

2019 Hall of Fame Inductee: John P. Szilagyi

John P. Szilagyi has bowled over 40 years, with 25 years being in Victoria. All of John's immediate family have bowled including his wife Shelly and sons John Michael (fellow VUSBC Hall of Fame inductee) and Benjamin Imre.

John served for several years as a Director and Secretary/ Treasurer of the former Victoria Bowling Association. He also served four years as Director of the Texas State Bowling Association (TSBA), including terms as 1st and 2nd Vice President and President. While serving as the TSBA President, John worked with the TWBA committee to negotiate the merger of the two State associations into what is now the Texas USBC, of which he served two years as a Director.

John feels his biggest bowling accomplishment was "learning to convert the 10 pin." His many bowling achievements include four 300 games, a 299 and 298 game, three 11 in-a-row games, dozens of other perfection close calls (278's, 279's, 280's, 290's), and a high series of 786. John also has numerous team, singles, and doubles titles in City Tournaments. He finished in 10th place with his son, John Michael, in Division 1 doubles at the Texas State Bowling Association Tournament in Houston.

John always enjoyed traveling to other parts of our state and great country to participate in tournaments, meeting other bowlers and the friendships that were molded.

As for John's fondest moment in bowling, he said putting aside personal accomplishments, "hands down it would have to be watching John Michael perform at 2005 Nationals in Baton Rouge as he flirted with perfection in his final game of singles, eventually ending up tied for 18th place out of thousands of bowlers."

On behalf of the VUSBC, we welcome and congratulate John P. Szilagyi for being inducted into the Victoria USBC Hall of Fame.