

"Superior Performance & Meritorious Service"



John Vananzo, born on April 4, 1962 in Baltimore MD, son of Mary Margret Vananzo and the late Nicholas Vananzo. John graduated from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in 1980, where he played soccer, basketball and baseball. John is employed by Maryland State Highway Administration as a Transportation Engineer. He lives in Aberdeen with his wife Elly and their cat children, PJ, Cookie (also known as Cookie John Michael when

she is bad), and Hailey.

John's interest in bowling began when his family would bowl duckpins together at the old Greenway Bowl lanes off of Moravia Road. Upon moving to Harford County in 1972, they would occasionally bowl Ten Pins at Fairlanes Edgewood. His interest in the sport grew and he joined his first adult league in 1981, the Rolling Kegs, on Sunday night at Edgewood. His final average was a 156.

Since that first adult league, he developed a love for the sport which encouraged him to become a dedicated student of the game. On the other hand, his "mild" competitive streak allowed him to improve his game to become a skilled and accomplished bowler. In addition to his doubles and team tournament titles, he is credited with sixteen 300 games, eight 299 games, three 298 games, and one 297 game. He has three 800 sets, with a high of 809. John also has nine 11 in a row games and numerous 700 sets. He is currently averaging over 220, a long way from that first 156.

Just recently, on January 19 th 2007 at Harford Lanes on the Bill Snavelly Scratch League, John was part of a bowling feat that he is proudest of. John (266) (769) and his teammates Tim Moor (299) (815), Bryan Lindecamp (300) (765), Rob Hunter (256) (675) and Kevin Walker (279) (753) bowled the fourth highest team game in bowling history, a 1399. The 1399 team game is a state and county record. The team series of 3777 is a county record.

John's dedication to the sport he loves also includes service. He was first elected to the Cecil Harford Counties Bowling Ass ociation Board of Directors in 1992. John served as House Rep for one year and then was elected Vice President in 1994 serving in that capacity until 2003, until his election to President, the position he still holds. In 2005 John was elected Life Member of the Cecil Harford Counties Bowling Ass ociation.

At the State level, John served as a delegate for 10 years and a director for 3 years. In 2004 John was appointed to the transition team to form the new Maryland State

merged association under the new USBC guidelines. He currently holds the position of Executive Vice President of the Maryland State USBC Association.

John also enjoys coaching and helping youth bowlers and is a certified youth instructor. He coached for three years at Forest Hill and Edgewood Lanes. John also served as MD State YABA Director for three years.

The Cecil Harford USBC Bowling Association is proud to induct John M. Vananzo to their Hall of Fame in the categories of Superior Performance and Meritorious Service.

Titles and Accomplishments:

Cecil Harford

2000 Doubles Scratch (Mike Bowers)

2006 Doubles Scratch (Tim Moor)

5 - Mixed Team Scratch - 1997, 1998, 2001, 2003, 2005

2 - Mixed Doubles Scratch - 1998, 2007

2 - Mixed Doubles Handicap - 2005, 2007

MD State

1999 Team Scratch MSBA (Bruce Holen, Mike Wheeler, Rich McFadden and John Kaniecki)

2005 Team Scratch MSBA (Tim Moor, Kevin Walker, Bernie Kuhn and Bryan Lindecamp)

3 - Mixed Team Scratch - 2000, 2003, 2004

1 - Mixed Team Handicap - 2006

1 - Mixed Doubles Handicap - 2005

Greater Baltimore

1989 Team Handicap (Vince Dash, John Kaniecki, Cuddy Wolf and Phil Philloe)

700 Club

2 time Tournament of Champions (first bowler to win it twice), 2 Singles Titles

Member/ Non member doubles (Bryan Cavallaro)

Other Tournament Titles

2005 Lebanon Dutchman's Tournament Mixed Team (Elly Ripken, Joe Ciufu, Alex Abraham and Steve Tarbert)

3 time Valentines Scotch Doubles Scratch

2 time Valentines Scotch Doubles Handicap

Sunday Night "King of the Hill" tournament held at Country Club Lanes

1988 Champion of Champion's (Sandman Floors)

Other

1399 Team Game – 4th Highest Games in USBC History and State and County Record

3777 Team Series – County Record (Tim.Moor, Bryan.Lindecamp, Rob.Hunter, Kevin.Walker)

High Triplicate Award of 247

High Average of 222

Life Member of the 700 club

15 Straight National Tournaments