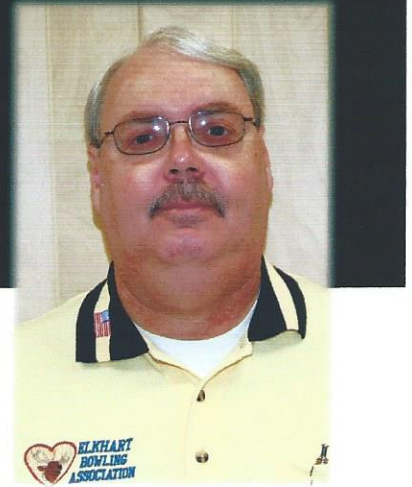




# CRAIG BOWLBY 2008



*Craig Bowlby* started bowling in 1968 at Oakland Lanes in the junior program. After graduating from Elkhart High School he started working for his uncle's, Marvin & Beryl Bowlby and Frank Gard, at Country Club Lanes. *Craig*, along with Steve Miller started the junior bowling leagues, "The Longs and Shorts", at Country Club Lanes. *Craig* coached that league for 7 years before joining Oakland Lanes Junior Bowling program in 1976 for Pat and Lee Wilbur. He has coached Bantams, Preps and Juniors for over 30 years and has been a certified coach for over 35 years. *Craig* holds coaching certificates from the Joe Wilman Coach's School, AJBC Coach Instructor, and YABA coach instructor. He started the Country Club Monday Night Men's bowling league while working at Country Club Lanes, and held the secretary's position for 8 years. *Craig* has held every office in Sanctioned Men's bowling leagues (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) intermittently for over 35 years.

*Craig Bowlby* has been a member of the Elkhart Bowling Association for over 9 years, having held the positions of 1, 2, 3, and 4th Vice President. He has chaired many of the association committees. He is also a two time President having held the position in 2004-2005 and 2006-2008. He has had the pleasure of bowling with some of Elkhart's greatest bowlers and gentlemen, Lou and Steve Gard, Don Lucas, Jerry Healy Sr., his closest friend Tony Ferro and his friend and mentor Dick Veloz. *Craig* states, "If not for Dick Veloz I would have given up bowling and not been able to meet so many fine outstanding bowlers and been to so many places the game has taken me."

*Craig* has lived in Elkhart all of his life. He has a wonderful wife Diane of 35 years and four children, Angela, Scott, Jared, and Taryn. *Craig* has had the distinct pleasure to coach all 4 of his own children through the bantams, preps, and juniors program. His wife and children all still bowl today.

*Craig's* on the lane accomplishments include:

2-300 games • 2-299 games • 1-298 game • 5-290 games

He has participated 25 times in the Elkhart Truth Roll Off with a High series of 789

6 time scratch team champion (3 years were consecutive)

Scratch Doubles champion and runner up twice in All Events