



SIXTH TITLE PAYS HUGE FOR ELLIS AT WESTGATE LANES

JOHN ELLIS from Randolph, MA won his sixth NEBA title with a convincing 257-198 final match victory over Nick Miseno. John enjoyed his first win in August 1990 and last in March 2005 with a 1999 Tournament of Champions title in between. On the added Saturday afternoon squad at Westgate Lanes, John shot 1062. He re-entered the next squad and threw games of 247, 267, 171, 238 and 236 for 1159. As the seventh seed, John received a one round bye. He averaged 233 in match play while he eliminated many multiple champions: RJ Broege (West Hartford, CT) 206-201, Vic Giorgio (Cranston, RI) 258-212, Frankie Calca (Elmont, NY) 223-211 and Alex Aguiar (Dartmouth, MA) 225-183 to advance to the championship match. John started the match with a high hit then got lined in and made clean shots to easily take home his sixth title and the biggest first place prize of the year. He won \$3,000 plus a \$100 paid entry into next year's Tournament of Champions. John, who just turned 40 the week before his win, competed in more tournaments in 2008 than he did the previous six years combined. After taking time off and bowling occasionally in NEBA, he is back full-time. He cashed in 5 of the 11 tournaments he competed, qualified for the Ebonite Point Leader Invitational and is back on the Board of Directors volunteering his time.

Final Match **JOHN:** 8/ X X X 9/ 9/ X X X XXX = 257 **NICK:** 9/ X 7/ 6-3 X X 8- X X X9/ = 198

NICK MISENO made the long ride from Amsterdam, NY to bowl Sunday in Brockton. He started the day with a 1027 on the 9AM squad. The right-hander came back the second squad with games of 190, 265, 212, 256 and 244. Nick's 1167 was second out of the 120 entries that squad and fifth overall. After a one round bye, he defeated Jason Sherwood (Bridgewater, MA) 204-190, Ryan Burlone Sr. (Stratford, CT) 49-46 in a 9th and 10th frame roll-off after tying with 217, Joe Trippconey (Westbrook, CT) 268-212 and Mike Cordeiro (Walpole, MA) 235-222. Nick had the high games in rounds 4 and 5 then shot his low game of match play in the final game to give him his second career runner-up finish. The 40 year-old had a near win in Brockton in the 2005 blizzard. Nick has bowled 2 to 5 tournaments a year and cashed in 16 of 21 since he started competing in NEBA in 2000.

There were 278 entries at the year-end event at Westgate Lanes, which advanced 56 bowlers into match play. There was a three-way tie for the at-large cut at 1079. Since there was a no show for roll call, two of the three in the ninth and tenth frame roll-off advanced to match play. **Ray Lathrop** led the trio with 40. **Jim Rusin** was second with 39 and a surprise spot into match play. **Joe Campbell's** 28 received a paid entry. The score needed to receive a one round bye (8th place) was 1159. The senior cut was 1075. Squad cuts were 1091 at Saturday 3 p.m. (leader **Alex Aguiar** with 1170), 1120 at Saturday 6 p.m. (leader **Craig Asselin** with 1198), 1094 at Sunday 9 a.m. (leader **Jim Ferguson** with 1157) and 1081 at 12:30 p.m. (leader **Brian DeMatte** with 1195). The High Qualifier was **Craig Asselin** with 1198 (236-222-246-300-194) on the 6 p.m. squad. **Clem Amaral** shot 280 to win the high game out of the money prize of \$50. **Ed Roberts** won the \$50 prize for the highest senior who did not make the cut with 1073. Ebonite Pinslashers were won by **Ron Canalia** (1091-roll call no show) and **Mark Mantere** (Raffle). The qualifying field averaged 198.1 and 212.2 was the average for all bowlers in match play.

