

DENNIS CLAIMS FIRST SHARK TITLE IN LENOIR!

Brian Dennis from Durham, N.C. claimed his first Laneshark Bowlers Tour title at Bo's Bodacious Family Entertainment in Lenoir N.C. this past weekend. This was Brian's second time at reaching the championship match this season. He had a second place finish to Tom Wall at the Belmont stop earlier this year. Once again we had a stellar field of both regional pros and top amateurs from around the Carolinas.

This was our highest entry count of the year as we posted 43 entries. This month was a modified 41ft. house pattern that some in the field claimed to be the slickest condition this season. It took only a couple of games before the bowlers were able to break down the pattern and start putting up some good numbers. Rob Layman from Hickory N.C. posted the high score during qualifying with a score of 1228 and also had a 299 in game 3. The cut to make match play was 1105 for 5 games. We took 10 bowlers to the single game match play portion of the tournament. The top 6 received byes and the bottom 4 went head to head.

During the first round of matches, the 7th seed, Caleb Marsh from Boone N.C. faced off against the 10th seed, Matt Burden from Greenville, S.C. Burden defeated Marsh easily 234-182. In the other opening round match, the 8th seed Joey Clinton from Gastonia, N.C. took on the 9th seed Ricky Marshall from Boiling Springs, S.C. Marshall was able to outlast Clinton in a low scoring affair 171-169. This was Clinton's second straight match play appearance of the season. During the round of 8, the 1 seed Rob Layman took on Burden and couldn't quite get things going like he had in qualifying. Burden defeated Layman 211-176. Layman was able to move up one spot into second place for the bowler of the year point race with his strong showing.

The 2nd seed Chris Collins went up against Marshall and defeated Marshall with ease 224-194. Collins was making his 3rd match play appearance of the season and he also took over the high average lead with a 228.09 for 21 games bowled this season. Chris McSwain from Kings Mountain, N.C. was also making his 3rd match play appearance of the year and looked poised to post his second victory of the season. Unfortunately, the 6th seed William Geter from Huntersville, N.C. took him down 227-203. The 4 and 5 seed match featured two traveling buddies having to face off in the early round of matches. The 4th seed Brad Ceraolo took on his buddy Brian Dennis the 5th seed. Dennis bounced Ceraolo from the tourney with a huge victory 266-192.

The round of 4 featured 2 closely fought matches. Chris Collins locked horns with Will Geter while Brian Dennis faced off against newcomer to the tour Matt Burden. Geter outlasted Collins 245-233. While in the other semifinal it went down to the last ball. Burden needed a double to win the match. He slammed 10 in the pit on the first ball, but left a solid 10 pin on the second shot. Dennis won the match 226-217. In the championship match, Brian Dennis won a closely fought and tough match with Geter 192-189.

I would like to thank everyone who came out to bowl with us. I would also like to thank Jeremy Hyatt and his staff for being such a great host. Jeremy, you guys our first class in the eyes of Lanesharks Bowlers Tour and we can't wait to come back next season. Thanks again. As you can see, Lanesharks Bowlers Tour is continuing to grow and there are just better things to come.

Next month we will be guaranteeing \$800 to win at Forest City. In April there is a strong chance that the Shark Bowl Championship Tournament will move to April 19th because of the fact that there is a regional in Asheboro and another scratch tournament in Jacksonville, N.C. on that same weekend. There is also a possibility that the Shark Bowl tourney will pay more than advertised. We will keep you posted on any changes. So far we have 100 bowlers who have bowled the shark tour. Hope to see each and every one of you at Forest City on March 22nd. Later.

The Laneshark

43 - total entries / 3 free entries/40 paid entries

Prize Fund - \$2600

1- Brian Dennis	\$800
2- Will Geter	\$450
3- Chris Collins	\$260
4- Matt Burden	\$260
5- Chris McSwain	\$155
6- Ricky Marshall	\$155
7- Brad Ceraolo	\$155
8- Rob Layman	\$155
9- Caleb Marsh	\$105
10- Joey Clinton	\$105