

M.I.S.T. as of January 10, 2010

Hello again M.I.S.T. faithful. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season, but it felt good to be back on the lanes for another scratch tournament. This month found us back in Bangor, ME. at The Sports Arena. I would like to extend a HUGE thank you to Rick Poole and all the staff at The Sports Arena, they made everything run smoothly and efficiently from the start of the day. I would also like to thank all of the tournament bowlers for making the trip, we had a good turnout, and it is because of ALL OF YOU that scratch bowling is alive and well in the great state of Maine. We had 25 entries, which meant that there would be (6) cash qualifiers, with the top (4) of those moving on to the step ladder match play finals. Here is the results after the four game qualifying block, the top 6 cashers are seperated by a "----".

- 1) Josh Mercier - 981
- 2) Brandon Marcotte - 941
- 3) Ed Cotter - 927
- 4) James Goulding III - 925
- 5) Roger Blackmer - 916
- 6) Terry Robinson - 889
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- 7) James Goulding Jr. - 886
- 8) Jon Dow - 884
- 9) Dave Perry - 875
- 10) Audra Mercier - 871
- 11) Kenn Wehrle - 870
- 12) Justin Davis - 869
- 13) Matt Knightly - 854
- 14) Cory Lagner - 834
- 15) Sarah Pelletier - 831
- 16) Levi Poland - 812
- 17) Jason Ward - 808
- 18) Wes Bowden - 806
- 19) Brett Mason - 805
- 20) Nick Dalfonso III - 803
- 21) Bobby Giles - 772
- 22) Rick Campbell - 771
- 23) Chuck Jewell - 762
- 24) Damien Kaimus - 739
- 25) Andrew Hopkins 723

This was by far the highest scoring tournament of the year, as The Sports Arena decided to put out their typical house shot, or THS. When you get a group of good scratch bowlers together and put out a decent scoring pace, you are going to get high scores, and that was what happened on Sunday. There were 20 bowlers who were over 800, and 13 who were over 850!! Great job bowlers. Terry Robinson snuck into the final cashers spot in 6th place, posting an impressive 889 series, so he took home 25 bowler of the year points for the day. 5th place, just out of the roll-off, was Roger Blackmer who shot a fine 916 series. He takes home 30 bowler of the year points for a great day of bowling.

The first match was between James Goulding III and Ed Cotter. James was 4th qualifier with a 925 series, with a 300 game in the 2nd game of qualifying. Ed was the 3rd seed, posting a very nice 927 series for his four game total. This was a very close match all the way. It came down to the 10th frame, with James needing a mark and count to shut out Ed, which he got, to take the game 211-194. Ed bowled great all day, finished with a 4th place effort, and took home 40 bowler of the

year points. Congratulations Ed.

The semi-final match was between first time M.I.S.T. bowler Brandon Marcotte and James Goulding III. Brandon shot 941 for his four game total in his first tournament of the year. Brandon caught a bad break for a pocket 7-10 split early in the match, which allowed James to grab the lead, and he never looked back. Brandon tried to make a late surge, but James didn't let off the gas, and went on to a 233-198 victory to move onto the finals. Brandon had a great day, finishing in 3rd place in his first tourney, and nabbing 50 bowler of the year points in return. Great job all day Brandon.

The final match pitted another first time M.I.S.T. bowler Josh Mercier against James Goulding III. Josh paced the field with an impressive 981 total for four games. It was the rookie versus the veteran in the highest scoring match of the finals. Josh had a tough time getting the carry to go his way early in the match, and never could get on track. James, however, had no such problem, as he struck in the first frame, got tapped in the 2nd, and struck the final 10 in a row to go onto the 280-202 victory. Josh was a class act, and showed that he is a force to be reckoned with at future tournaments. He got the 2nd place finish, and picked up 60 bowler of the year points in the process.

James became the first bowler this season to go up through the finals from the 4th seed and win the tournament. It was an impressive win on a high scoring condition, and James proved to be up to the challenge. He picked up the title, and the coveted 100 bowler of the year points that went along with it. Here is the final list of bowler of the year points earned from the tournament:

- 1) James Goulding III - 100
- 2) Josh Mercier - 60
- 3) Brandon Marcotte - 50
- 4) Ed Cotter - 40
- 5) Roger Blackmer - 30
- 6) Terry Robinson - 25
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- 7) James Goulding Jr. - 5
- 8) Jon Dow - 5
- 9) Dave Perry - 5
- 10) Audra Mercier - 5
- 11) Kenn Wehrle - 5
- 12) Justin Davis - 5
- 13) Matt Knightly - 5
- 14) Cory Lagner - 5
- 15) Sarah Pelletier - 5
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Thank you again to everyone who came out, and to those of you who still haven't bowled, what are you waiting for? This is THE biggest monthly scratch tournament north of MA, and it features the best bowlers in northern New England duking it out for the top prize every month. Our next

tournament stop rolls into Spare Time in Brunswick (formerly Yankee Lanes) on February 7th. Check-in time begins at 9:15 AM, with tournament bowling starting promptly at 10:00 AM. I hope to see everyone there!!!!

BOWLER OF THE YEAR POINTS

We are now at the midway point of the tournament season, and the finish is going to be a doozy! There are plenty of bowlers in the mix, so it's anybody's title to win right now. Here is the list from top to bottom:

- 1) James Goulding III – 275
- 2) Terry Robinson – 185
- 3) Jon Dow – 135
- 4) Clayton Schwartz – 100
- 5) Nick Dalfonso III – 75
- 6) Cory Lagner – 65
- 7) Josh Mercier - 60
- 7) Bennett Myers – 60
- 9) Rick Campbell – 55
- 9) Bobby Giles – 55
- 11) Brandon Marcotte – 50
- 12) Ed Cotter – 45
- 12) Andrew Hopkins – 45
- 14) Roger Blackmer – 35
- 14) Zachary Kay – 35
- 16) Cruise Webster – 25
- 17) Tim Mercier – 20
- 17) Vincent Pike – 20
- 17) Levi Poland – 20
- 17) Jason Ward – 20
- 21) Joe Colcord – 15
- 21) Chuck Jewell – 15
- 21) Damien Kaimus – 15
- 21) Brett Mason – 15
- 21) Kenn Wehrle – 15
- 26) Nelson Beaudoin – 10
- 26) John Eisentrager – 10
- 26) Tony Fernandez- 10
- 26) Chris George – 10

- 26) James Goulding Jr. – 10
- 26) Matt Knightly – 10
- 26) Jason Nathanson – 10
- 26) James Ward – 10
- 34) Andrew Blais – 5
- 34) Wes Bowden - 5
- 34) Chris Coburn – 5
- 34) Jim Cole – 5
- 34) Brian Cooper – 5
- 34) Josh Corum – 5
- 34) Justin Davis - 5
- 34) Charles Dougwillo – 5
- 34) Tony Filipiak – 5
- 34) Shawn Grasse – 5
- 34) Tony Huff – 5
- 34) Jay Joslyn – 5
- 34) Joe Kenney – 5
- 34) Robert Kogelis – 5
- 34) Sue Kogelis – 5
- 34) Pete Ladd – 5
- 34) Elliott Lagner – 5
- 34) Audra Mercier - 5
- 34) Ryan Olson – 5
- 34) Sarah Pelletier - 5
- 34) Dave Perry - 5
- 34) Randy Plummer – 5
- 34) Jason Pulsifer – 5
- 34) Dan Walker – 5
- 34) Ryan Wengrzynek – 5

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