Honor Scores: 300 by Craig Asselin, 11 in-a-row by Nick Miseno & Jesse Cote (290 games)

CHAMPION'S MESSAGE - I would like to thank several people that have helped me with different aspects of my game over the last few years... Ray, Jon and Brian from USA Bowling Pro Shops... you guys do great work, Joe Farley and Ebonite... thanks for all the great equipment, Jr. the owner of Westgate Lanes and Alex Aguiar... nice layout for the Playmaker bro! I would also like to thank Jack for all his hard work as tournament director over the last eleven years.
- John Ellis

*** IMPORTANT ~ CHANGES IN 2009 ***

See the minutes from the annual meeting for all bylaw & rule changes

Paid practice before squads was eliminated for a three month trial period
Practice before the squad was increased from 10 to 15 minutes

Doubles - Champions who have not won in 15 years can bowl with champions, Partners can switch

Bowlers who made a squad cut may improve their score on a re-entry

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Pos	Name	Qual. Score	BOY Pts.	\$ Won	Pos	Name	Qual. Score	BOY Pts.	\$ Won
1.	John Ellis	1159	72	\$ 3,000 + ToC entry	29.	Tony Bennett	1096	22	\$ 215
2.	Nick Miseno	1167	60	\$ 1,625	30.	Russ Michaud	1098	22	\$ 215
3.	Mike Cordeiro	1093	49	\$ 925	31.	Jim Ferguson	1157	22	\$ 215
4.	Alex Aguiar	1170	49	\$ 875	32.	Steve Hardy	1087	22	\$ 215
5.	Tom Durand	1085	39	\$ 530	33.	Patrick McEwen	1138	15	\$ 170
6.	Joe Trippconey	1084	39	\$ 530	34.	Joel Leider	1090	15	\$ 170
7.	Frankie Calca	1085	39	\$ 500	35.	Bryan Cahill	1084	15	\$ 170
8.	Jesse Cote	1162	39	\$ 500	36.	Ray Lathrop	1079	15	\$ 170
9.	Jon Matunas	1105	30	\$ 330	37.	Chris Monroy	1115	15	\$ 170
10.	Ryan Burlone	1146	30	\$ 330		Steve Wagoner	1135	15	\$ 170
11.	Tim Healey	1094	30	\$ 330	39.	Miles Coplan	1134	15	\$ 170
12.	Vic Giorgio	1092	30	\$ 330	40.	Greg Griebel	1126	15	\$ 170
13.	Stephen Dale Jr.	1127	30	\$ 310	41.	Bill Webb	1088	15	\$ 170
14.	Bill Major	1107	30	\$ 310	42.	Jim Rusin	1079	15	\$ 170
15.	Dave Kipperman	1084	30	\$ 310	43.	Geoff Wetzler	1119	15	\$ 170
16.	Gino Beniamino	1103	30	\$ 310	44.	Bill Green	1135	15	\$ 170
17.	Mike Lichstein	1132	22	\$ 225	45.	Cliff Wheelock	1101	15	\$ 165
18.	Matthew Brockett	1127	22	\$ 225	46.	Chris Sole	1139	15	\$ 165
19.	Bryan Hogan	1088	22	\$ 225	47.	Chris Forry	1107	15	\$ 165
20.	R.J. Broege	1095	22	\$ 225	48.	Steve Fiume	1100	15	\$ 165
21.	Brian Gaskill	1156	22	\$ 225	49.	Chris Jolicoeur	1120	15	\$ 165
22.	Todd Lathrop	1097	22	\$ 225	50.	Eric Copping	1131	15	\$ 165
23.	Bill Tessier II	1081	22	\$ 225	51.	Brian Boghosian	1121	15	\$ 165
24.	Mark Talmadge	1086	22	\$ 225	52.	Ben Bateman	1133	15	\$ 165
25.	Brian DeMatte	1195	22	\$ 215	53.	Mike Patrie	1148	15	\$ 165
26.	Tom Cole	1159	22	\$ 215	54.	Doug Thornton Jr.	1153	15	\$ 165
27.	Craig Asselin	1198	22	\$ 215	55.	Mark Noel	1120	15	\$ 165
28.	Jason Sherwood	1097	22	\$ 215	56.	Bob Miles III	1075	15	\$ 165
High Qualifier - 1198 - Craig Asselin				5 pts. \$ 75	High Game out of Money - 280 - Clem Amaral				\$ 50

Next Tournament: January 17-18 ~ AMF Silver Lanes ~ East Hartford, CT

Win Ebonite One Pearl or Pinslasher

1 in 6 seniors qualify for match play

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 East Hartford should bowl Saturday 6 p.m. or Sunday 9 a.m.

