



WETZLER CONQUERS AMF HOLIDAY LANES FOR FIRST NEBA WIN

GEOFF WETZLER from Tolland, CT grabbed his first win with a convincing 220-167 championship match victory over champion Tim Healey. Geoff started his quest for his first title at Holiday Lanes with 278, 229, 180, 200 and 218 on the 9 a.m. squad. His 1105 was towards the bottom of the at-large. After lots of thinking, he decided not to reenter which ended up being the right decision. In the first round of the top 40, Geoff's 241 got him through the best of three round against Keith DeMaine and Scott Santos. In head-to-head matches, the right-hander was victorious over #2 seed Chad Autore (Naugatuck, CT) 211-198, champions Keith DeMaine (East Hartford, CT) 216-206 and Mike Cordeiro (Walpole, MA) 213-210 and Angel Hernandez (Branford, CT) in a tenth frame nail-biter 189-179. In his second career championship match, Geoff started off slow but filled frames with spares to stay within a few pins of his opponent. He jumped on an open in the 8th by Tim by throwing the first triple of the match. A missed spare in the 10th by Tim gave Geoff the match. Geoff, who started bowling NEBA at 19 in 1999, won \$1,250 plus a \$100 entry into next month's Tournament of Champions.

GEOFF: 9/ 7/ 6/ X 9/ 9/ X X X X9- = 220

TIM: s8-1 X X 8/ 9/ 9/ 8/ 7-2 X 7-2 = 167

TIM HEALEY from Cranston, RI shot games of 226, 213, 279, 231 and 201 for 1150 to earn a guaranteed spot into match play off the Sunday morning squad. After a one round bye for qualifying 12th, the 27 year-old lefty defeated Del Picard (Fall River, MA) 214-202 then champions Derek Pontes (Swansea, MA) 227-202 and Frank Calca (Elmont, NY) 203-171. Tim left the left the semi-final match in his opponent Rob Mota's (Dayville, CT) hands; Rob needed 9 on two balls but left the 4-6-7-10 to give Tim the 191-190 win and the spot in the championship match. Tim won last month's tournament so he was looking for back-to-back titles but his sore back and fine bowling by Geoff got in the way of that accomplishment.

There were 162 entries at AMF Holiday Lanes which was just one entry above the minimum for 40 match play finalists. **Nathan Abdow** led qualifying with games of 279, 247, 257, 239 and 253 for 1275 on the Saturday night squad. The at-large cut was 1088 but since two bowlers were not present for roll call, the cut dropped to 1082. Scott Santos won a 9th and 10th frame roll-off over John Rusin to grab the final spot in match play. John received a paid entry. Squad cuts were 1129 on Saturday night (leader **Nathan Abdow** with 1275), 1137 at 9 a.m. (leader **Chad Autore** with 1229) and 1085 at 12:30 p.m. (leader **Ryan Burlone** with 1222). There were only 11 senior entries guaranteeing one into match play. High senior was 1145. The score needed for a one round bye was 1141 (16th place). **Chris Sole** won the \$50 high game out of money prize with 279. Ebonite Clashes were won by **Stephen Dale Jr.** (1088) and **Rick Cashell** (raffle). The field average in qualifying was 204.0 and 205.5 for matches. **Honor Scores:** 300 by Jason Hebert & Tim Gillick (9 a.m.)

CHAMPION'S MESSAGE - I WOULD LIKE TO THANK JACK, BECKY AND ALL OF THE GREAT NEBA STAFF. YOU ALWAYS RUN A FANTASTIC TOURNAMENT. THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO WAS CHEERING FOR ME IN MATCH PLAY AND EVERYONE WHO CONGRATULATED ME. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT. THANKS TO STEVE FIUME FOR TALKING ME IN TO GOING TO A TOURNAMENT I WASN'T PLANNING ON BOWLING. I ALSO WANT TO THANK AMF FOR INCLUDING THE 7TH ARROW SO I HAVE SOMETHING TO AIM AT IN MATCH PLAY. THANKS TO MY WIFE AMY FOR ALWAYS SUPPORTING ME. MOST OF ALL, THANKS TO MY PARENTS SAM AND DALE. THANK YOU FOR DRIVING ME TO ALL THOSE JBT'S, AND ALWAYS ENCOURAGING ME TO DO MY BEST. YOU ARE THE REAL REASON THIS WAS POSSIBLE. - GEOFF

Next Tournament: November 8-9 at Laurel Lanes, Plainville, CT

Two Balls from Ebonite

\$50 Added by Griploc Super Glue

\$ added by NEBA

Squad Times: Saturday 6 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. and Sunday 12:30 p.m.

