

# John Bickar



**Hometown:** Canton, Ohio

**Current Residence:** Menlo Park, California

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**Discipline(s):** Bullseye Pistol, Air Pistol, Free Pistol, Standard Pistol, Center Fire Pistol, Rapid Fire Pistol, High Power Rifle

**Shooter Classification:** HM

**Personal:** Married, one daughter. Employed as an IT Manager at Stanford University.

John began shooting at the Canton McKinley Rifle & Pistol Club in Canton, Ohio, with his parents, Frank and Judy Bickar. He is the third Distinguished Pistol Shot in the Bickar family; his uncle Ray went Distinguished in 1964, and his father went Distinguished in 1973. John fired his first 2700 at age 13, made the President's 100 for the first time at age 15, and became Distinguished and 2600 Club at age 16. John won High Junior at Camp Perry five times. John competed on the Pistol Team at the University of Virginia, winning five National Championships and earning First Team All-American 12 times.

After college, John entered the Resident Athlete Program at the US Olympic Training Center (USOTC), competing for the US Shooting Team in 20 World Cups, four World Championships, one Championships of the Americas, and one Pan Am Games, earning more than 12 International medals along the way.

After the USOTC, John earned a Master's in Education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, where he met his future wife, Angela. He moved to California shortly thereafter, beginning a career in Information Technology at Stanford University. He resumed his Bullseye escapades, earning at least 34 California State Champion "Bear Trophies" in the ensuing years, and joining the 2650 Club in 2015. In 2008, he began competing in High Power Rifle shooting, earning the Distinguished Rifleman Badge in 2018.

In 2023, John returned to Camp Perry after a 22-year hiatus, competing for Team Ultradot, and winning the Oglethorpe Trophy, Elihu Root Medal, and President's Pistol Match.

## COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

- 2650 Club
- High Master Indoor and Outdoor Pistol
- Distinguished Pistol Shot - 1993
- Distinguished International Shooter - 2001
- NRA Distinguished Revolver - 2011
- .22 Rimfire Distinguished - 2016
- Distinguished Rifleman - 2018
- President's 100 (1992, 1994, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2023)
- Champion, President's Pistol Match - 2023
- Elihu Root Medal (1997, 2023)
- Oglethorpe Trophy (1995, 1997, 2023)
- Youngest shooter ever to earn Distinguished Pistol Shot
- Second civilian ever to earn "Triple Distinguished" (Pistol, Rifle, International)
- One of four shooters "Quadruple Distinguished" (Pistol, Rifle, International, .22 Rimfire)
- 17 Open National Championships (Bullseye and International Pistol)
- More than 20 National Records (Bullseye and International Pistol)
- More than 12 International medals