



John Wenke Friendship Award

In 2019, the John Wenke Friendship Award was established in recognition of John Wenke's dedication to the Kansas bowling community. This award honors an individual bowler who has actively supported our objectives and exemplifies true friendship to the association.

John Wenke held significant leadership roles within the Topeka Bowling Association, serving as both a director and past President from 1977 to 1979. He also contributed to the State Board of Directors, where he served as past President from 1981 to 1985, accumulating 18 years of dedicated service by the time of his induction into the Kansas State USBC Hall of Fame. Additionally, John was an active member of the Southwest Bowling Association for 11 years, where he fulfilled the role of Vice President. He consistently supported local City Tournaments as well as numerous State Tournaments. In 2017, John played a pivotal role on the transition committee, ultimately being elected to the newly merged Kansas State Board of Directors.

Past Recipients

2004 - Roseann Kuhn

2005 - Steve Heffley

2006 - Bob Dodd

2007 - Sharon Billman

2019 - Beverly Harding

2019 - John Wenke

2022 - Anya' Ballance-Danko

2022 - Larry Burton

2023 - Jim Mayberry

2023 - Shirley Jacobson-Posthumously

2024 - Pam Pitts

2024 - Gerry Keslar



John Wenke Friendship Award Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: _____ USBC Bowler ID: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____
Home/Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Bowling Involvements (example: bowler, proprietor, sportswriter, etc.)

In fifty (50) words or less, state why you think this individual should be considered as a nominee for the John Wenke Friendship Award.

Submitted By:

Name: _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____
Home/Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Must be received by March 1st annually to:
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