Marshalltown U.S.B.C. Bowling Association

Marshalltown, Iowa

To: Iowa State U.S.B.C. Bowling Association Hall of Fame Committee
C/O Charles Kutsch, Association Manager
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Attention: Iowa State Hall of Fame Committee

Subject: Nomination for Iowa State U.S.B.C. Hall of Fame - Special Category

The Marshalltown USBC Bowling Association takes great pride in submitting the name of Stan Kolbe for consideration for the Iowa State Bowling Association Hall of Fame.

Stan, best known for his service as Secretary / Association Manager of the Marshalltown USBC Bowling Association for the past 32 plus years has a long history of service to the game of bowling. He began his bowling career in 1942 while waiting to enter the United States Air Force, where he served as a B-24 navigator on 35 missions in Italy during World War II. He reentered his bowling career in 1957 in the Ames Area Bowling Association and later joined the Marshalltown Bowling Association in 1958. He has bowled in Marshalltown for 50 plus years.

His history of service to the game began when he took the job as league secretary of the Legion League from 1960 – 1962. He then organized the Make-Shift league in 1962 and served as league secretary-treasurer until 1974. During this same time frame, Stan became secretary of the Tot league in 1972 and continues to serve in that capacity today, over 35 years of service in that league.

Stan took over the job as Marshalltown Bowling Association Vice-President during the 1974-75 bowling season. He became the secretary-treasurer of the association in 1975. Stan continues to serve in that position 33 plus years now as Association Manager.

Stan's job as secretary treasurer in those leagues led him to help the Marshalltown Bowling Association to campaign in 1963 to get the 1965 Iowa State Tournament in Marshalltown, where he worked every weekend during that tournament. Again in 2000 when Marshalltown was co-hosts of the tournament with the Ames Area Bowling Association, Stan worked diligently to ensure the tournament came off without any issues. He also coordinated the efforts in 1987 to host the State Jamboree in Marshalltown.

Stan has attended nearly every state jamboree since becoming the secretary-treasurer / association manager. He has served as a state delegate since 1975 and has bowled in every state tournament since 1963.

While service to the game of bowling has been his trademark, Stan has some fond memories on the lanes as well, bowling a 289 game, a 679 high series and bowling on the championship team in the 1982 Marshalltown City tournament.

Stan has not been alone with his bowling activities as his family has been active in the game of bowling as well. His wife Wanda (George) has served many years on the Marshalltown Women's Bowling Association Board and bowled in various leagues. They have four children who have all been through the youth program in Marshalltown. One son, David is still an avid bowler and serves as a vice president on the Marshalltown Bowling Association Board of Directors.

We feel Stan Kolbe exemplifies what the Iowa State Hall of Fame means to the bowlers in the state of Iowa and feel he is worthy of taking his place alongside those already inducted into the Iowa State Hall of Fame.

Thank you,

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President, Marshalltown USBC Bowling Association

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Past President, Marshalltown USBC Bowling Association, & current 2nd Director
Iowa State USBC Bowling Association

Jerry Clark
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