

Mini-Bio

CHRIS JOHNSON



BIRTH DATE: March 4, 1972

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Woodbridge, Va.

SOCIAL STATUS: Married with three children

EDUCATION: 1990 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School; also attended Prince George's Community College

CURRENT JOB: Records manager for Fairfax County, Va.

EARLIEST BOWLING MEMORY: Bowling duckpins with my mother at Capital Plaza at age 4.

MOST RECENT TOURNAMENT ACCOMPLISHMENT: Winning the TNBA Bill Rhodman Memorial Eastern Region Singles Tournament in Delaware this year. I have bowled in the event a long time since my youth, and I had never won. I also did it in front of my friends. I later went to Chicago and won the national Rhodman.

BEST PART OF MY GAME: The ability to maintain ball speed.

WORST PART OF MY GAME: Knowing when to make a big adjustment of slowing down.

MOST EMBARRASSING BOWLING MOMENT: Missing an 8-pin to lose a match at the High Roller

BEST TACTIC I USE TO HANDLE PRESSURE: Focus on making good shots and getting the ball off my hand cleanly—don't think about the money or what winning would mean.

SPARE-SHOOTER RATING (10 = best / 1 = worst): An 8 or 9—it depends

IMPORTANCE OF BOWLING IN MY LIFE (10 = most / 1 = least): Ten years ago, it would be a 10. Now, with a family and other responsibilities, it's a 7.

MOST IMMEDIATE BOWLING GOALS: Make the finals of the High Roller and repeat as champion of the Rhodman singles.

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INTERESTS OUTSIDE OF BOWLING: Watching my kids bowl and play other sports

FAVORITE PLACE I'VE VISITED: Skyline Drive with my kids. For me, it's Las Vegas.

MY MOST OVERUSED PHRASE: "Are you serious?"

NICKNAME: "CJ"

PRODUCT FOR WHICH I'D LIKE TO BE SPOKESMAN: Storm Products—I'm an amateur staff member.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION I CAN NEVER KEEP: Lose weight

TASK I HATE TO DO: Cut the grass

SUBJECT ABOUT WHICH I'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE: History. I enjoy learning about the Titanic, 9/11, the Hindenburg, and things like that.

PUBLIC FIGURE I MOST ADMIRE: Bill Clinton

QUALITIES I MOST ADMIRE IN MY FRIENDS: Funny, honest, and truthful at all times

QUALITY I LIKE MOST IN A BOWLING CENTER: Fair and equal lane conditions—preferably tougher

THREE FAMOUS PEOPLE (LIVING OR DEAD) I'D INVITE TO MY HOME FOR DINNER: Earl Anthony, Magic Johnson, and Richard Pryor.

PET PEEVE: People who are two-faced

ONE WORD THAT BEST DESCRIBES ME: *Competitive*

BIGGEST PERSONAL REGRET: I wish I had taken school more seriously. I didn't work as hard as I should have.

NOBODY KNOWS I'M GOOD AT: Shooting pool

SUPERSTITIONS: When I was young, I ate pasta the day before a tournament. Sometimes, I still do!

HEROES: I don't know about heroes, but I respect Illinois Senator Barack Obama and also pro bowler Chris Barnes, who earlier had rubbed me the wrong way. But like me, he now has twins, and I heard him say that it's more important for him to be a good father than a great bowler.

FAMOUS LIVING PERSON I'D LIKE TO BE FOR ONE DAY: Bill Gates

MY MOST TREASURED POSSESSION: My family

GREATEST EXTRAVAGANCE: My kids' clothes!

MY GREATEST PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT: I think I'm a good father.

IF I COULD BE GRANTED ONE WISH: All my children have safe and successful lives

FUTURE PLANS: There's a good chance that I'll be moving back to Maryland within the next year.

PHILOSOPHY I LIVE BY: Live day to day