Entry Fee: \$80

All members residing within a 35-mile radius of Plainville should bowl Saturday 6 p.m. or Sunday 9 a.m.

Reservations: Reserve at **BowlNEBA.com** -or- call -or- text your reservation at (203) 377-0161 before 10:00 p.m. Friday. Leave a message with your squad and name. You will be contacted if there is a problem.

Those who make a reservation will be entered into a raffle for an Ebonite One!

Directions: Laurel Lanes is located at 136 New Britain Ave. (Route 372), Plainville, CT ~ (860)747-1657

From Hartford, CT (13 miles): Take I-84 West to Exit 33 (Route 72 toward Plainville).

****Take exit 2 (Route 372/New Britain Avenue).** Turn left onto New Britain Avenue/Route 372. Center in 0.2 miles.

From Boston, MA (112 miles), ME & NH: Take best route to I-90 West for 55 miles to exit 9 (I-84 West for 56 miles through Hartford) to Exit 33 (Route 72 toward Plainville) and follow **above.

From Providence, RI (110 miles): Take Route 6 West/I-95 West to I-95 South (left exit for 69 miles) to exit 69 (Route 9 North towards Hartford for 35 miles) to exit 28 on left (Route 72 West toward Bristol) to exit 33 then follow **above.

From Danbury, CT (45 miles) & Albany, NY: Take I-84 East ***to Exit 34 (Route 372 - Crooked St.). Turn left onto Crooked Street. Take a left at light onto New Britain Avenue (Route 372 West). Laurel Lanes will be on the left side in 0.7 miles. On your way home take a left to get back to I-84.

From NJ & NYC: Take I-95 North to Route 8 North. Follow Route 8 North to I-84 East and follow ***above.

Pos	Name	Qual. Score	BOY Pts.	\$ Won	Pos	Name	Qual. Score	BOY Pts.	\$ Won
1.	Geoff Wetzler	1105	72	\$ 1,250	20.	John Ellis	1148	22	\$ 185
				+ ToC entry	22.	Del Picard Jr.	1129	22	\$ 185
2.	Tim Healey	1150	60	\$ 750	23.	Chad Autore	1229	22	\$ 185
3.	Rob Mota	1121	49	\$ 475	24.	Steve Blanchet	1153	22	\$ 185
4.	Angel Hernandez	1123	49	\$ 425	25.	Cliff Wheelock	1099	22	\$ 180
5.	Chris Jolicoeur	1106	39	\$ 320	26.	Russ Michaud	1145	22	\$ 180
6.	Mike Cordeiro	1123	39	\$ 320	27.	Dan White	1165	22	\$ 180
7.	Ollie Ellard	1137	39	\$ 300	28.	Brian Gaskill	1119	22	\$ 180
8.	Frankie Calca	1148	39	\$ 300	29.	Ryan Burlone	1222	22	\$ 180
9.	Keith DeMaine	1136	30	\$ 230		Matt Janas	1156	22	\$ 180
	Derek Pontes	1098	30	\$ 230	31.	Eric Copping	1158	22	\$ 180
11.	Dave Forcier	1219	30	\$ 230	32.	Brian Egan	1108	22	\$ 180
12.	Chris Viale	1093	30	\$ 230	33.	Steve Fiume	1131	15	\$ 160
13.	Mike Patrie	1121	30	\$ 220	34.	John Zawalick	1105	15	\$ 160
	Tim Gillick	1197	30	\$ 220	35.	Vic Giorgio	1094	15	\$ 160
15.	Nathan Abdow	1275	30	\$ 220	36.	Mike Lichstein	1103	15	\$ 160
16.	Dave Miranda	1189	30	\$ 220	37.	Mike Major	1102	15	\$ 160
17.	Adam Younger	1130	22	\$ 185	38.	Bill Webb	1112	15	\$ 160
18.	Jason Hebert	1085	22	\$ 185	39.	Michael Berube Jr.	1119	15	\$ 160
19.	Steve Jones	1216	22	\$ 185	40.	Scott Santos	1082	15	\$ 160
20.	Chris Monroy	1141	22	\$ 185					
High Qualifier - 1275 - Nathan Abdow				5 pts. \$ 75	High Game out of \$ - 279 - Chris Sole				\$ 50

