

Mini-Bio

BERNARD TAYLOR

NCAUSBCA 2011 Senior Tournament Divisional Singles Champion



BIRTH DATE: August 27, 1946

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Waldorf, Maryland

SOCIAL STATUS: Married with four children, 11 grandchildren

EDUCATION: Eastern High School, one year under the GI Bill of Rights at Federal City College—now the University of the District of Columbia

CURRENT STATUS: I retired last year from my food clerk position at Shoppers Food Warehouse, where I worked for 11 years. I was a D.C. fireman for 25 years until I retired in 1995. I served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1969.

EXPECTATIONS ENTERING THE SENIOR TOURNAMENT: I always bowl to win.

THOUGHTS AFTER ROLLING A 110 GAME IN THE DOUBLES EVENT: I did not have a great first day. I'm coming off hip replacement surgery in 2009, and I'm still trying to get my balance together. I also had knee surgery in 2010. I'm getting back to where I'm supposed to be, so my average is coming back up, too. The next day in singles, I focused [scoring a 605 series], I guess. I later was told I was on top of the board, but I didn't give winning much thought. Maybe I'd get a check.

OTHER TOURNAMENT TITLES: I won a tournament many years ago at [Bowl America] Glassmanor, but I don't recall what it was.

EARLIEST BOWLING MEMORY: My father died when I was 14, and Mr. Fisher, who lived up the street, took an interest in me and the boys in the neighborhood—back then, everybody just helped everybody out. He took a group of us over to Greenway Bowl, and that's when we started to bowl. We first bowled duck-pins, then tenpins.

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CURRENT BOWLING LEAGUE: Thursday Trios at Potomac Lanes

MOST EMBARRASSING BOWLING MOMENT: I bowled a 97 game at a tournament in New Jersey many years ago.

IMPORTANCE OF BOWLING IN MY LIFE (10 = most / 1 = least): I'd say "8" now. At one time it was "10," but I'm getting a little tired at times. I bowled three leagues at Bowl America Kent back in the old days.

INTERESTS OUTSIDE OF BOWLING: I watch football on TV.

VEHICLES I DRIVE: Mitsubishi Galant and Toyota Camry

MUSIC I'M INTO: Jazz and the blues

I'M PICKY WHEN IT COMES TO: Nearly everything being in its proper place

I'M PASSIONATE ABOUT: Football and cooking

FAVORITE MEAL: My ribs and potato salad

FAVORITE BEVERAGE: Water

FAVORITE TV SHOW: It used to be "Star Trek." I have all the DVDs!

FAVORITE MOVIE: I like some of Steve McQueen's movies such as *The Great Escape* and *Bullitt*.

FAVORITE PLACE I'VE VISITED: Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

NICKNAME: "Bat"—I was a really fast basketball player, and some said I was like a bat that couldn't be caught.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION I CAN NEVER KEEP: Exercise

TASK I HATE TO DO: Public speaking, such as when I'm asked to say grace before dinner

SUBJECT ABOUT WHICH I'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE: Politics

PUBLIC FIGURE I MOST ADMIRE: President Barack Obama

QUALITY I MOST ADMIRE IN MY FRIENDS: They don't curse or smoke, and we all accept one another.

THREE FAMOUS PEOPLE (LIVING OR DEAD) I'D INVITE TO MY HOME FOR DINNER: Barack Obama, Bill Clinton, and Michael Jackson

PET PEEVE: Disorder

ONE WORD THAT BEST DESCRIBES ME: Reserved

NOBODY KNOWS I'M GOOD AT: Cooking—I've got three grills!

MY MOST IRRATIONAL FEAR: Heights—I was a fireman for 25 years, and high places never bothered me.

MY MOST TREASURED POSSESSION: My wife and family—I would die for them.

BIGGEST MISCONCEPTION ABOUT MYSELF: Some think that I'm very quiet.

STRANGE AND UNUSUAL FACT ABOUT ME: I don't like to be late for anything.

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THREE FAMOUS PEOPLE WHO ANNOY ME: House Speaker John Boehner, Sarah Palin, Michele Bachmann

NEXT RISK I WANT TO TAKE: I don't take risks. I plan ahead and play it safe.

FIRST THING I'D BUY IF I WON THE LOTTERY: A new car

IF I HAD MORE TIME: I would see my grandkids grow up.

GREATEST EXTRAVAGANCE: About three years ago for my birthday, I bought a 55-inch television.

GREATEST PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT: Raising four kids—they all turned out good, and they all went to college.

IF I COULD BE GRANTED ONE WISH: I wish that my kids have a better future than mine.

FUTURE PLANS: Take it easy day to day

PHILOSOPHY I LIVE BY: Do unto others as you would want them to do unto you.