

VIRGIL JOHNS

Men's Veteran Skill - Charter Member 1978



Born August 2, 1912 in Enid, Oklahoma, Virgil Johns started bowling in 1939 after moving to Oklahoma City. He is recognized as one of Oklahoma City's greatest bowlers with natural and dedicated leadership. He was a Charter Member and Secretary of the OKC Major Scratch League until it was replaced by the Master Traveling League, becoming the President in 1960-61. Virgil was President of the Oklahoma City Men's Bowling Association in 1962-63. He was also a member of the Board of Directors for the State Association. His greatest accomplishments came on the lanes with a high average of 198, high series of 705 and high game of 290. Here are some of his other accomplishments:

OKC Times Classic, 1940 Score 1199, bowled 1st 700 Series (705)
Southwest Tournament All Events (1748)
Harpman Tournament of 1944 – 2nd Place, avg 194 for 23 games
OKC Times Classic, 1948-49 Score 1164; 1949-50 Score 1207
ABC Tournament, Doubles with Messenger 256-664
OKC City Tournament 1954-55, Scratch All Events
Southwest Tournament 1955-56, All Events (1825)
ABC 1957, Singles (598), Doubles (633, Team (597), All Events (1828)

Virgil was honored several times for high averages, series and games throughout his career and for his consistent ability as a Class A bowler for over 25 years, the Oklahoma City Council inducts Virgil Johns into its Hall of Fame.