



---Rick Gravender---

Rick Gravender is being inducted for his meritorious service to bowling in the Elkhart area.

Rick has served our bowling association in several roles. He was a Director in the Elkhart Bowling Association for 16 years including President of the E.B.A. one year and Vice President four years. After the associations merged Rick became a Director on the new Heart City USBC board where he has served for all eight years including three years as Association Manager. Rick also served as the Tournament Manager of the Heart City Mixed Team Tourney for three years. Rick served area leagues as a League Secretary for ten years.

Rick started coaching youth bowlers in 1971 at Rainbo and coached for about 11 years. While coaching he met his future wife Deb. For the last three years Rick has served as a high school bowling coach assisting with the Elkhart Central teams.

Rick began bowling when he was 8 years old. He was out of the game from 1988 – 1999 due to elbow problems that developed at work. His bowling accomplishments include:

Member of the City Mixed Team Tourney champion team in 1985-86.

Ten seasons averaging over 200.

1 Career 800 series.

3 Career 300 games. One at Rainbo Lanes and two at Signature Lanes.