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# IOWA STATE USBC
# *HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM*

Submit by August 15

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The purpose of the Iowa State USBC Hall of Fame is to perpetuate the names of those who have displayed outstanding ability in the game of American Tenpins and/or have contributed through meritorious service to the general welfare and progress of the game in the state of Iowa.

NAME OF NOMINEE: Paul (Rocky) Ruklau Date: 7/17/19

ADDRESS: 801 Shoquoquon Burlington, IA 52601

PHONE: 319-572-0991 # of Years Members: 30 # of ISUSBC State Tournaments: 20

CURRENT LOCAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP:

SUBMITTED BY: Burlington Bowling Assn. [signature]
Signature of Submitter **AND** Signature of Local Association Manager

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 655 Burlington, IA 52601

**Please submit this cover sheet and the completed form no later than August 15. Use additional sheets if more space is needed.**

**Send to: Iowa State USBC, 935 South 26th Street, Fort Dodge, IA 50501 or email: iowastateusbc@frontier.com**

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To be considered for a combined category (Meritorious and Performance), nominee must meet at least 3 of the qualifications in each category, for combined total of 6 qualifications.

## ***SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE***

Nominee must be a present or former member of the Iowa State USBC for at least 15 years (not necessarily consecutively) and participated in at least **5 Iowa State USBC tournaments**. To be considered for the award the nominee must have at least 5 of the following qualifications as an Iowa State USBC member:

1) Placed in the top 3 of any division of the Iowa State USBC Championship Tournaments.
2) Won any division of an affiliate Iowa State USBC Bowling Tournament (Iowa State Senior Women's, Iowa 500 Club, Iowa 600 Club, Iowa 700 Club, or Iowa State Mixed Bowling Tournament).
3) Placed in the top 5 in any division of the AJBC/YABA/ABC/WIBC/USBC National Tournaments.
4) Won any division of a Local Association Tournament.
5) Placed in the top 3 in any division of any other Local, State or National Tournament.
6) Maintained a 190 average or better.
7) Has achieved an 800 series, 700 series, 300 game, 299 game, 298 game or rolled 11 in a row.

# IOWA STATE USBC BOWLING HALL OF FAME

Attached you will find the application for the Iowa State USBC Bowling Hall of Fame. Please complete it in its entirety and submit/postmark no later than August 15. Submit your completed nomination form along with this cover sheet to the Iowa State Association Manager:

Iowa State USBC
935 South 26th Street
Fort Dodge, IA 50501
association.manager@iowabowl.com

Please state which category you are submitting your application for:

Male ☒ Female ☐

Performance ☐

Meritorious Service ☐

Performance/Meritorious ☐

Ambassador ☒

The "Ambassador" award shall be presented to those individuals who best exemplify the sport of bowling through their dedication and service to USBC members and the game of American Tenpins. The recipient may or may not be a member of the Iowa State USBC. He or she should embrace the same goals and ideals as the Board of Directors.

Any Iowa State USBC association (including affiliates) or members may nominate an individual for this award. Nominations must be sent to the state office, postmarked or submitted no later than August 15 of the current year. Our recipient is a person who provides leadership, knowledge and cooperation in assisting the Iowa State USBC with its mission of serving the bowlers of Iowa.

Is this application being submitted Posthumous? ☐ YES ☒ NO

July 15, 2019

To: Iowa State USBC Bowling Association

C/O Charla Wilke, Association manager

935 South 26th Street

Ft Dodge, IA 50501-6650

Attention: Iowa State USBC Bowling Association Hall of Fame Committee

Subject: Nomination for Iowa State USBC Bowling Association Hall of Fame for Ambassador

With profound sense of pride, humility and honor, we the members of the Burlington Area USBC Bowling Association submit the name of Paul (Rocky) Roxlau as a candidate for election to the Iowa State USBC Bowling Association Hall of Fame for dedication and service to the sport of bowling locally, to the State of Iowa and Nationally.

Rocky was the owner of the Bowl Inn Bowling Centers in Burlington, Iowa for many years.

Rocky was a great supporter of our local association in many ways. He worked with us on our local tournaments by always supporting the new ideas on tournaments we wanted to run, to helping us keep our entry fees down by giving us reduced prices for linage on every tournament we would run.

When we wanted to bid for an Iowa State Tournament, he would help us line up the support of the local tourism board, he would give us financial support, along with food or drinks we might need in our bid request.

Rocky also support our local association at our annual award night by giving us merchandize for door prizes, as he also did for our fun nights our association would have.

Rocky was a great supporter of his leagues in his centers. He had babysitting services for the women's leagues and mixed leagues, and if in a men's league there was need for a babysitter, he provided that also.

He only raised league prices if he had too, he always tried not to raise them unless he absolutely had too.

Rocky loved the sport of bowling and did everything he could do to make sur his customers had a great time while in his centers.

The next few pages are his account of his career in the bowling industry

I started bowling in the summer of 1947 as a 12 year old pinboy at Olivia's Bowling Alley in downtown Burlington. I turned 13 in September 1947.

As pinboys we bowled free, set our own pins. There were no instructions, just watched adult bowlers and tried to imitate them .

I finally developed a hook, full roller, as most of the better bowlers used in the 40's. In September 1949 I started working at Bowl Inn Lanes, a new center on the south edge of Burlington. My hook disappeared because Bowl Inn used lacquer finish on the lanes while Olivia's was still using shellac, which was much softer.

I learned to turn the ball and averaged about 150 that year in an adult league.