Reservations: The deadline is 10:00 p.m. on Friday. Make a reservation on-line at www.BowlNEBA.com or call or text the NEBA phone (203) 377-0161 & leave a message with your squad and name. If you need to cancel, email by Friday night or call. *Those who make a reservation are entered into a raffle for an Ebonite Pearl One.*

Directions: AMF Silver Lanes is located at 748 Silver Lane, East Hartford, CT ~ Telephone (860) 569-2990

Check maps or mapping software since there are alternate routes

From Boston, MA, ME & NH: Take I-90 West (MA. Tpke.) to exit 9 (I-84 West). Take exit 58 (Roberts St./Silver Lane) then bear right onto Roberts Street (0.2 miles). Take a right onto Simmons Road and follow road to end (0.4 miles). Take a left onto Silver Lane and the center is 0.3 miles on the left.

From Hartford & Waterbury, CT: ** Take I-84 East to Exit 58 (Roberts St./Silver Lane/Burnside Ave.) Bear to the right off the exit ramp and make a left at the light onto Silver Lane. Silver Lanes is 0.8 miles on the left.

From NYC & New Haven, CT: Take I-95 North to I-91 North to exit 29 (CT 15 North/Wilbur Cross towards I-84 East). Take exit 91 (Silver Lane) towards Roberts St. Take slight right onto Silver Lane. Center in 1.3 miles.

From Springfield, MA, Albany, NY & VT: Take best route to I-91 South into CT. Follow I-91 South to exit 30 (I-84 East) and follow **above

From New Bedford, MA & Providence, RI: Take Route 6 West (Route 6 becomes I-384) to exit 1 (Spencer Street). Turn left onto Spencer Street which becomes Silver Lane. Center on right in 1.9 miles. *Check maps since alternate routes.*

OPTIONAL JACKPOT UPDATE

Strike or 9 (Game 4)

Craig Asselin won \$156 (6PM) & Chris Cofrancesco won \$56 (9AM)

Jackpot starts at \$76 in January

8-Strike (Game 5)

Joel Leider won \$194 (12:30PM)

No Carryover

~ Match Play Finals ~

ROUND 1 (LOSERS FINISH 33 RD – 56 TH)							
BRIAN GASKILL	264	BILL GREEN	190	MATT BROCKETT	267	GEOFF WETZLER	191
BOB MILES	141	FRANKIE CALCA	222	JOEL LEIDER	228	TONY BENNETT	197
DOUG THORNTON	164	STEVE WAGONER	213	STEPHEN DALE JR.	225	CHRIS MONROY	213
RAY LATHROP	200	TOM DURAND	258	JIM RUSIN	192	JASON SHERWOOD	233
MIKE PATRIE	166	MILES COPLAN	211	GREG GRIEBEL	210	BILL MAJOR	238
BILL TESSIER	194	MARK TALMADGE	233	VIC TOR GIORGIO	238	TODD LATHROP	214
RYAN BURLONE SR.	245	BEN BATEMAN	167	BRAIN BOGHOSIAN	169	CHRIS FORRY	182
BRYAN CAHILL	222	STEVE HARDY	193	MIKE CORDEIRO	180	RUSS MICHAUD	232
CHRIS SOLE	183	MIKE LICHSTEIN	236	CHRIS JOLICOEUR	177	JON MATUNAS	234
JOE TRIPPCONEY	212	BILL WEBB	199	TIM HEALEY	205	STEVE FIUME	178
PATRICK MCEWEN	258	ERIC COPPING	175	MARK NOEL	156	GINO BENIAMINO	279
DAVID KIPPERMAN	288	BRIAN HOGAN	222	R.J. BROEGE	194	CLIFF WHELOCK	189

ROUND 2 (LOSERS FINISH 17 TH – 32 ND)							
CRAIG ASSELIN	193	NICK MISENO	204	ALEX AGUIAR	194	JOHN ELLIS	206
GINO BENIAMINO	233	JASON SHERWOOD	190	RUSS MICHAUD	177	R.J. BROEGE	201
TOM DURAND	203	RYAN BURLONE SR.	233	DAVE KIPPERMAN	235	RAY LATHROP	200
MARK TALMADGE	195	MATT BROCKETT	204	MIKE LICHSTEIN	234	VICTOR GIORGIO	214
TOM COLE	194	JIM FERGUSON	160	WILLIAM TESSIER	195	FRANKIE CALCA	206
TIM HEALEY	200	BILL MAJOR	225	STEPHEN DALE JR.	247	STEVE HARDY	155
BRIAN GASKILL	201	JOE TRIPPCONEY	205	JESSE COTE	257	BRIAN DEMATTE	194
MIKE CORDEIRO	268	BRIAN HOGAN	202	TONY BENNETT	178	JON MATUNAS	247

