JOSEPH A. ENGELKES: Waterloo, Iowa
Born October 8, 1951

Joe has been an active member in the Waterloo Bowling Association since 1973. At age 22, Joe joined his first league, averaging 181. He cashed in his first Greater Iowa Bowling Tournament. Joe's ability and dedication does not restrict him to one bowling center or one type of scoring condition. Joe has recorded 415 series of 700 or higher in 42 different bowling centers. That is in addition to (7) 800 series in 3 different centers. He has (11) 300 games, (7) 299 games, (2) 298 games, (2) 297 games, (3) 296 games and (12) eleven in a row awards.

Since 1975 Joe has competed in a minimum of 3 leagues a week, against the best bowlers in Waterloo. In the 1994-95 season Joe rolled (61) 700 series, (3) 800 series, (3) 300 games, (1) 299 game, (1) 298 game, and (2) 11 in a row awards. He has recorded the highest league average (238) a Waterloo record, and has averaged over 200 for 19 consecutive seasons. Joe was the first Waterloo Bowler of the Year in 1981.

City titles include: 5 all events, 3 singles, 4 doubles, and 4 teams. Many times he was selected to the All Star Team. Joe was a 10 year member of the Waterloo Board of Directors, 12 years president of the Viking league, 4 years president of the Maple Masters, a Junior Bowling Instructor, a Certified Lane Inspector, and a volunteer Auditor (Waterloo Women's Association).

Joe has competed in 21 consecutive state tournaments. He was a member of the open team champions in 1993, 2 years his team was 2nd place, one year his team was 3rd place, one year 4th place, and one year 5th place along with multiple top 10 finishes in singles, doubles, and all events. Made the finals 8 times in the Iowa Open tournament. He had 6 Greater Iowa Bowling Association titles. Had the most appearances in finals (6) in 1982, 3rd place on all time money winners list, 3 time earning champion, in 1983, 1990, and 1995. Central Iowa Bowling Association 4 titles and in 1986 was CIBA Bowler of the Year. Iowa Bowling Association titles (2), Greater Des Moines Bowling Association titles (2), Northeast Iowa Open 2nd place (2), Dick Hughes Open 2nd place (2), Hammer Classic 15 game marathon doubles champion and Grand Lanes Open 1989 doubles champion.

Nationally, Joe has bowled in 22 consecutive ABC tournaments with a composite average of 201.2. He has received 19 bronze and silver medallions. In the 1995 ABC Masters, Joe finished the first block 23rd out of 605 bowlers. In ABC competition Joe had all events scores of 2000 twice, 1900 four times and 1800 five times. In 1986 in the Bowler's Journal tournament in Las Vegas, Nevada, Joe rolled 19 consecutive strikes and finished in 11th place.

Inducted in 1998 in the Bowling Ability Category.

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