

GARY MIXON



BIRTHDAY: July 31

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Clinton, Maryland

SOCIAL STATUS: Divorced, three children, has a girlfriend

EDUCATION: I attended Oliver Wendell Holmes High School my freshman and sophomore years, then went to John Jay my junior year. My father was in the Air Force, and we then moved to South Carolina, where I finished my schooling.

CURRENT JOB: I was in the Army for 23 years. I currently test applications software for the armed forces.

EARLIEST BOWLING MEMORY: At the age of five in Pensacola, Fla., my grandmother, aunt, and mother used to bowl in a league. Back then, they had nurseries in the bowling alley, so they would take us and let us just goof off.

CURRENT BOWLING LEAGUES: Monday Night Mixed at Bolling Air Force Base (Potomac Lanes), Pinbusters at Parkland, Fun Incorporated at AMF Marlow Heights, Bottom Liners at AMF Capital Plaza

LEAGUE I MOST PREFER: The Bottom Liners is more competitive for myself than any of the other leagues.

NOTABLE TOURNAMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS: I've bowled 300 games in tournaments in Williamsburg, Va., Odenton, Md., and at the FAA event in New Jersey.

300 GAMES: 15

HIGH SERIES: 817 at Andrews Air Force Base Lanes

BEST PART OF MY GAME: Probably my mental aspect. You might throw a couple strikes in a row and then you come back and throw a bad ball. Most bowlers would get upset, but I look at the bad ball like, *Okay, I did this wrong; I just need to come back and correct it the next frame.*

WORST PART OF MY GAME: That would probably be picking up the 10-pin as well as taking the game more serious.

WORST OR MOST EMBARRASSING BOWLING MOMENT: At Bolling Air Force Base maybe five or six years back, I was the anchorman, and all we needed to win was three pins. I threw the ball in the gutter—ouch! So I heard it not only from my teammates but everybody in the bowling alley as well. That was one of those moments I just wanted to pack my stuff up and go home.

BEST TACTIC I USE TO HANDLE PRESSURE: I just think back to my military days and all the lives I had under me—the soldiers under me. I would think back to those days and be like, *This is nothing compared to having 18- and 19-year-olds' lives in your hands.*

SPARE-SHOOTER RATING (10 = best / 1 = worst): Probably a 9.5

IMPORTANCE OF BOWLING IN MY LIFE (10 = most / 1 = least): 9

BOWLINGWISE, I RATE MYSELF ... I would rate myself in the top 10 percent of area bowlers.

MOST IMMEDIATE BOWLING GOAL: I would like to shoot a 900.

INTERESTS OUTSIDE OF BOWLING: I try to spend as much time as I can with my girlfriend. She's very supportive on the nights that I'm not bowling. I try to do something with her. She hates bowling, but like I said, she's very supportive.

STRANGE AND UNUSUAL FACT ABOUT ME: I get my feet and my hands done every two weeks.

VEHICLE I DRIVE: CTS Cadillac

FAVORITE MEAL: Crab legs, shrimp, and a glass of wine

FAVORITE BEVERAGE: Beer

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Sunday NFL Countdown"

FAVORITE MOVIE: *Scarface*

FAVORITE MUSIC: All kinds. I have no preference—country and western, R & B, some hard rock. It doesn't matter.

NICKNAME: "G Mix"

PRODUCT FOR WHICH I'D LIKE TO BE SPOKESMAN: Crest toothpaste

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION I CAN NEVER KEEP: Working out

TASK I HATE TO DO: Anything mechanical—not even changing the oil or tires on my car!

SUBJECT ABOUT WHICH I'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE: The American Revolution

PUBLIC FIGURE I MOST ADMIRE: President Barack Obama

QUALITY I MOST ADMIRE IN MY FRIENDS: Humor

IF I WON THE LOTTERY....: I'd buy a new house for my mom.

THREE FAMOUS PEOPLE (LIVING OR DEAD) I'D INVITE TO MY HOME FOR DINNER: Earl Anthony, Martin Luther King Jr., and John F. Kennedy

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PET PEEVE: To have someone ask me to do something and then two minutes later turn around and ask me to do the same thing again

ONE WORD THAT BEST DESCRIBES ME: *Fun*

BIGGEST PERSONAL REGRET: If after my divorce, I could have had my kids.

NOBODY KNOWS I'M GOOD AT: Crossword puzzles

I'M PICKY WHEN IT COMES TO: Everything being in its place

I'M PASSIONATE ABOUT: My bowling

MY HEROES IN LIFE: My mother, my siblings, and my girlfriend

MY GUILTY PLEASURE: I eat ice cream.

IF I COULD BE GRANTED ONE WISH: For me and my kids to be back together—they're currently in Florida

FUTURE PLANS: I'd like to participate in the PBA and hopefully win one of those tournaments at one of the PBA stops.

PHILOSOPHY I LIVE BY: Live every day like it's your last.