

COLLINS STARTS OFF NEW YEAR WITH BIG DOUBLE POINTS VICTORY!

Chris Collins from Savannah, Georgia kicked off 2010 with a big win at the first double points event for the Laneshark Bowlers Tour. He was one of 49 bowlers that braved the cold on January 3rd to come out and bowl the Brunswick Winter Classic. Our lane pattern was a modified version of the 2009 Bowlers Journal pattern. We increased the distance to 40 ft. from its usual 38 ft. distance. We also added extra volume on the first 5 boards to keep the scoring at a low-medium pace.

Collins lapped all qualifiers by posting a score of 1191. He was 114 pins ahead of the #2 seed, Kyle Troup who posted a very respectful score of 1077 on today's tough pattern. This was the toughest pattern/lowest scores that we had thus far this season. We cut to the top 11 qualifiers and the cut was 1025 for 5 games. We had 43 paid entries so we cut the top 11 bowlers. The top 5 received a one round bye. There was a tie for 5th which was broken by the highest game bowled during qualifying between the two bowlers.

The first round didn't show much drama as the 11th seed, Tom Baker from King, NC disposed of Dave Lambert, the 6th seed from Kingsport, TN very easily 228-156. Clint Cumbee, the 9th seed from Greensboro, NC defeated our current average leader, Randy Weiss, the 8th seed from Columbia, SC in a close match 222-213. Our November champ, the 7th seed Lee Vanderhoef from Greenville, SC beat the 10th seed, Rob Layman from Hickory, NC 234-201.

In the round of 8, Chris Collins took Cumbee out 232-190; Vanderhoef beat Kyle Troup, the 2nd seed 261-178. Baker defeated the 3rd seed, Will Geter from Charlotte, NC 203-177. The 4th seed, Chip Collins defeated the 5th seed and our current B.O.Y. and R.O.Y points' leader, Dennis Killough from Indian Trail, NC 225-201.

The final four featured two great matches with a lot of talented bowlers with years of experience. The Collins twins faced off in one match, while Vanderhoef and Baker locked horns in the other match. Chris Collins was able to defeat his brother Chip 220-170. This was the second tournament in a row that we had brothers bowling each other in the final four. Vanderhoef took care of Baker with ease 254-213.

The final match was the battle of two halves. Collins jumped out to an early lead and appeared to be on his way to an easy win, until his ball reaction seemed to fade between frames 5-9. At the same time, Vanderhoef put together a nice string of strikes to take the lead into the 10th frame. Vandy only needing a mark to shut out Collins left the 4-6-10 split. This opened the door the Collins who put together two solid strikes to take home his first Laneshark title. Collins won the match 210-200.

I would like to thank Bob and the staff at Triad Lanes for being such a great host. We hope to visit Triad again on next year's circuit.

If you haven't been out to a Laneshark event, you are seriously missing out. You will find top notch competition, challenging lane patterns, first-rate payouts with guaranteed prize funds; all in all, the friendship and feeling of being apart of an actual bowling club without paying any membership dues. Our next event will be at Bo's Family Entertainment in Lenior, NC. It's the Turbo Driven To Bowl Winter Open with \$1,000 guaranteed to the winner. Also one lucky bowler will win a free entry to the Shark Bowl Championship in May during practice.

TOTAL PRIZE FUND \$3,676
\$3,397 prize fund/\$200 added by Brunswick/\$79 added by LBT

- 1 - \$1,200 Chris Collins
- 2 - \$600 Lee Vanderhoef
- 3 - \$325 Tom Baker
- 4 - \$325 Chip Collins
- 5 - \$200 Kyle Troup
- 6 - \$200 Will Geter
- 7 - \$200 Dennis Killough
- 8 - \$200 Clint Cumbee
- 9 - \$142 Dave Lambert
- 10 - \$142 Randy Weiss
- 11 - \$142 Rob Layman