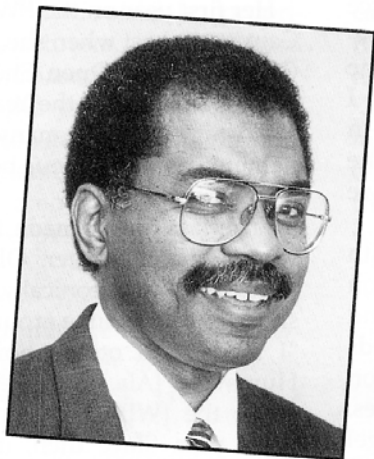


RON HOLT

**Hall of Famer and 2000 Scratch All Events champion
who will represent NCABA
at the 2001 ABC Masters in Reno, Nevada**



BIRTHDATE: September 6, 1952.

BIRTHPLACE: Lothian, Md.

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Upper Marlboro, Md.

MARITAL STATUS: Married to Robin for four years.

EDUCATION: Graduated from Southern (High) of Harwood, Md., and attended Bowie State University, where I studied fine arts.

CURRENT JOB: Database specialist with Prince George's County Public School System. I'm also half-owner of "Banners, Designs, Etc.," a sign shop in Falls Church.

EARLIEST BOWLING MEMORY: Getting on the lanes after the late leagues at Riverdale Bowl in 1979. The center was open 24 hours a day and was the only one that could accommodate me. Nancy Knox, who worked there, talked me into joining a league.

CURRENT LEAGUES/AVERAGES: The Tuesday Nite Men's Handicap at Lord Calvert, the Eastern Majors Travel League, and I'm a roving sub in the Lost Weekenders at Shirley. I generally average around 220.

HIGH GAME/SERIES: 300 (23) / 814 (twice).

MOST RECENT BOWLING ACCOMPLISHMENT: Rolling my 23rd 300 game at Greenway Bowl in Odenton, Md., in the Eastern Majors Travel League.

MOST MEMORABLE TOURNAMENT TITLES: I was captain of the Dayton (Ohio) Industrial championship team that won \$25,000 and also winning the Bill Rhodman Memorial.

BEST PART OF MY GAME: Probably my intensity—the desire to win.

WORST PART OF MY GAME: Dealing with dry lanes.

GREATEST MOMENT IN BOWLING: Being inducted into the NCABA Hall of Fame (in 1995).

WORST OR MOST EMBARRASSING BOWLING MOMENT: Missing the 10-pin in the 10th frame at the High Roller in Las Vegas that cost me the chance to advance to Round of 16, which is the elite round. It was awful, trust me.

BEST TACTIC I USE TO HANDLE PRESSURE: I place myself in another situation. I imagine I'm in a league and I'm bowling against one of my buddies for just talking rights. What this does is it just throws the butterflies and nervousness right out the window because it's the most common situation for me.

ALL-TIME FAVORITE BOWLER: It would have to be Earl (Anthony). Even though he's on the left side, when I came up, he was the guy to emulate.

PROS I ENJOY WATCHING ON TV: Norm Duke, Chris Barnes, and Robert Smith. Duke is probably the most versatile player out there. Out of all the pros, I've seen him throw the largest variety of shots. I've competed against Barnes a lot of time as an amateur, and I've had first-hand looks at him so much. To see him go to the pros and do as well as he has.... It's the next thing to a hometown guy when you bowled against a guy so often. And Robert Smith probably because he throws about as much ball as anybody out there. He throws about as *powerful* a ball as anybody out there. So he's always good to watch—always *fun* to watch.

PERSONAL SPARE-SHOOTER RATING (1 best – 10 worst): 2.

SPARE BREAK I DON'T WANT TO SEE IN THE 10TH FRAME: The 3-10 baby split. I've missed it every which way and I probably make it 60 percent of the time, but that's not good enough. It doesn't haunt me, but I don't want to see it. I'd rather shoot at a bucket (2-4-5-8), double wood (2-8), or even a 5-7.

THE THING I LEAST UNDERSTAND ABOUT BOWLING: Ball weight configurations. I chose not to [learn about it] because I did make the attempt, but it confused me because I wasn't getting reactions that were projected for certain configurations. So I found myself in a better situation reacting better from the ball rather than expecting something from the ball's configuration. So I chose then to put the weight configurations in the hands of my pro shop.