In the fall of 1951 Jim Dixon ask me to join his Classic League team. I was 16 at the time.

In January 1952 my boss, Mac McDonald, moved me to the service desk and my primary job was to schedule and manage the pinboys. Eventually I was responsible for opening and closing the center every nite.

Spring of 1953-54 I bowled in my first Iowa State Tournament. Also, at that time Mac sent me to the State Bowling Proprietors Conventions.

I went to the Army I 1955, was discharged in the summer of 1957 and went back to work at the bowling center. In the fall of 1957, WIBC Pr3esident Laura Albrecht, ask me to become the AJBC instructor of South East Iowa. I served 2 years as instructor, going to various bowling centers teaching proprietors and adult coaches to instruct kids to bowl.

This was a program started by Milt Raymer of Chicago. That instructed and sanctioned youth bowlers. IWBA adopted and funded the program in the state of Iowa.

In 1960 Ma named me manager of the center and he and his wife started vacationing in Florida during winter months. I continued going to the Iowa Bowling Proprietors Assoc. meetings.

In 1965 I joined their Board of Directors and served the next 35 years on the Board in various positions.

-was Executive Director for 10 years – 1968 – 1978

-was responsible for Tournament operations

-was responsible for summer and mid-winter conventions

-wrote monthly newsletter

-responsible for operation of the state office

-represented Iowa in developing the frame work of upper mid-west 5 state conventions – which included North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa.

-Iowa hosted the event 5 times under my direction with Adrian Erickson serving as Exhibition Hall Director. I planned the 5 days of programs, speakers, meals and scheduling activities.

Adrian oversaw the operation of exhibits, assigned booths to suppliers and all equipment that was needed, and resolved problems.

Adrian and I received the AMF Unity Award for work on the 5 State conventions.

I introduced the concept of proprietor's bowling tournaments instead of evening cocktail party at both the 5 state and national conventions.

I helped start and run the Unofficial High School Boys and Girls Bowling Tournament and hosted the SE Iowa Finals for many years. IBPAA operated the tournament for about 20 years until State Boys and Girls Athletic Association took it over and made it an official high school sport.

In 1962 I hosted the National BPAA Handicap Team Championship at **Bowl Inn Lanes. Teams from across America qualified for the 4 day event. It was a chance to roll for lst place prize of $10,000.**

**In about 19 70 (?) I spent 1 year teaching bowling in gym classes in 14 schools in Burlington. Each child received 6 lessons using plastic balls and pins. Later developed school teams bowling event during spring break. The 2 game event would draw as many as 700 kids during the week.**

I represented Iowa Bowling Proprietors at the IMBA and IWBC meetings for about 10 years.

I hosted, as a proprietor, 8-9 IMBA and WIBC State Tournaments. Also, hosted many state Moose, Eagles, American Legion, VFW and I-I Kiwanis tournaments. Plus state Junior and Senior Tournaments.

I was president of YABA in 1985 and again in 1988. Also, president of Iowa Bowling Council in early 1980's.

I was responsible for conducting state-wide National Coke-Cola Tournament for high school youth. Escorted boy and girl winners to Washington, DC for National Championship.

Bowling History:

-bowled in about 15 IMBA State Tournaments

-bowled in 7 or 8 ABC Championships

-bowled in numerous local and area tournaments

-was a competitive bowler until early 1980s.

-when injuries to my knees and back plus neuropathy affected ability to keep balance, I had to quit competitive bowling.

BPAA Activities

-attended majority of National Association mid=winter and summer meetings.

-served 15 years on National Board of Directors

-while on the Board served on the Adjudication Committee, convention and tournament committees and Industry Relations Committee.

-During Industry Relations Committee ABC, WIBC, Brunswick, AMF and proprietors met and decided that bowling pin weights should be changed from 2# 14 oz. to new weights of 3# 4 oz. And, the upper weight lowered from 4# to 3# 10 oz. This created a more equitable playing field.

-while on the National Board of Directors, I served 2 years as Upper Mid-West National Vice President.

-primary responsibilities were to attend mid-winter meetings of the states that conducted them.

I received 2 BPAA achievement awards in 1978 and 1998.

Civic accomplishments

-early 1960's served on Burlington Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors – chaired the "City Beautiful" committee for 2 years

-chaired the Annual UNICEF Drive in 1963-64-65 using church youth groups we raised $2,200 – 2,500 each year. In comparison a new Ford cost about $3,500 at that time.

-with Jim Maus of the Capital Theater we started "Kids Appreciation Day" during winter break with High School kids. We offered a free movie and bowling.

-was actively involved with Police Department Drug Education program – DARE – for the middle schools for about 4 years. When DARE program ended I became involved in "Grade A Plus" – a drug education program primarily for High School and older youths.

-Served 4 years on SE Iowa Girls Scouts Board of Directors.

-45 years member of Kiwanis Club – serving 9 years as officer and director. Served as president in 1988-89.

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For all of his accomplishments and dedication to his customers, our local associations, the state of Iowa, and nationally, We the Burlington USBC Bowling Association believe that Paul (Rocky) Roxlau is worthy of your consideration to be elected into the Iowa State Hall of Fame in the Ambassador category

Respectfully Submitted:

Charles J. Budzyn - President Burlington USBC Bowling Association

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James Ferrell – 1st Vice President Burlington USBC Bowling Association

*James Ferrell*

Mark Haynes – Association Manager Burlington USBC Bowling Association

*Mark Haynes*