Optional Jackpot Update

Game 4 - X or 9 - Chad Autore won \$58 (9AM) - \$42 carryover
Game 5 - 8X - No Winners - Jackpot starts at \$100 at Laurel



Agenda for Board of Directors' Meeting -- 9:30 a.m. on November 9th at Laurel Lanes, Plainville, CT

Only board members may vote but all members are encouraged to attend ~ Applications for 2009 Board are available

1. Reports of Officers & Tournament Director Summaries
2. Elected officers for 2009-2010 – No nominations for 2nd Vice President, one nomination for Sec/Treasurer.
3. Board Member at Large – Applications due December 1
4. Discuss Proposed Bylaw Changes (to be acted upon at Annual Meeting):
 - a. Change requirement of a Board Member at Large to apply in writing to NEBA President by December 1 -to- December 31 -or- date of Annual Meeting.
 - b. Change requirement for tournament sites from a minimum of 40 lanes -to- 40 lanes for open singles tournaments and 26 lanes for special tournaments.
 - c. Remove: Bowling fees, lane availability, and bowling center staff support stated in writing by the proprietor/manager ninety (90) days in advance of the tournament.
5. Discuss Proposed Tournament Bylaws (to be acted upon at Annual Meeting):
 - a. In doubles events, allow champions to bowl with champions who have not won a title in the last fifteen years.
 - b. In doubles events, change rule from no more to one champion per team -to- no more than 1 multi-time champion per team, “multi-time” being defined as a bowler with 2 or more NEBA titles.
 - c. In doubles events, allow bowlers to switch partners.
 - d. Increase the minimum to cash ratio from 1 in 5 -to- 1 in 5.5 (chart of entries to be presented at meeting)
6. Other Proposed Tournament Bylaw Changes to be discussed which did not meet the requirements to be guaranteed to be on the annual agenda:
 - a. Raise entry fee to \$85
 - b. Eliminate Paid Practice on Tournament Lanes – This proposal would eliminate paid practice and increase lineage rate which currently is between \$1.50 and \$2.00 to \$3.00 a game for all centers thus increasing the entry fee a minimum of \$6 to cover increase in lineage.
 - c. Increase the amount of practice during the first round of match play 5 minutes to 10.
 - d. Strip & oil the lanes before match play -or- Strip & oil the lanes before match play when time allows.
7. Annual Meeting Agenda
8. Tournament of Champions – Change minimum guaranteed into match play from 16 -to- 12.
9. Non-Champions – Allow 6 per pair if needed.
10. Point Leader Invitational – Added money, format, should it be on 2010 schedule
11. Committee Reports – Hall of Fame, 2009 Schedule, Marketing, etc.
12. Sponsors for 2009
13. Tournament of Champion Entry Fee – Discuss injured member's request that his 2008 entry be used in 2009
14. New Business

Match Play Finals

ROUND 1 – ELIMINATION (LOSERS FINISH 33 RD – 40 TH)		TOP 2 OF 3 SCORES ON PAIR ADVANCE	
MIKE PATRIE	224	MIKE LICHSTEIN	192
ROB MOTA	203		
OLLIE ELLARD	245	JOHN ZAWALICK	202
JASON HEBERT	216		
BRIAN EGAN	259	VIC GIORGIO	208
ADAM YOUNGER	235		
CLIFF WHELOCK	202	MIKE BERUBE	166
ANGEL HERNANDEZ	182		
GEOFF WETZLER	241	SCOTT SANTOS	157
KEITH DEMAINE	205		
MIKE CORDEIRO	195	MIKE MAJOR	171
BRIAN GASKILL	189		
CHRIS VIALE	262	STEVE FIUME	223
CHRIS JOLICOEUR	248		
DEL PICARD	212	BILL WEBB	169
DEREK PONTES	199		
ROUND 3 (LOSERS FINISH 9 TH - 16 TH)			
TIM GILICK	181	DEREK PONTES	202
ANGEL HERNANDEZ	203	TIM HEALEY	227
GEOFF WETZLER	216	ROB MOTA	184
KEITH DEMAINE	206	MIKE PATRIE	181
DAVE MIRANDA	167	FRANK CALCA	217
MIKE CORDEIRO	179	DAVE FORCIER	202
CHRIS VIALE	201	NATHAN ABDOW	179
CHRIS JOLICOEUR	221	OLLIE ELLARD	227

