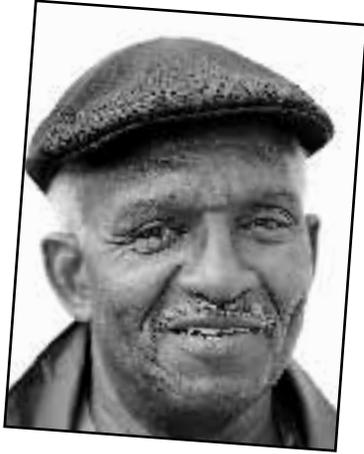


Mini-Bio

CELLUS BENJAMIN



BIRTHDATE: October 1, 1937 in Columbia, S.C.

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Temple Hills, Md.

MARITAL STATUS: Happily married for 42 years, with three children and 11 grandchildren

EDUCATION: 1957 graduate of Roberts High School in Holly Hill, S.C.

EMPLOYMENT: Retired tractor trailer driver for the Montgomery County government

CURRENT LEAGUES: Tri-Nightly at Crofton; Prime Timers, Rinaldi's Mixed 5's, and RTR Classic at Riverdale; and Eastern Major Travel every other Sunday

MOST RECENT BOWLING ACCOMPLISHMENT OF WHICH I'M MOST PROUD: Bowling my first 800 set, and it so happened to be an 855 (277-279-299) at Crofton.

BEST PART OF MY GAME: Staying aggressive

WORST PART OF MY GAME: Running by the 10-pin 40 percent of the time

TOURNAMENT TITLES OR BEST FINISH: Won the all events and placed second in singles at the TNBA in Las Vegas

WORST OR MOST EMBARRASSING BOWLING MOMENTS: Shooting a 397 set at Marlow Heights and throwing a gutter ball on a four-bagger

BEST TACTIC I USE TO HANDLE PRESSURE: I talk to myself and relax. I also try to tone my mental game just as you tone your muscles and do the best I can.

SPARE-SHOOTER RATING (10 best – 1 worst): 8

IMPORTANCE OF BOWLING IN MY LIFE (10 most – 1 least): 7, after my wife, my kids, and my health

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MOST IMMEDIATE BOWLING GOAL: To win one major tournament

PRO BOWLERS I MOST ADMIRE: Danny Wiseman and Walter Ray Williams Jr. I like their styles of bowling and their concentration.

LOCAL BOWLER I MOST ADMIRE: Hezekiah Dillahunt Jr. I just love the way he throws the ball.

INTERESTS OUTSIDE OF BOWLING: Going to see a movie with my wife and those one-arm bandits (slots)

VEHICLE I DRIVE: 1991 Lincoln Town Car

FAVORITE MEAL: Spaghetti and meatballs

FAVORITE BEVERAGE: It used to be Courvoisier and Hennessy, but now it's lots and lots of water.

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Walker Texas Ranger"

FAVORITE MOVIE: *Dead or Alive*

FAVORITE NON-BOWLING MAGAZINE: *AARP*. I read it every month.

NICKNAME: "Big Buddy"

PRODUCT FOR WHICH I'D LIKE TO BE SPOKESMAN: Columbia 300 bowling balls

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION I CAN NEVER KEEP: Save more money

TASK I HATE TO DO: Clean house

SUBJECT ABOUT WHICH I'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE: The Spanish language

THREE FAMOUS PEOPLE (LIVING OR DEAD) I'D INVITE TO MY HOME FOR DINNER: Maya Angelou, Bill Cosby, and Earl Anthony

PET PEEVE: People who are not ready to bowl when it's their turn

ONE WORD THAT BEST DESCRIBES ME: *Comical*

BIGGEST PERSONAL REGRET: I was offered a full scholarship at Allen University in Columbia, S.C., and didn't take it.

BIGGEST PERSONAL FAILURE: I gave up playing basketball, which is what I did best.

SUPERSTITIONS: Bowling when there are splits standing on each lane beside me.

FAMOUS LIVING PERSON I'D LIKE TO BE FOR A DAY: Donald Trump

MY MOST IRRATIONAL FEAR: A doctor telling me I can't bowl anymore

IF I COULD BE GRANTED ONE WISH: To be rich

FUTURE PLANS: Take it one day at a time

PHILOSOPHY I LIVE BY: Treat everyone the way I wish to be treated