Golf

At 90 years old, Bernie Smoot is Mr. Amazement when it comes to golf.

For the Potomac, Md., resident, it's nothing special for him to shoot his age or better. But on the Williamsburg National Yorktown Course Aug. 21, he beat his age by 20 strokes with a 2-under-par 70.

"It's the first time in 50 years I've broken par," Smoot said. "I'll be 91 in November and I hope I can do it again."

In 1966, he shot under par twice — a career-best 4-under 68 at the Falls Road Golf Club in Maryland and a 1-under 70 at the University of Maryland Golf Course.

Smoot, a 13-handicapper who comes to Williamsburg at least once a month to see his sister Patricia and golf with his brother-in-law James Griggs, is no one-day wonder. In his recent trip here, he played eight rounds, shooting in the 70s four times.