

Wayne Bolin wins May 8-game Scratch Classic



The monthly Charleston Traveling 8-game Scratch Classic was conducted at Dorchester Lanes on May 17, 2009. Sixty-two bowlers came out to try and claim first place honors.

Leading the field after the 8 games of qualifying on a modified Scorpion pattern was lefty Wayne Bolin from Lumberton, NC. Wayne was the only bowler to finish on the plus side with a total of 1614 for his 8 games. The pattern played tough and rendered the lowest scores of the year. This left bowlers scratching their heads and realizing how important spare shooting is in a tough condition tournament.

With 62 bowlers entered, the tournament paid 8 spots. Rounding out the top 8 were:

Jerry Horne – 1591
Matt Burden - 1589
Joe Spangler - 1588
Tim Baker – 1587
Greg Anderson – 1585 - \$155
Allen Webster – 1583 - \$95
Josh Chambliss – 1572 - \$81

In the stepladder finals, match number 1 featured Tim Baker vs Joe Spangler. Spangler beat Baker with a score of 191-174. Baker collected \$250 for his 5th place finish.

Match number 2 was Matt Burden vs Joe Spangler. Spangler defeated his second upstate bowler by a score of 179-138. Burden collected \$280 for his 4th place finish.

Match number 3 was Jerry Horne vs Joe Spangler. With the pattern and lanes starting to show their teeth, Horne defeated Spangler in the highest scoring match of the day 212-199 to advance to the championship match. Spangler collected \$300 for his 3rd place finish.

The Championship Match featured two former PBA Regional Pros as Wayne Bolin took on Jerry Horne. The two opponents traded spares and opens as neither one could string anything together. In what turned out to be a war of attrition, Bolin defeated Horne by a score of 166-150 and claim the \$690 top prize. Horne received \$345 for his 2nd place finish.

Congratulations to all the cashers, good bowling on a tough scoring pattern. The next 8-game Scratch Classic will be held at Ashley Lanes on June 12th. Please note this is the 2nd Sunday of June instead of the 3rd due to the 3rd Sunday being Father's Day.