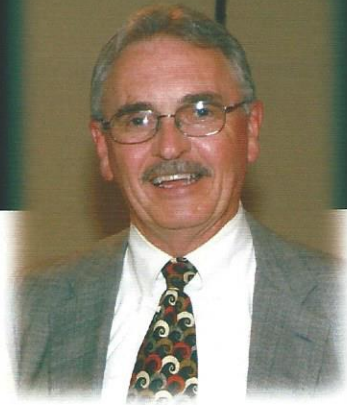




LOU GARD 2005



Lou Gard started his bowling career at the age of fourteen about three years before he graduated from Elkhart High School in 1958. He bowled in Elkhart from 1955 through 1963. He did most of his bowling in Elkhart at Country Club Lanes, which at the time, his family owned, and at Red Crown Lanes in the Classic League. In 1962 Lou had the high association series with a 722, and in 1963 he had five series over 700. In 1963 he was the first person to average over 200 in Elkhart with a 204 average. In 1963 Lou left Elkhart to attend Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, where he bowled on the Stroh's Beer Team for 3 years with two members of the ABC Hall of Fame, Buzz Fazio and George Howard. In 1966 Lou bowled a perfect game in the All Star Tournament in Lansing, MI. The All Star Tournament is now known as the US Open. In 1967 Lou was the first Truth Roll Off Winner. In 1970 he won City Scratch Singles event with 672 and Scratch All Events with 1812. In 1974 Lou and his brother Steve won City Scratch Doubles with 1208, and Lou won Scratch All Events with 1826. It has been several years since Lou has bowled but he still has many fond memories of his former teammates and the people he competed against.

***Lou's* other accomplishments:**

- 1975 City Tournament Scratch Team Champions with 3062 (Dick Veloz, Ron Duncan, Fred Schrock and Ken Amos)
- Highest Series was a 793 in 1986
- Highest Average was 213 in 1985-86 season
- 1962-63 Mishawaka Scratch All Events Champion with 1925 and 1938