ROUND 3 (LOSERS FINISH 9 TH - 16 TH)							
JESSE COTE	227	JOHN ELLIS	258	NICK MISENO	217	JOE TRIPPCONEY	204-50
STEPHEN DALE JR.	210	VICTOR GIORGIO	212	RYAN BURLONE SR.	217	BILL MAJOR	204-49
JON MATUNAS	237	ALEX AGUIAR	230	TIM HEALEY	215	GINO BENIAMINO	184
FRANK CALCA	259	DAVE KIPPERMAN	184	MIKE CORDEIRO	219	TOM DURAND	192

QUARTER FINALS (LOSERS FINISH 5 TH - 8 TH)			
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ALEX AGUIAR	258	NICK MISENO	268
JESSE COTE	191	JOE TRIPPCONEY	212
FRANKIE CALCA	211	MIKE CORDEIRO	238
JOHN ELLIS	223	TOM DURAND	234

SEMI-FINALS (LOSERS FINISH 3 RD - 4 TH)	
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NICK MISENO	235
MIKE CORDEIRO	222
ALEX AGUIAR	183
JOHN ELLIS	225

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH	
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JOHN ELLIS	257
NICK MISENO	198

* REMINDERS *

Membership is \$25 for all members (new and renewals)

In order to continue to receive the newsletter in the mail,
you must indicate your preference on your 2009 membership application or
email Becky@BowlNEBA.com with your mailing and email address.

Newsletters are available in PDF format on BowlNEBA.com

Accounting			
Receipts		Disbursements	
ENTRIES	209 @ \$ 80 =	PRIZE FUND (BREAKDOWN BELOW)	\$ 19,360.00
RE-ENTRIES	69 @ \$ 80 =	\$15,710 ENTRIES + \$100 NEBA	
MEMBERSHIP (RENEWAL)	13 @ \$ 25 =	\$ 50 GRIPLOC SUPER GLUE	
MEMBERSHIP (NEW)	8 @ \$ 25 =	\$ 2,500 HARRY'S PUB & GRILL	
MEMBERSHIP (NON)	7 @ \$ 15 =	\$ 1,000 RAMBLERS SPORTS	
FINE	0 @ \$ 10 =	LINEAGE	\$ 3,750.00
PATCH	0 @ \$ 4 =	EXPENSES (1099s \$100.37, USBC \$18)	\$ 2,780.00
CENTER DONATION FOR TROPHY	=	(PRINTING \$147.80, SALARIES \$1395, \$270 POSTAGE)	
Total Income	=	Total Expenses	\$ 25,890.00

2008 Annual Award Winners

Bowler of the Year

1 st	\$ 500	Bill Webb
	plus award	
2 nd	\$ 300	R.J. Broege
3 rd	\$ 200	Chris Sole
4 th	\$ 100	Chris Hall
5 th	\$ 70	Eric Copping
5 th	\$ 70	Mike Lichstein
7 th	\$ 50	William Tessier
8 th	\$ 40	Tim Healey
9 th	\$ 30	Frankie Calca
10 th	\$ 20	Chris Forry

Average

1 st	\$ 120	Bill Webb
	plus award	
2 nd	\$ 80	Mike Lichstein
3 rd	\$ 50	Alex Aguiar
4 th	\$ 30	Chris Sole
5 th	\$ 20	Roger Baral

