
Johnston's consecutive 300s lead to record series at AMF Waldorf

Jay Johnston of Leonardtown, Md., set a new house record at AMF Waldorf January 7 when he closed with **consecutive perfect games** to score an 848 series in the Jimmy Jones Memorial league. Tommy McLane's 830 had been the previous high at the center.



"It was a shock; I never thought I'd roll back-to-back 300s," said Johnston, a 47-year-old righthander, an employee at J W Jewelers in Waldorf. "I was just very focused in going through my routine."

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Johnston, who already owned a couple of perfect games and 800 series, finished his final frame of the evening using his 15-pound AZO Pure Tactics ball in front of numerous spectators, as members of the late league who arrived and heard about the first 300 had gathered behind his lanes.

"When I got up in the tenth frame, you could have heard a pin drop," he said. "When I threw the first one and turned around, I was in the middle of the house on [lanes] 15 and 16, and there was no room between me, the front door, and there was like a sea of people, standing on chairs watching. It was pretty exciting."

Johnston's previous bowling highlight had been sitting in the bleachers 15 years ago at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev., listening to a conversation between Hall of Famers Dick Weber, Marshall Holman, and Joe Norris. Later this year, Johnston returns to the National Bowling Stadium, where he is scheduled to make his 21st consecutive appearance in the USBC Open Championships. He hopes to achieve his next bowling goal there.

"I would love to win one of those eagles at the nationals—a lofty goal," he said.