

**John Ruggiero III**  
**Superior Performance**



John Ruggiero III is joining his father in the Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame. John is extremely proud of this fact. This son of a bowling pioneer grew up having legends like Buzz Fazio and Joe Joseph in his kitchen sharing their knowledge. John's road to the Michigan State Hall of Fame has been a long time in the making.

John III did not start his bowling career until the age of 12 following his father's philosophy. He bowled as a youth in the Cecil Ward Travel League. John went to Western University and bowled in collegiate competitions. He would then go on to be a very active tournament competitor. John would travel both nationally and regionally to bowl in various tournaments. Along the way he would take time to be an at large director for the Greater Detroit Bowling Association,

John's current passion in bowling is for seniors. He became involved in the Senior Olympics Movement. Bowling is a part of the games. The Michigan Senior Olympics qualifying for bowling will be the last Sunday and Monday in July at

Woodland Lanes in Livonia. The 2024 winners in the different bowling the opportunity to represent Michigan in different cities. John loves bowling for his state and relished the chance to continue doing it. He is proud to represent bowling for Michigan and our bowling community. John has lots of stories about the Senior Olympics and will gladly recruit as many seniors into the fold as possible. He has offered administrative help for the Senior Olympics. The state senior games are one route for bowling to convince the International Olympic Committee to bring the sport back to the Games.

As much as John loves the Senior Olympics movement, he can be found on the lanes most weekends bowling in a state or local tournament. He has been an avid supporter of the Michigan State Mixed, Michigan State Seniors, and Michigan State Open Championships. An annual competitor in the MSUSBC Senior Championships, John got the opportunity to represent Michigan at the National USBC Senior Tournament in his age category, in the Open division. He placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the 2021 Tournament in Henderson, Nevada.

Congratulations John, on your induction into the Michigan State USBC Hall of Fame. There are two Ruggiero men now in the Hall of Fame.

Highlights of John's bowling career: 1975 Singles Actual Michigan BA Tournament, 15 300 games, 8 800 series, 61 years of average over 200, numerous Senior Olympic Gold Medals.