

## **2018 Hall of Fame Inductee: Patricia Bellanger**

Patricia Bellanger bowled in Victoria for over 14 years and comes from a bowling family including Jessie Waldrop (mother), Robert Waldrop (brother), and Glenda Mikeska (sister). She and her husband, Harold Bellanger, have one daughter, Rebekah Martinez, and a son-in-law, Ramsey Martinez, all of which are also bowlers.

In addition to many bowling accomplishments on the lanes, Patricia served in the administrative side of bowling by serving as the City Secretary in the Victoria Women's Bowling Association for five years. She also served on the VWBA Board of Directors for five years.

When asked what she thought her biggest accomplishment, achievement, or service was, she said it was bowling with her mother and accomplishing her first 500, 600, and 700 series, as well as bowling in ProAm's. Patricia bowled two 700 series within a 3-month period in 1994 (735, 2/21/1994; 706, 5/4/1994).

She has been on five first-place teams in the Victoria Women's City Tournament (1990, 1993, 1995, 2012, and 2013). In addition to being on the winning team in 2013, she also claimed first place singles and all events, and doubles with her daughter, Rebekah.

Patricia said her fondest moments in bowling have been bowling with her mom and daughter.

On behalf of the VUSBC, we welcome and congratulate Patricia Bellanger for being inducted into the Victoria USBC Hall of Fame.

## **2018 Hall of Fame Inductee: Jacob Silgero**

Although Jacob has only been bowling for six years, he quickly improved his game to be one of the top bowlers in the city.

Jacob's dad, Rene, is also a bowler in the Victoria USBC. Jacob said the bowling "family" he has developed is what he likes best about bowling.

When asked what his fondest moment in bowling was, he said it was shooting his first 300 (July 2014). The next year he proceeded to shoot three more perfect games within a two month period. Jacob has also achieved one of bowling's highest awards, an 800 series (813, March 2015).

He feels that being the 2017 City Champion is his biggest accomplishment. That same year he also claimed first place in singles and all events.

On behalf of the VUSBC, we welcome and congratulate Jacob Silgero for being inducted into the Victoria USBC Hall of Fame.

## **2018 Hall of Fame Inductee: Samantha Wharton**

Samantha began bowling over 30 years ago in the Woodlands/ Houston area, but most of her bowling experience has been in Victoria.

Samantha's family members include parents Julian and Myrle, brother Julian, sisters Sylvia, Sheila, Soraya, and Sapphire, and daughter Savannah. Several of Samantha's family members have bowled, including her parents and daughter, cousins Javan, Victor, and Fabio, and her fiancée, Joe. Her fondest memories in bowling include bowling with her parents in the Young and the Restless league, and watching her daughter bowl her first 200 game in youth league. If it wasn't for her mom starting her with YMCA bowling ("thanks mom") and her dad giving her the fighting heart attitude ("miss you dad"), she might not be accepting this honor.

When asked what she thought was her biggest bowling accomplishment, achievement, or service was, she said being the Women's City Champion (2017) and bowling a 700 series (702, August 2014), as well as being competitive with the men in the City Open Tournament, having claimed 1<sup>st</sup> place in all events (2014), singles (2010, div 2), and team (2013, 2015, 2017).

Samantha loves the challenge of bowling, and bowling is the first sport that gave Samantha the competitive drive to be the best she can be. She is very competitive and will bowl against anyone. She said she "might get beat, but it will not be an easy task for anyone trying to do so."

She enjoys the friends that she has met along the way, both in league bowling and tournaments. It has been tough getting on the lanes lately and bowling has been put on the back burner due to her daughter's volleyball schedule, but as her mom always tells her, "that is what moms do."

On behalf of the VUSBC, we welcome and congratulate Samantha Wharton for being inducted into the Victoria USBC Hall of Fame.