GENE C. SKINNER
IOWA STATE BOWLING ASSOCIATION
HALL OF FAME INDUCTION
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Gene's bowling career began in 1958 when he organized the old UAW Local 94 Bowling League at Riverside Bowl, serving as its secretary for 10 years. League name changed to John Deere 11. Through his efforts the league participated 100% in the Dubuque Bowling Association city tournament for those years. He was secretary of the Country Club League for 11 years, organized the John Deere Early Bird League at Imperial Lanes in 1973, serving as secretary, secretary of the John Deere #1 League for 2 years, secretary of the Schlitzer League for 6 years, secretary of the Budweiser League for 4 years and president of a summer mixed league.

SERVICE FOR DUBUQUE BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Charter member of the Dubuque Bowling Association Hall of Fame Board
1964 Elected as a director
1965-70 Vice-president
1980-83 Appointed assistant secretary-treasurer
1983-91 Served as secretary-treasure
Delegate to ABC convention 4 years
Delegate to Iowa State Bowling Association 29 years
1992 Elected Member Emeritus & life member of the Dubuque Bowling Association
1996 Elected to the Dubuque Bowling Association Hall of Fame
Certified lane inspector. Conducted training schools for local inspectors and surrounding associations. Also held a refresher course for all interested parties. He is a national . graduate of the local association officers training conference for 1987-88. Installed the ABC membership and tournament programs on the computer, running the first computerized city tournament and was responsible for the association going to self-processing which saved the association $.50 per member.

TOURNAMENTS

1983 DBA city tournament all events scratch & handicap class B champion
1983 Senior class D singles champion
1986 Senior class C singles champion
1987 Senior doubles champion with wife as partner
In 1983, Gene started the first local Senior's Tournament which was all men, in four age divisions. Since that time the format was changed to include women. It is no longer held.
Participated in 3 national tournaments
Participated in 20 state tournaments

IOWA STATE ACHIEVEMENTS

1990 elected to the Iowa State Bowling Association as director
1998-99 Served as Iowa State Bowling Association as president
1995 Elected to the Iowa State Seniors Board and is the 2003-04 president

MISCELLANEOUS

Served on the Dubuque Junior Board off & on for 10 years
Helped form & served on Dubuque Bowling Council 12 years

Assisted wife in conducting ISYABA Tournaments across Iowa
In 1986 he gathered 3,000 signatures from Dubuque area bowlers to send to the National Bowling Council which was instrumental in getting Congress to pass legislation making the first week in January National Bowling Week. He also requested Governor Terry Branstad to proclaim this week as State Bowling Week and the request was granted.
Wrote columns for the Dubuque Sporting News for 2 years
Throu;gh his work & efforts, the association received a 1st Year Service Award Plaque and the 5th Year Award Plaque

Gene Skinner is well known locally and throughout the state. He is readily available to assist leagues and bowlers with their problems when called upon. We feel he is worthy and deserving of your consideration to the Iowa State Bowling Association Hall of Fame.