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Attention: Iowa State USBC Bowling Association Hall of Fame Committee

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

The Cedar Rapids U.S.B.C. Bowling Association is pleased to submit the name of Roger L. Wheeler for nomination into the Iowa State USBC Bowling Association Hall of Fame for Bowling Ability. The following resume contains many bowling accomplishments that Roger has accumulated since starting bowling in 1968.

Roger Wheeler's bowling career parallels some of those late bloomer success stories you sometime hear about but never really happens in your town or association. Although Roger was what you would call a descent bowler when he started in 1968, he never really put in the time or effort or had the heart for the game of ten pins until the mid 1980's at which time he turned into to what some have said is now a great bowler. Renowned not only for his back-up ball delivery he developed a great reputation for his victories in the Cedar Rapids Annual Tournaments, Greater Iowa, Midwest Seniors PBA, Seniors Scratch Bowling Association, the Strachota Classic in Milwaukee, ABC Bowlers Journal, Iowa State tournaments and Arizona Senior Bowling Classic Bowling Association Championships.

Rogers's high averages and honor scores are second to none in Iowa. He has rolled;

- *51 sanctioned 300 games*
- *31 sanctioned 800 series*
- *and more than 1700 sanctioned 700 series.*
  That's correct; more than 1700 sanctioned 700 series.

His highest sanctioned average is 249, and highest series 837.

Over the past 12 years he has carried sanctioned league averages of 220,228, 221, 217, 208, 249, 228, 237, 232, 231, 220, 230,

The attached is an abbreviated list of Rogers' accomplishments and service to the game:

- *Tournament Titles*
  - *Greater Iowa Bowling Association – 3 titles*
  - *Senior Scratch Bowling Association – 7 titles*
  - *Midwest Seniors PBA – 2 titles (Omaha & St. Louis)*
  - *Strachota Classic, in Milwaukee, Wis. 1990 with $11,000 in prize money*
  - *ABC Bowlers Journal (Senior Division) in Reno 1994*
  - *Cedar Rapids City Tournament – Double Event and All Events*
  - *Cedar Rapids 700 Open in 1990*
  - *Rockwell Collins Tournament - 6 titles*
  - *Arizona Senior Classic Bowling Association Championships 2005 & 2006*

- *Other Highlights*
  - *9th place ABC Bowlers Journal, in Reno (Open Division)*
  - *Midwest Seniors PBA in Omaha 12 game total 3185 (265 average)*
  - *Iowa State Tournament scratch 2106 All Events*
    scratch 2000 All Events twice
    scratch 750 in singles, 14th place
    including a 300 game

During the 1994 – 1995 season Roger had over 100 sanctioned 700 series in league play All of the above were accomplished by using Roger's unique back up style of bowling. He did however have a 752 one night bowling right handed from the right side of the lanes just as any normal right handed person would do. But after perfecting his back up style that seamed to work so well for him he has stuck with it for many years. And from the accomplishments he has accumulated, you must agree, "If it works, don't change it".

In 1989, Roger was presented with the Frank J. Stanek award. This award is presented annually in Cedar Rapids to the person who most exemplifies outstanding contributions to the game of bowling through leadership, sportsmanship and administration.

Roger was elected to the Cedar Rapids Bowling Association Hall of Fame in 1998. He has bowled in 29 Iowa State tournaments and 25 USBC National tournaments as well as being an active participant for many years on the Midwest Senior PBA tournament schedule tour.

For 20 years Roger served as the assistant tournament director for the Rockwell Collins Annual Tournament. His support for the game of ten pins does not stop there.. He sponsored teams at Castle Lanes in Marion, Iowa and as the owner/proprietor he sponsored YABA / Youth bowlers at Castle Lanes for many years.

In 2005–2006 Roger began splitting his time between Cedar Rapids and Phoenix Arizona when he retired from Rockwell Collins. In late 2006 Roger and his wife Jeanette moved permanently to the Phoenix area where Roger has continued his bowling career, bowling in four weekly leagues. Roger and Jeanette have been married 45 plus years and have three daughters, Elizabeth, Tricia and Deanna. They have 3 grandchildren.

Few people in the state of Iowa can match up to the accomplishments that Roger has achieved in his bowling career. For these many accomplishments and his dedication to the game of bowling, we believe Roger to be a most worthy candidate for the Iowa State USBC Bowling Association Hall of Fame.

Brian James

Bryan James – President, Cedar Rapids U.S.B.C. Bowling Association

George Adams

George Adams – Association Manager, Cedar Rapids U.S.B.C. Bowling Association

Brad Bundy

Brad Bundy – Vice President, Cedar Rapids U.S.B.C. Bowling Association

Bob Mumma

Bob Mumma – Past President, Cedar Rapids U.S.B.C. Bowling Association

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