LOCAL BOWLER I MOST RESPECT: Dave Hart, because of his persistence and determination to overcome any and all conditions and situations. He's a true money player.

UPCOMING LOCAL BOWLER TO WATCH FOR: Kenny Lowe, if not already there, has a ton of talent and now is learning to bowl and not just throw.

INTERESTS OUTSIDE OF BOWLING: Everything about computers. I love to tinker: taking them apart, putting them together, working on them, troubleshooting, research.

FAVORITE MEAL: Traditional Thanksgiving dinner with turkey, macaroni and cheese, candied yams, cabbage, and hot rolls.

FAVORITE BEVERAGE: Coke.

FAVORITE ICE CREAM FLAVOR: I'm boring: Neapolitan is fine with me!

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Star Trek." I'm a Trekkie, and I know every episode.

FAVORITE NETWORK: ESPN.

FAVORITE MOVIE: *Silence of the Lambs*. The villain, Hannibal Lecter, played by Anthony Hopkins, became my friend. I'm an Anthony Hopkins fan as well.

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FAVORITE BOOK: *Moby Dick*.

FAVORITE VACATION SPOT: I combine my bowling with my vacations, so I'd have to say Las Vegas.

MOST PRIZED POSSESSION: My Hoinke Classic gold ring for my 300 game in that tournament.

NICKNAME: Ronny.

FAVORITE MUSIC: Oldies from the 1950s, '60s, and '70s.

FAVORITE WEB SITE: The one I spent the most time on is *yahoo.com* because I'm a Yahoo pinocle player.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION I CAN NEVER KEEP: Take a real vacation with no bowling. I keep saying I'm going to do that.

FAMOUS LIVING/DEAD PERSON I'D LIKE TO MEET: Malcolm X. I would like to get inside of his head.

PET PEEVES: People who say "I can't do this" without really trying. ... Superstitious bowlers who have to sit in the same seat and give you that look when you're in "their" seat.

ONE WORD THAT BEST DESCRIBES ME: Fair.

ONE THING NOBODY KNOWS ABOUT ME: I'm probably more sensitive than I want people to know.

PEOPLE IN HIGH SCHOOL THOUGHT: I was a great basketball player.

BIGGEST PERSONAL REGRET: If I had it to do over again, I would probably pursue being a Naval aviator. There can be no greater thrill probably than landing a fighter jet on an aircraft carrier.

BIGGEST PERSONAL FAILURE: Not continuing my education and getting a degree.

BIGGEST SURPRISE: Getting married. I never thought I would get married, and I ended up getting married on a spur-of-the-moment thing in Reno at age 45. Once you reach 40, you become very weak!

I INDULGE MYSELF BY: Attacking my computer. It might entail surfing the web or maybe just taking the computer apart or upgrading it or investigating some area I haven't been in yet.

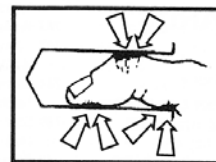
ONE THING I'D CHANGE ABOUT MYSELF: I would probably like to be more sensitive as to how other people approach things.

IMMEDIATE BOWLING GOAL: I want to be able to say that I beat the lanes that night. I

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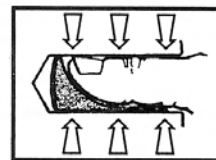
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don't bowl against individuals; I just want to say that I mastered the lanes.

ULTIMATE BOWLING GOAL: I'm deciding between two.... I would like to win a High Roller. The other one is more sentimental, I guess, but I'd rather win the High Roller. I've been going to the Canadian Club Classic in Cleveland every year since I started playing tournaments in about 1982, but my best finish has been eighth. I would just like to win that because I've been going there so long.

THE ONE THING I'VE LEARNED: Life goes on no matter what happens.

PARTICULAR TALENT I WISH I HAD: I wish I had an ear for music. I wish I could just sit

down and play the piano like Elton John because he plays by ear. I would love to be able to do that.

WHEN I GET AWAY FROM IT ALL: I'm back in my basement with my computer. I'm not *obsessed*, but I'm *obsessed*! I enjoy tinkering. I enjoy putting stuff together.

LIFE GOALS: I would like to still be married, play with my grandchildren, and say that I played on the PBA Senior Tour and did well.

PHILOSOPHY I LIVE BY: I treat others like I want to be treated.