Adrian Skoda New Hampton, IA Meritorious Service Inducted 2005

Adrian Skoda (Skeeter) has done more for bowling in Northeast Iowa than any other individual. He owned and operated the New Hampton center beginning in 1957-59 and 1964-86. Skeeter also started the Tri-State traveling league and district 3 travel tournaments. The traveling league has been in existence since 1961 and he served as secretary-treasurer since its inception. The league began with 6 teams and has now grown to 10 teams.

The travel tournament has now progressed to all the Districts in the state. Skeeter began District 3's tournament in 1973 involving 4 centers with 87 entries. Today 16 centers host the tournament with 929 teams participating.

In 1970 Adrian was elected to the Board of Directors of District 3. In 1977-78 he served as second vice-president and in 1979-80 was first vice-president. He was president in 1981-82 of the Iowa State Bowling Proprietors and served on the National Board of Directors for 5 years. In 1983 he received the Certificate of Merit award from the Bowling Proprietors of America for service to the bowling industry.

Adrian has been a league member since 1949 and at one time carried a 200 average. He was city tournament champion for all events, team, singles and scratch all events during the 1960's and early 70's. He has bowled in 38 state tournaments (35 consecutive), 16 ABC tournaments and 25 Peterson Classics to date. His best state tournament finish was $6^{th}$ in all events and $10^{th}$ in team.

Mr. Skoda is now retired but remains active in the Northeast corner of the state acting as secretary for the District 3 travel tournaments and the Tri-State traveling league.