

## John Dilutis

### Superior Performance



John Dilutis was born in Dundalk Maryland to Tom and Minerva Dilutis in 1950. He came through the Baltimore County school system and attended Dundalk High School. John enlisted into the Navy in 1968 and was honorably discharged in 1970.

After his discharge John “raised a little hell and enjoyed the wildlife of his younger years because after all that’s what young men do”. Eventually after a few years John met and married a beautiful person, Yolanda Calderazzo. Unfortunately, sometimes in life things don’t work out and after a short time they divorced.

Bowling had not been a priority in John’s life but it was at this point that he decided to direct his full attention to the game. Success did not come right away but after a few years of practicing, league bowling and local tournaments “the worm began to turn “as John says and success finally came. John recorded his first 200 average in the 1979-1980 season averaging 215 which was 6<sup>th</sup> in the Greater Baltimore Bowling Association that year. John would go on to capture his 1<sup>st</sup> of 3 Greater Baltimore Bowling Association High Average Awards in 1981-1982 averaging 214. He then set an Association Record of 233 in 1983-84. He repeated as Association High Average in 1984-1985 with 220. John’s first major tournament win came at the Greater Baltimore Bowling Association Annual Championship Tournament when he captured the Scratch All Events title in 1981. During that tournament John became the First bowler in GBBA history to bowl a 300 game at the Association Tournament when he bowled a 300 his 2<sup>nd</sup> game of the team event. Later that year he won his first of several GBBA 700 Club Tournaments at Brunswick Crown Lanes. 1981 served as a “springboard” that would propel John forward to achieving Hall of Fame credentials.

John’s finest year came in the 1983-1984 season when he was named the Greater Baltimore Bowling Association Bowler of the Year. In that season he would win his first PBA Eastern Regional tournament at Mountain Bowl in Allentown PA, win the GBBA 700 Club Tournament of Champions and win the MD State Annual Association Tournament Scratch Team Event for the third straight year.

John was the PBA Eastern Region's top money winner and point's leader and later that year he would win the PBA National Resident Pro Championship in Orlando Florida which earned him a spot into the PBA Tour's 1985 Tournament of Champions in Akron Ohio.

John retired from bowling in 1998 at age 48 and says "bowling was very good to me. I had some success and some failure, but I stayed with it. I'm 72 now and watch today's young bowlers and marvel at how the game has changed but you know the old saying. If there is one thing that is constant its change"

Through his career John was able to achieve the following...

### **Maryland State USBC Association**

Scratch Team Event – 1982,1983,1984,1989

Scratch Singles Event -1983

Scratch All Events – 1983

### **PBA Regional**

Eastern Region – Mountain Bowl Allenton PA 1984

Nation Resident Pro Championship – Orlando FL 1984

PBA National Tournament Finishes 1985

Long Island, NY(18<sup>th</sup>), Windsor Locks, CT(16<sup>th</sup>), TOC Akron, OH(23<sup>rd</sup>)

### **Greater Baltimore Bowling Association**

Scratch All Events – 1981

Scratch Doubles – 1983700 Club Champion Crown Lanes 1981

700 Club Tournament of Champions 1984(Fair Lanes Ritchie)

700 Club Tournament of Champions 1989(Bowl America Reisterstown)

### **Awards and Honors**

300 Games – 6 ABC / 1 PBA 299 – 7 298 - 2

3-time High Average Leader in the GBBA (1981/82, 1983/84, 1984/85)

Set GBBA High Average Record of 233 1983/84

Greater Baltimore Bowling Association Bowler of the Year 1983/84

GBBA Hall of Fame 1985 – Superior Performance Category