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Jim Novak Bowling Skill Inducted March 24, 2007
Cedar Rapids

We would like the Iowa State Bowling Association Hall of Fame Committee to consider from the Cedar Rapids USBC Bowling Association Inc., Jim Novak to be inducted into the Iowa State Bowling Association Hall of Fame.

Jim was born in 1927, and did not start bowling until he was in his 30's. He devoted himself to bowling in a manner that made him one of the area's best bowlers. Jims' Novak Automotive business of 45+ years sponsored many teams for over 20 years on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights supplying them with shirts and paying their way into many tournaments.

It is not unusual to find him at the alleys on Monday, Wednesday and Friday bowing in the senior leagues in the afternoon and then see him that same night bowling in a league. Jim has been an officer in numerous leagues.

Jim's many accomplishments include:

5 top 20 finishes in the Iowa State Tournament
4 Greater Iowa Senior Titles
3 Iowa Midwest Tournament Titles
Entered 25 ABC Nationals
Has finished in the top 24 six times on the Senior Tour, once bowling one of his 300 games
Has over 800 700's and twice has had over 70 700's in a season
Has had 43 300 games, 18 800 series with a high of 835
Highest average for a season 237 and averaged over 200 for 28 years
Has accomplished six high average titles in the last two years and has been on more than 40 league championship teams.
Last week shot a 300 game + 814 series at only 79 years young
While bowling on the Senior PBA, he broke his own record as the oldest bowler (76) to advance into match play with a score of 3559 for 16 games

Jim currently is a director on the Cedar Rapids USBC Bowling Association Inc. Board. He has been a coach at May City Lanes for many years. He was awarded the Frank Stanek Award in Cedar Rapids for his sportsmanship, dedication and contributions to the game of ten pins and in addition, the Bowler of the year award for his superior skill and accomplishments to the sport of bowling.

Jim always carried himself with a caring way for other bowlers and friends. He always helped other bowlers with their game giving all the help he could to make their game better. Many bowlers looked to Jim for leadership and advice.

Jim was elected to the Cedar Rapids Association's Hall of Fame in 1989.

The Cedar Rapids USBC Bowling Association Inc. would hope the Iowa State Hall of Fame will honor Cedar Rapids by inducting Jim Novak into the Iowa State Hall of Fame at this time.

Signed by Cedar Rapids Association President Jerry Robinson and Directors James Wheeler and Robert Mumma.