Bob Brown **Posthumous** **Inducted: April 2006**
Muscatine

Bob Brown has been an active member of the bowling community since moving to Iowa in the fall of 1959 from Minnesota. He began his Iowa bowling career as a member of the Davenport Association bowling in the REC Mixed League in Durant with his spouse Betty. Bowling in the 38th Annual Davenport City Tournament, Bob received the Secretary's Award for the high game of 279. In 1960, Bob became a member of the Muscatine Men's Bowling Association when he joined the Men's Major League – a league he bowled in for nearly thirty-five years and in which he served as secretary and treasurer for nearly twenty-five years. It was during this time that Bob's love and commitment to bowling began to grow. Bob became a 3 night of the week bowler as well as a much used sub.

Bob's love of the game grew in other ways, also. He became a promoter and recruiter of the game. He encouraged co-workers and friends to join bowling leagues. Bob would help form new leagues and would serve as league president, vice president, or secretary and treasurer of the league. It was during this time that Bob took the next step and became an active member of the Muscatine Men's Bowling Association. Bob "retired" from the MMBA as first vice president; however, his commitment to bowling continued.

Over the years, Bob has bowled in thirty ISBA State Tournaments while recruiting a squad of twenty teams for twenty-five years. He also recruited teams for and bowled in more than twenty state and national Moose and Elk tournaments. Bob bowled in twenty-five ABC tournaments often encouraging other to send in entries. For many years Bob would organize a group of Muscatine bowlers to try their hand at the Petersen Classic. Since becoming a senior Bob has bowled in the Iowa Seniors' Tournament more than five times. One can easily see that Robert 'Bob' Brown has long promoted bowling.

Bob supported bowling in other ways, too. He served as a certified AJBC coach helping young bowlers begin their careers. During the 1960's, Bob was a director on the Muscatine Youth Bowling Association. His desire to promote bowling to young players continues today as a co-sponsor of the Muscatine YABA Pee Wee League.

In 1982, the Muscatine Men's Bowling Association elected Robert 'Bob' Brown in to its Honor Roll for meritorious service. Yet, Bob was not done serving bowling. Bob was elected a director of the ISBA and in 1993-94 served as its president. It was during this time that Muscatine was honored to hold the ISBA State Tournament. Bob spent every weekend in the bowling center assisting with tournament work or talking to and thanking bowlers who came to the tournament.

Nominated by the Muscatine USBC Bowling Association