

## Mini-Bio

# TOM MIDDLETON

**NCAUSBCA's No. 3-ranked male bowler in 2009-2010 with a 227.3841 composite average**



**BIRTHDAY:** June 17, 1965

**CITY OF RESIDENCE:** Warrenton, Va.

**SOCIAL STATUS:** Separated and soon to be divorced. I have two sons—Sammy (age 13) and Steven (age 10).

**EDUCATION:** Seneca Valley High School in Germantown, Md., and Lincoln Tech

**CURRENT JOB:** Digital Printing and Production for a printing company

**EARLIEST BOWLING MEMORY:** Age 6 bowling duckpins at Fair Lanes Wheaton Plaza

**CURRENT BOWLING LEAGUES:** Sunday AM Commercial at Bowl America Manassas, Monday Night Classic and Tuesday Sport Trios at Bowl America Bull Run, and Wednesday Early Mixed at Broadview Lanes in Warrenton, Va.

**NOTABLE TOURNAMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Back in the mid-late '90s when I bowled a couple tournaments per month, I bowled in a PBA Regional at Rehoboth Beach, Del. There were 180 bowlers, I qualified second and finished third in the stepladder. I left a pocket 6-8 split, and that cost me my match. If I could have just spared that frame, I believe I would have won the tournament (would of, could of, should of). ... Also during the same time frame, I bowled in a national PBA stop at Country Club Lanes. I wasn't bowling that well, but I think it was the second to last game I had nine strikes in a row. There were a couple ball reps and lots of fans watching by then. I was pretty nervous, but I went up there and somehow rolled the perfect ball and left a stone 9. I picked it up and left another stone 9 for the fill ball. Even though I did not bowl a 300, it felt really good that I was able roll a good ball with all of that pres-

sure. ... I have won several local tournaments (Staunton, Va., Red Eye, Mike Hahn and John Parks events, etc.), but most of those were before 2004—just was not able to bowl as much and not able to practice. Hopefully, I will bowl more frequently in tournaments soon.

**BEST PART OF MY GAME:** I do not get too emotional when bowling well. I just try to only think about the next shot, not how many strikes I have in a row or let a bad break (like a pocket 7-10) ruin my day.

**WORST PART OF MY GAME:** Lately, the worst part of my game seems to be not changing balls quick enough when not carrying well. I would keep changing hand positions, the release, the line, etc. Just last Sunday, I kept hitting the pocket but could not carry anything. I finally switched balls the third game and bowled 268! Why couldn't I have done that sooner? I also need to educate myself more on the latest drilling layouts.

**WORST OR MOST EMBARRASSING BOWLING MOMENT:** I bowled in a national PBA stop in Erie, Pa., back in 1996. I have several relatives near Erie. The week before, a high percentage of lefties cashed. It figures that the tournament I bowled in, the left side was completely shut out. Only two lefties cashed out of 53 or so cash spots. I was embarrassed that my relatives were there watching me struggle almost every game—not a good feeling.

**BEST TACTIC I USE TO HANDLE PRESSURE:** I try to find my Happy Place, like Happy Gilmore (except without the midget or little person riding the tricycle).

**SPARE-SHOOTER RATING (10 = best / 1 = worst):** 9.9

**IMPORTANCE OF BOWLING IN MY LIFE (10 = most / 1 = least):** 8—family first, work second, and bowling third

**MOST IMMEDIATE BOWLING GOAL:** To bowl well in Warrenton again. The first seven weeks or so in league, I was averaging 245. Now I am bowling low-to-mid 600s.

**INTERESTS OUTSIDE OF BOWLING:** Really like sports, classic rock music, and classic cars.

**FAMOUS LIVING PERSON I MOST ADMIRE:** Cal Ripken Jr.

**FAMOUS PERSON WHO MOST ANNOYS ME:** A-Rod

**FIRST THING I'D BUY IF I WON THE LOTTERY:** I would go to the Barrett-Jackson Auction and buy a really sweet Shelby Mustang.

**IF I HAD MORE TIME, I WOULD:** Spend more time with my boys (fishing, sporting events)

**THE ONE PLACE I'D LIKE TO VISIT:** I can't believe it, but I have never been to the Baseball Hall of Fame. I want to take my boys there (maybe this summer).

**VEHICLE I DRIVE:** 2005 Chevy TrailBlazer XLT

**FAVORITE MEAL:** Meat and potatoes

**FAVORITE TV SHOW:** "King of Queens"

**FAVORITE MOVIE:** *Blues Brothers*

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## Calendar of Events

### JANUARY

**15** – Junior Gold (Mini) Tournament at Bowl America Shirley.  
**16** – Youth 600 Club Doubles Tournament at Bowl America Dranesville.  
**22** – Red Eye Tournament at Bowl America Bull Run.  
**22-23, 29-30, Feb. 6** – NCAUSBCA Youth Scratch Invitational (Round 1: B/A Gaithersburg; Round 2: B/A Woodbridge; Round 3: Rinaldi's Riverdale; Round 4: Village Lanes; Finals: B/A Fairfax).