Rookie of the Year

1 st	\$ 100	Matthew Brockett
	plus award	
2 nd	\$ 50	Tony Bennett

Senior Bowler of the Year

1 st	\$100	Russ Michaud
	plus award	
2 nd	\$ 50	Bob Glenn

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Date	Center — State	# of	# of	Final-	Field	Cuts					Champion	Final	Final	Runner-Up	High Qualifier
		Entries	Bowlers	ists	Avg	At-Large	6:00	9:00	12:30	Sr.					
Jan.	Point Leader - MA	48	48	24 6	192.0	968 (5) 1631 (8)	---	---	---	---	Brian Boghosian	---	---	Michael Lichstein	1690 Dave Forcier (8gms)
Jan.	Silver Lanes - CT	254	196	56	203.8	1091	1105	1101	1117	1068	Eric Copping	237	170	R.J. Broege	1275 Todd Lathrop
Feb.	Non-Champions - MA	192	154	40	---	1081	1108	1092	1070	1108	Dan Gauthier	246	159	Jonathon Corda	1220 Todd Lathrop
Feb.	East Providence - RI	282	222	64	214.2	1143	1164	1195	1145	1167	Brad O'Driscoll	216	170	Brian Gaskill	1324 Tim Hansen
Mar.	Circle Lanes - CT	289	233	64	196.2	1061	1101	1074	1061	1050	Mike Cordeiro	257	225	William Tessier	1303 John Kirker
April	Westgate Lanes - MA	161	127	40	201.1	1068	1141	1102	1108	1052	Derek Pontes	225	202	Chris Jolicoeur	1304 Mike Rose
May	Bowl-O-Rama - CT	189	155	40	213.2	1164	1180	1188	1120	1162	R.J. Broege	238	235	William Tessier	1307 Dan Malkin
June	Doubles	101	71	24	194.7	2084	2087	2147	2197	---	Chad Autore	449	438	John Conroy	2378 Rob Mota
	AMF Cranston - RI										Chris Forry			Bill Webb	Brian Boghosian
June	AMF Chicopee - MA	145	116	32	205.9	1110	1146	1171	1133	1091	Chris Gauvin	267	236	Chris Hall	1266 R.J. Broege
July	Lang's Lanes — RI	175	136	40	204.4	1086	1150	1106	1113	1131	Chris Hall	216	162	Jon Van Hees	1277 Eric Copping
Aug.	Silver Lanes - CT	210	167	48	198.5	1090	1123	1126	1086	1086	Todd Lathrop	258	245	Dave Real	1192 Dan White
Sept.	Auburn Lanes - MA	161	126	40	201.7	1085	1137	1121	1078	1061	Tim Healey	243	235	Michael Lichstein	1235 Chris Viale
Oct.	Doubles	121	88	32	192.0	2170	2335	2245	2177	---	Tom Hansen	447	382	Victor Giorgio	2505 Dave Dupuis
	East Providence - RI										Chris Hall			Jon Van Hees	Joey Nereu
Oct.	Holiday Lanes - MA	162	131	40	204.0	1088	1129	1137	1085	1141	Geoff Wetzler	220	167	Tim Healey	1275 Nathan Abdow
Nov.	Laurel Lanes - CT	172	135	40	210.5	1151	1181	1176	1167	1182	Roger Baral	231	206	Craig Asselin	1361 Bill Webb
Nov.	Non Champs - MA	180	146	40	207.7	1124	---	1163	1097	1183	John Rusin	255	194	Tony Bennett	1279 Larry King
Nov.	T of Champs - MA	62	62	16	220.9	1158	---	---	---	---	R.J. Broege	424	420	Michael Lichstein	1263 Chris Sole
Dec.	Westgate Lanes - MA	278	197	56	198.3	1079	1120	1094	1081	1075	John Ellis	257	198	Nick Miseno	1198 Craig Asselin

Bill Webb

2008 Bowler of the Year

Enfield, CT's Bill Webb won a record breaking 7th Bowler of the Year award. He was first honored with this award in 1998 and has won it 7 out of the last 11 years.

The 37 year-old righty did not win a tournament in 2008 but dominated with consistency. Bill cashed in 14 of 15 tournaments. He led overall average, match play average, most match play appearances and finals per tournament with 93.3%. Bill was runner-up in points per tournament, points per entry and finals per entry. The only category he was not in the top two was overall win loss record. He also threw the highest qualifying block of the season.

Bowler of the Year Points: 409 (1st)

Average: 229.58 for 134 games (1st)

High Game: 300 High Block: 1361 (1st)

Match Play Finals: 14 of 15 tournaments (1st)

Match Play Record: 21 wins / 14 losses (.600)

Match Play Average: 227.29 for 35 match games (2nd)

8 th January-PLI *	10 th July
10 th January	6 th August
10 th February	8 th September
13 th March	29 th October-Doubles
11 th April	38 th October
28 th May	10 th November
3 rd June	----- December-TofC
2 nd June-Doubles	41 st December

* = No Points

Russ Michaud

2008 Senior of the Year

Russ Michaud, Hudson, NH defended his Senior of the Year award. He is 2 for 2 since he turned 50.

Russ competed in 11 of 15 tournaments and made the cut in 8 without using any reentries. Wrist surgery kept him away for a couple months but he came back strong with two top 16 finishes. His highest finish of the year was 3rd in January at Silver Lanes.

