Robert L. Hall
Vice President
Anamosa Bowling Association

When I think of the Anamosa Bowling Association, the first name that comes to mind is Bud Norton. Bud is a very dedicated individual. He has been association secretary for the past 19 years. He was the first association secretary Anamosa had when it was formed. There are other fellows still bowling that started with Bud but none have had as much to do with the sport of bowling as he has. Along with being association secretary, he is secretary for the Wednesday night and Thursday night leagues. This he has done for a number of years.

Even when cancer struck and surgery removed over half his tongue, left cheek bone and parts of his neck he never thought of quitting his job. Even now as the cancer might be spreading to other areas he says he will do it another year. I'm not sure he will be bowling, but he seems to think he can do the rest alright.

Bud was also a one man crew for the city tournament. He ordered supplies, made out the score sheets, collected the money and did all the necessary paperwork needed before and after the tournament. Not until the last couple of years has he asked for any help. Bud was chosen to be a charter member of the Anamosa Bowling Association Hall of Fame. He will be sorely missed when the time comes and hopefully he can receive the honors I feel he is entitled to.

Gary Smith
President
Anamosa Bowling Association