### FEBRUARY

**12** – Bowl for the Cure® event at Bowl America Shirley.  
**12** – Junior Gold (Major) Tournament at Bowl America Bull Run.  
**19** – NCAUSBCA 4th Annual Adult & Youth Sports Day at Bowl America Shirley.  
**20** – Youth 600 Club Singles Tourney.  
**26** – NCAUSBCA Scratch Mixed Doubles Tournament at Bowl America Shirley.  
**27** – NCAUSBCA Annual Meeting at Bowl America Gaithersburg.

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## Tournament Roundup

**PBA South Region Waynesboro, Va., Over / Under Doubles, Waynesboro, Va.** (Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., & Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., \$3,200) – 8, Richard Holmes Sr., Luray, Va., & Richard Holmes Jr., Midland, Va., \$1,100; 10, Garry Breeden, Manassas, Va., & Richard Wolfe, Culpeper, Va., \$880.

**NCAUSBCA Youth 600 Club Winter Singles Tournament at Bowl America Woodbridge** – 1, Rodney Eckles, Fairfax, Va. (754), \$100 (scholarship); 2, Jason Eman, Springfield, Va. (685), \$60; 3, Ryan Anders, Dunkirk, Md., (671), \$40. ... Other Tournament of Champions qualifiers: Nick Hardy, Huntingtown, Md., (625); previous qualifier Robert Alston, Bowie (613); and Douglas Tyler, Suitland (585).

**NCAUSBCA Youth 600 Club Fall Doubles at AMF Dale City** – 1, Malcolm James (750) & Michael Simpson (685), Woodbridge, Va., 1,435, \$120 (scholarship); 2, Brandon Holloway, Fairmont Heights, Md., (613) & Tyler Brooks, Brandywine, Md., (596), 1,209, \$60. ... Wittney Myers, Woodbridge, Va., (597) also qualified for the Tournament of Champions.

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**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION I CAN NEVER KEEP:** Stop making New Year's resolutions

**TASK I HATE TO DO:** Laundry

**SUBJECT ABOUT WHICH I'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE:** Investing / stock market

**TALENT I WOULD MOST LIKE TO HAVE:** To be a Major League pitcher

**THREE FAMOUS PEOPLE (LIVING OR DEAD) I'D INVITE TO MY HOME FOR DINNER:** Ben Franklin, Thomas Edison, and Orville Redenbacher—just kidding—and Henry Ford.

**NUMBER ONE PET PEEVE:** Athletes that take steroids and then make up a million excuses.

**ONE WORD THAT BEST DESCRIBES ME:** Dependable

**BIGGEST PERSONAL REGRET:** Never went to college—only went to a trade school

**NOBODY KNOWS I'M GOOD AT:** Cooking

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## AWARDS, from page 20

Saah, Fred W - SLS07  
Scurlock, Thomas J - MA001  
Smith, Dennis G - WB020  
Smith, James L - WB011  
Smith, Melvin L Jr - WB019  
[Spriggs, Ernest W](#) - LA014 / PK005  
Stein, Carl V - GB011  
Strickland, Michael - PK005  
Szymanski, Kenneth J - WB011  
Taylor, James L - MH027  
Tizol, Antonio - DR007  
To, Chhoeun - FC002 (2) / FC003  
Tsugawa, James J - AD004 / AD009  
Tull, Larry E - FC011  
[Turner, Gregory L](#) - CA014 / PK005  
Tyler, Barry R - MH027  
Walsh, Daniel A Jr - WA012  
[Warboy, Michael J](#) - CR023  
[Ward, Christopher D](#) - WA004  
Waters, William E - WA020  
Wiley, Terry A - FC003  
Wilhelm, Adrain J - MA001  
Wilkins, Kevin L - PK021  
Wilson, Jeffery A - MA001  
Wilson, John A - WB001  
Wong, Wylie - GB018  
Woodson, Benjamin A Jr - CY015  
Yost, Martin E - LC014

\* = NCAUSBCA Senior Tournament



Director Rick Ketchie (right) presents a USBC 300 ring to Carl Carter for his fourth career perfect game rolled November 3 in the Blue Ridge Mixed league at Bowl America Bull Run. Carter, 67, a resident of Sterling, Va., started bowling in 1994 and tossed his first perfecto just two years later.