Bowler of the Year Points: 223 (22nd)

Average: 222.46 for 69 games (9th)

High Game: 288

High Block: 1201

Match Play Finals: 8 of 11 tournaments

Match Play Record: 9 wins / 8 losses (.529)

Match Play Average: 206.5 for 17 match games

3 rd January-PLI *	1 st July
7 th January	8 th August
31 st February	--- September
2 nd March	17 th October-Doubles
--- April	17 th October
2 nd May	8 th November
19 th June	4 th December-TofC
DNQ June-Doubles	32 nd December

* = No Points

Matthew Brockett

Rookie of the Year

Matthew Brockett from Clinton, CT was the recipient of the 14th annual Rookie of the Year award. The 20 year old competed in his first tournament in January but didn't make the cut until June when he finished 6th. He followed that up with a 4th place finish in July, which gave him the lead in points through the end of the season.

Bowler of the Year Points: 178 (39th overall)

Average: 209.7 for 101 games

High Game: 300 High Block: 1192

Match Play Finals: 5 of 12 tournaments

Match Play Record: 7 wins / 5 losses (.583)

Match Play Average: 213.9 for 11 match games

Bill Webb

High Average

Bill Webb from Enfield, CT made it back-to-back years for high average. He has earned this honor three times in 2001, 2007 & 2008.

Bill averaged 229.58 for 134 games in 15 tournaments and qualified for match play in 14 of the 15.

Bill Webb

High Qualifying Block

Bill Webb shot the high qualifying block of the season in November at Laurel Lanes.

He threw games of
266, 237, 300, 279 and 279 for 1361

300 Games

	Craig Asselin	Tim Gillick	Todd Lathrop	Rich Reynolds
Chad Autore (3)	Roger Baral	Randy Hagemoser	Chris Larson	Jason Sherwood
	Matthew Brockett	Tim Hansen	Jason Mele	Jim Strong
Bill Webb (3)	Eric Copping	Steve Hardy	Chris Monroy	Jon Van Hees
	Stephen Dale Jr.	Tim Healey	Mark Neri	Rich Valenti
Mike Cordeiro (2)	Eric Devito	Jason Hebert	Eric Page	John Williston
	Steve Engel	Bill Holota	Derek Pontes	

Upcoming Tournaments

Points and scores will be included in statistics for annual awards for all tournaments except for the limited fields at the February Non-Champions and Ebonite Invitational

January 17-18.....Singles.....AMF Silver LanesEast Hartford, CT

February 21-22.....Singles.....E. Providence LanesEast Providence, RI

March 7-8.....Non-Champions*Site TBDSite TBD

March 27-28.....Singles.....AMF Circle LanesEast Haven, CT

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

** Squad times for special events will be announced in the newsletter and on BowlNEBA.com*

Reservations: Reservations close Friday at 10:00 PM. Reserve on-line at BowlNEBA.com or call or text (203) 377-0161.

Entry Fee: \$80 for members. \$95 for non-members.

Membership: \$25 for all members. The membership year is January through December.

Tell us your opinion!

**There is still time to
take the survey from
December**

**The link is available on
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Survey ends Jan. 31st

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Winners of the Saturday Squad Prizes sponsored by Hit Quarters

All bowlers entered into a free raffle

Five \$50 winners were drawn each Saturday squad

3:00 Squad

Matt Brockett — Brian Davis

Lou Rosa — John Rusin

Scott Santos

John Ellis Free 2009 Membership



6:00 Squad

Tom Cole — Don Fournier

Bill Green — Ted Ringer

Jayme Silva

Brian Frank 2009 Membership

Minutes from the Annual Meeting Held on December 14th at Westgate Lanes, Brockton, MA

BOD Present: President Rob Hunter, 2nd VP Chris Monroy, S/T Becky Kregling, TD Jack Stehle, Alex Aguiar, Ed Roberts & past president Rick Cashell ... Members Present: Brian Gaskill & John Ellis

BOD Absent: 1stVP Chris Wood, Pat Carrara, Mike Colby, Hawk Earle, John Kirker & Chris Rebstock

