

Dr John D Calisesi
Born - May 4, 1953

Age - 40

John's bowling career began at the age of 9 and by age 14 he was carrying a 186 average. At the age of 15, he was bowling in the classic leagues with averages of 197, 199, and 202. During that first year in classic leagues he rolled a high series of 810.

When John graduated from high school, he attended Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport. While he was in college he continued to bowl and was champion in the following events.

1971 Brunswick World Open Pro-Am Tournament

1972 Rock Island, Illinois - All-Events

1973 Rock Island, Illinois - Singles, Doubles, and All-Events
with a record 2066 all-events

1973 38th Annual Dispatch Singles Tournament in the Quad
Cities

After graduating he established his chiropractic business in Fort Dodge, Iowa. He continued to gain recognition with his scores and awards in national, state, and local events.

He has 2 Greater Iowa BA titles and made the finals numerous times.

In 1976, his 719 anchored the Tendermost Beef team to a Fort Dodge record 1225-3445.

In 1990, his 759 helped the Frontier Lanes team break that record with a 1240-3523.

He was Fort Dodge Bowler of the Year 4 times prior the adoption of the All-Star Team. He has since been a member of the All-Star Team for 10 years and Captain 8 times.

He has participated in 23 Iowa State Bowling Tournaments and helped set a doubles record of 1491 in 1985, that year he also set an All-Events record of 2164 including a personal best of 836.

His 836 placed him second nationally for the year in the 700 Bowling Clubs of America.

He has competed in 22 ABC Championships with highs of 727 series and 1997 all-events with a 197 career average.

He competed in the Las Vegas Hi Roller events and finished in the top 8 once and 3 times in the final 16.

John is, and has been a dominant figure on the local bowling scene with 3 800 or better series and many 700 series. His local 700 club and team championships far surpasses that of any other bowler in the Fort Dodge Bowling Association.

His love and dedication to the game is not limited to the lanes. He is a Past-President of the Fort Dodge BA. He is active in the 700 Club and our Junior Bowler/All-Star events. He was elected to the Fort Dodge BA Hall of Fame in 1982. John's strength is drawn from a sound family foundation and support from his wife Elizabeth and daughters Carrie Jo and Liza Marie. He is a successful and respected businessman in Fort Dodge and as a professional conducts himself accordingly on and off the lanes.

Inducted in 1994 in the Bowling Ability Category.

