

## Josh Chambliss wins June 8-game Scratch Classic

The monthly Charleston Traveling 8-game Scratch Classic was conducted at Ashley Lanes on June 14, 2009. Fifty-two bowlers came out to try and claim first place honors.



Leading the field after the 8 games of qualifying on the Earl Anthony pattern was PBA Champion Chris Collins from Savannah, GA. Chris was the winner of the last 8 game tournament conducted at Ashley Lanes. Chris led the field with a 237.75 average to finish with an 8 game total of 1902. Chris was one of two bowlers to record an honor score in

this event; the other was Josh Chambliss of Summerville, SC. They both recorded perfect scores of 300.

With 52 bowlers entered, the tournament paid 7 spots. Rounding out the top 7 were:

Josh Chambliss – 1900  
Pete Wagner – 1870  
JD Wilson – 1780  
Justin Smith – 1732  
Greg Anderson – 1720 - \$150  
Tony Todd – 1714 - \$72

In the stepladder finals, match number 1 featured Justin Smith vs JD Wilson. Smith beat Wilson with a clutch strike in the 10<sup>th</sup> frame to outscore Wilson 194-189. Wilson collected \$205 for his 5<sup>th</sup> place finish.

Match number 2 was Pete Wagner vs Justin Smith. Smith defeated the remaining lefty in the field by a score of 188-181. Wagner collected \$240 for his 4<sup>th</sup> place finish.

Match number 3 was Josh Chambliss vs Justin Smith. In what proved to be a see-saw battle, Chambliss and Smith traded strikes and spares. Both wound up opening once in the match, with Chambliss' coming in the 9<sup>th</sup> frame. Chambliss then went nine spare strike in the 10<sup>th</sup> to post a final score of 226. Smith stepped up in the 10<sup>th</sup> needing a double to win. After getting the first strike in the 10<sup>th</sup> he now needed a nine spare to tie, or a strike to win. Smith missed his release a little and wound up with eight spare and a final score of 225. Chambliss moved on to the Championship Match and Smith took home \$290 for his 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish.

The Championship Match featured Chris Collins vs Josh Chambliss, both of whom have won multiple times on the PBA Tour. They managed to put together one of the most entertaining matches ever in this series. In a total contrast of styles, Collis was playing

the deep inside line and Chambliss was playing the extreme outside line, the two combined for a total of 23 of a possible 24 strikes. Chambliss claimed the title by defeating a game Collins 300-280 and received \$610 for his efforts. Collins received \$305 for his second place finish. Both bowlers received a round of applause for their efforts from the crowd as well as their place money.

Thanks to all the bowlers for coming out and congratulations to all the cashers. The next 8-game Scratch Classic will be held on July 19<sup>th</sup> at Royal Z Lanes in Goose Creek, SC.