1. Reports of Officers:

- a. Tournament Director – Jack Stehle announced his resignation. He offered to stay as long as needed to hire and train the next tournament director. The board thanked Jack for his eleven years of service and dedication to the organization.
- b. Treasurer/Secretary – Membership was down from 2007 but the average entry was similar. The average prize fund payout in 2008 was higher than 2007. Motion by Chris Monroy to accept Treasurer's report as presented. 2nd Rick Cashell. Passed.
2. 2009 Sponsors – Ebonite, Buddies Pro Shop, Ramblers Sports, Hit Quarters and AtomicVerve.com will be sponsors in 2009. GripLoc Super Glue will not be able to continue its sponsorship. Thank you to GripLoc and Barry Warshafsky for many years of supporting NEBA.
3. 2009-2010 Officers – Chris Wood resigned as 1st Vice-President. Becky Kregling nominated Alex Aguiar as 1st Vice-President. Ed Roberts nominated Rob Hunter as 2nd Vice-President. Both were voted into office.
4. The Ebonite NEBA Invitational will be run in 2010. 2009 statistics will be used to determine the field but may include more than point standings. The total prize fund in 2009 and 2010 will be \$10,000.
5. 2009 Schedule – There are six centers who were not on the 2008 schedule interested in hosting NEBA at \$2 per game in 2009. It was discussed which centers on the 2008 schedule should be removed and which new centers should be added. The secretary will piece together the dates and centers and finalize schedule.
6. Proposed bylaw changes. Motion by Ed Roberts to pass bylaw changes listed below. 2nd Chris Monroy. Passed.
 - a. Change requirement of a Board Member at Large to apply in writing by December 1 -to- December 31
 - 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 & bowling center staff support stated in writing by the manager or proprietor 90 days in advance of the tournament.
7. Expenses – Motion by Becky Kregling to decrease expenses per entry from \$10 to \$9 and to no longer determine added money based upon entries. 2nd by Alex Aguiar. Passed.
8. Proposed Tournament Rule Changes
 - a. Passed: In doubles events, allow champions to bowl with champions who have not won a title in the last fifteen years. Motion to pass by Chris Monroy. 2nd by John Ellis. Passed.
 - b. Not passed: 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. Passed: In doubles events, allow bowlers to switch partners. Motion by Alex Aguiar to pass provided both bowlers agree to void previous scores. 2nd by John Ellis. Passed.
 - d. Not Passed: Increase the minimum to cash ratio from 1 in 5 -to- 1 in 5.5 (chart of entries to be presented at meeting)
 - e. Not Passed: Increase side pools from \$20 -to- \$40
 - f. Not Passed: Raise entry fee to \$85
 - g. Passed on Trial Basis: Eliminate Paid Practice on Tournament Lanes – This proposal would eliminate paid practice & increase lineage rate which currently is between \$1.50 and \$2.00 to \$3.00 a game for all centers thus increasing lineage by a minimum of \$6. Motion by John Ellis to eliminate paid practice on a 3-month trial basis and to increase practice from 10 to 15 minutes. 2nd by Ed Roberts. Passed 4-3.
 - h. Passed: Increase the amount of practice during the first round of match play 5 minutes to 10. Motion by John Ellis to pass with the tournament director having discretion based upon lane availability. 2nd by Chris Monroy. Passed.
 - i. Not Passed: Strip & oil the lanes before match play -or- oil the lanes before match play when time allows.
9. Reentries – Motion by John Ellis to allow all reentries to improve their score. 2nd by Becky Kregling. Passed. Motion by Ed Roberts that a person who has already made a squad cut is last on the reentry list. 2nd by John Ellis. Passed.

1099s were sent the first week of January to bowlers who had cashed for \$600 or more in 2008.

Those with missing social security numbers will be mailed when complete.

Expenses can be determined from on-line stats ~ \$80 per entry plus \$25 for membership

In 2008 (2007 in parenthesis)...

635 Bowlers competed in NEBA (684)

577 Members (628)

9 Competed in all 15 tournaments (3)

70 (11%) Senior bowlers competed (78, 11%)

123 (19%) Champions competed (112, 16%)

120 (18%) Bowlers competed for first time (100, 14%)

\$223,166 Monetary Prizes for 16 trns (\$235,474 for 18)

90% Prizes from entry fees (\$200,244.90)

10% Prizes from sponsors & NEBA (\$22,921.10)

Averages for 12 singles, 2 doubles & TofC/Non-Champs:

211 Entries (215)

164 Bowlers (168)

22% Reentries (22%)

9% Seniors (10%)

206.2 By qualifying field (204.7)

217.8 To qualify for match play (216.1)