

* Ena Hobson
Wichita
KWBA Hall of Fame
Service - 1976

Ena was a member of the Wichita WBA since it was chartered by the WIBC in 1935, a total of forty-one years; she is also a charter member of the Kansas Women's Bowling Association. Being a delegate to the WIBC conventions held in Oklahoma City in 1939, Los Angeles in 1941 and to Grand Rapids in 1946.

Ena's enthusiasm and interest certainly did not end on the local level. One Sunday afternoon in 1940, a group of bowlers, (17 or 18) principally from Topeka and Wichita, met at the old Playmore "Alley" in Wichita and organized the Kansas Women's Bowling Association. Ena was elected our VERY FIRST KWBA President and served the post faithfully through 1942. The first State Tournament was held in March 1941 at the Topeka Recreation Lanes, in Topeka, with twenty-two class "A" teams and forty-two class "B" teams participating.

Although Ena was ready, willing and able to continue serving Kansas bowlers with her leadership, a meeting following the 1942 state tournament changed her destiny. At the meeting it was decided that due to the fact funds were not available to pay for traveling expenses for the officers, the president and secretary would be elected from the city hosting the next years' state tournament.

Ena stated that she would like all women who bowl to remember the saying that "Without organization, nothing is accomplished."