ROUND 2 (LOSERS FINISH 17 TH -32 ND)	
NATHAN ABDOW	226
JASON HEBERT	214
CHRIS MONROY	205
OLLIE ELLARD	206
DAN WHITE	187
ROB MOTA	215
ERIC COPPING	178
MIKE PATRIE	213
STEVE JONES	212
DEREK PONTES	237
TIM HEALEY	214
DEL PICARD	202
RUSS MICHAUD	191
KEITH DEMAINE	232
CHAD AUTORE	198
GEOFF WETZLER	211

DAVE FORCIER	211
BRIAN EGAN	170
FRANK CALCA	247
ADAM YOUNGER	215
RYAN BURLONE	179
CHRIS VIALE	218
JOHN ELLIS	205
CHRIS JOLICOEUR	233
STEVE BLANCHET	194
ANGEL HERNANDEZ	230
TIM GILICK	199
CLIFF WHELOCK	192
DAVE MIRANDA	186
BRIAN GASKILL	182
MATT JANAS	179
MIKE CORDEIRO	197

QUARTER-FINALS (LOSERS FINISH 5 TH - 8 TH)	
CHRIS JOLICOEUR	217
ANGEL HERNANDEZ	224
GEOFF WETZLER	213
MIKE CORDEIRO	210
TIM HEALEY	203
FRANK CALCA	171
ROB MOTA	233
OLLIE ELLARD	207

SEMI-FINALS (LOSERS FINISH 3 RD - 4 TH)	
TIM HEALEY	191
ROB MOTA	190
ANGEL HERNANDEZ	179
GEOFF WETZLER	189

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH	
GEOFF WETZLER	220
TIM HEALEY	167

Help NEBA Grow!

Become a Board Member At Large
One Year Term January-December 2009

Requirements: Must be a member is good standing for the last year and apply in writing

Compensation: Based on meeting attendance
Perfect Attendance - (2) \$75 entries
75% Attendance - (1) \$75 entry

See Becky Kregling for information
(Becky@BowlNEBA.com or 203-377-0161)



Norwich Bowling & Entertainment Center in Norwich, CT is host of the special tournaments in November

Non-Champions Tournament
Saturday, November 22
Qualifying: 10:00AM & 1:30PM
\$80 entry fee
\$500 added money by NEBA

Tournament of Champions
Sunday, November 23
Qualifying Squad: 10:00AM
\$100 entry fee
\$1,000 added money by NEBA

Accounting

Receipts

ENTRIES	131 @ \$ 80 =	10,480.00
RE-ENTRIES	31 @ \$ 80 =	2,480.00
MEMBERSHIP (RENEWAL)	11 @ \$ 25 =	275.00
MEMBERSHIP (NEW)	3 @ \$ 25 =	75.00
MEMBERSHIP (NON)	2 @ \$ 15 =	30.00
RAMBLERS		500.00
GRIPLOC SUPER GLUE		50.00
CENTER DONATION FOR TROPHY		50.00
Total Income	=	13,900.00

Disbursements

PRIZE FUND (BREAKDOWN BELOW)	\$	10,415.00
\$952.50 ENTRIES + \$272.50 NEBA		
\$ 50 GRIPLOC SUPER GLUE		
\$ 500 RAMBLERS SPORTS		
LINEAGE	\$	1,747.20
EXPENSES	\$	1,620.00
\$1105 SALARIES, \$189 POSTAGE		
\$ 80 PAID SPONSOR ENTRY, \$114 SHIRTS		
Total Expenses	\$	13,782.20