John Oliver

For Bowling Achievement

John started bowling at age 7 in Alexandria, taught the game by his Dad. He bowled in youth leagues until stopping to pursue his High School basketball career.

John returned to bowling in 1979. He bowled his first 300 in 1999 at the age 39. He came to Fredericksburg in 2006. His highest average for a season was 233 in 2013 when he was also ranked #1 in the GFUSBCA. John's highest series is 836. He has 21 – 300 games, 10 – 80 series and 5 – 11 in a row games. He was the first to ever bowl a 300game in the GFUSBCA Senior Tournament. His teams won the City Tournament Senior Scratch Division twice. John finished 1st Senior and 2nd Overall in the 2018 Dutchman's Tournament. He also won the 40 over/under VMSBT Doubles Title with Bryan Gallahan in 2021 and the Colonial Williamsburg Scratch Doubles Title with Rick Coulson in 2013. Locally, John has been on teams that have won the Rappahannock Men's League, the Wednesday Night Men's League and the Merchant Mixed League twice.

While being a fierce competitor, John has also taken the time to support our local youth leagues. Over a 7 year period of time, John ran the youth 50/50 and helped raise over $35,000. These funds were used to send our local youth bowlers to Nationals and Junior Gold each of those 7 years. John also served as a teacher/coach for the Germanna Community College bowling class for 8 years.

John suffered a stroke in October 2018 and had triple bypass surgery in January 2019. He was back bowling by April 2019 and today is enjoying bowling at perhaps his highest level ever.