

The Candlepin Professional

The Pro Series

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The Pro Series Debuts at Cape Ann Lanes in Gloucester, MA

The best of the best in candlepin bowling will showcase their talents on August 8, 2009 at Al Gangi's Cape Ann Lanes in Gloucester, MA. The first event is a singles knock-out, in which competitors will bowl a five string qualifying round with the top 32 moving on to the knock-out round. Once in the knock-out, the top seed bowls the 32nd seed, the 2nd seed bowls the 31st seed, and so on. Each round will consist of one string with the winner moving on until there is a champion.

Throwing out the ceremonial "first pitch" will be Candlepin Hall of

Famers Dan Murphy and Jim Barber. Dan was a regular on the Channel 5 TV show. He has eight N.H. State Tournament victories and seven Pro Tour victories. Jim, who was also a regular on Channel 5, was the second bowler to roll four strikes in a row on TV, and was the runner up on the final show in 1984. Both Dan and Jim will participate in the event, with Dan bowling in the 1 P.M. shift and Jim bowling in the 4 P.M. shift.

So if you're a fan of Jeff Surette, John Zappi, Shawn Baker, Bob Whitcomb, and

Candlepin greets Dan Murphy and Jim Barber, come down for an eventful day in Gloucester, MA, at Cape Ann Lanes.



Cape Ann Lanes in Gloucester, MA is located minutes from Route 128.

How the Point System Works

The Pro Series is comprised of ten tournaments held once a month beginning in August, with the playoffs finishing in May. With the exception of the team tournament, each tournament is allotted 4000 points. Bowlers earn points based on

how they finish in qualifying rounds, and in the bonus or knock-out rounds. The majority of the points awarded are for a bowler's placement in the qualifying round. All points earned are based on individual performance.

The top 24 point

leaders at the end of nine tournaments will move on to the playoffs, with the top point leader earning the title of Bowler of the Year. The Playoff Champion will become the Pro Series Champion for the season.

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Special points of interest:

- First Pro Series Tournament is August 8, 2009 in Gloucester, MA, at Cape Ann Lanes
- Top finishers in qualifying and knock-out rounds earn points to make the playoffs

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Mixed Teams Tournament Results From Park Place Lanes

On Saturday June 27th and Sunday June 28th 2009, the Mixed Teams Tournament took place at Park Place Lanes in Windham, NH. The Mixed Teams Tournament is the biggest of its kind that candlepin bowling has to offer. Teams consist of three men, one of which must average under 122, and two women. Developed by Deb Regan three years ago, the team led by Chris Sargent, including Mike Morgan, Kim Kangas, Angela Palmer and Shawn Morrison, has won two years in a row. Finishing second this year was the team of Shawn Baker, Danny Allard, Shawn McKinley, Kristy Moore, and Marion Brown. Sargent's team took home a prize of

\$10,000, which is also one of the biggest team prizes in the game today.

Leading the men in average was Jeff Surette with 132. Shawn Baker and Mike Morgan each had outstanding tournaments, both averaging 131. Morgan also had the high single of the tournament with an incredible 186 string, followed closely by John "Urbie" Kafalas with a 183, and Eric Pelletier with a 176. Kafalas opened the tournament with his 183 against Sargent's team, but it wasn't enough as they lost by a mere 13 pins.

Standouts for the women were Kelly Stoyles who averaged 123; Cindy Cawley who averaged 121; and Beth Powers who averaged

119. Kelly also bowled the high single for the women with a 165, and Kristy Moore (who rolled a 201 game earlier this year) had the second high single with 163. The third high single belonged to Sandi Baldinelli with a 162.

Other impressive bowling came from Canada's Chris Hollett, who is a part of the Maclaughlin Truck and Trailor Men's Worlds team. His team has won the Men's Worlds Team Tournament an incredible four years in a row from 2003 to 2006. Chris averaged 129 for the weekend at Park Place Lanes, while his team finished in sixth place.

New Hampshire, Massachusetts, And Maine State Tournament Results

Congratulations to all State Tournament Champions: Daniel Johnson and Joanne Ruzzanno from New Hampshire; Dave Barber and Joanne Ruzzanno from Massachusetts; and Nate Nealy and Brooke Anton from Maine.

For Daniel and Dave, this is their first Open State Tournament Title.

Daniel bowled 688 in the Singles, 649 in the Doubles, 631 in the Mixed Doubles, 385 in

the Mixed Teams, and 413 in the Teams for a tournament total of 2766 and average of 131 for 21 games.

Dave bowled 1294 in the Singles, 617 in the Doubles, and 714 in the teams for a total of 2625 and an average of 131 for 20 games.

In New Hampshire, Joanne bowled 646 in the Singles, 662 in the Doubles, 612 in the Mixed Doubles, 396 in the Mixed Teams, and

341 in the Teams for a total of 2657 and an average of 126 for 21 games. In Massachusetts Joanne bowled 1184 in the Singles, 624 in the Doubles, and 622 in the Teams for a total of 2430 and an average of 121 for 20 games.

In Maine, Nate Nealy defeated Brian Purdy 1281 to 1241, and Brooke Anton defeated Jeanne Gilbert 1127 to 1072.

Meet a Bowler – Jeff Surette

At 26 years old, Jeff Surette has accomplished more in his young career than most ever will. On the Candlepin Challenge, not only does he hold the record for most consecutive wins with 11, he has also won the Championship Show four out of the last five years. In addition to the Candlepin Challenge, he has made several

appearances on WNDS's Stars and Strikes, and the WB's Candlepins for Dollars. Last November, his team won the Men's Worlds Championship, the premier men's team tournament in candlepin bowling. To go along with his seven Pro Tour victories, Jeff was the 2003 Massachusetts State Tournament All Events Champion, and the

I.C.B.A International Champion. His high single is 202, high triple is 476, high five is 769, and his high ten is 1471. Jeff Surette is one of the game's elite bowlers, and more importantly he's one of the game's nicest guys. Jeff and his wife Kristen have two children, Karlee and Thomas.



Meet a Bowler – Mike MacIntosh

Mike MacIntosh has been leading the way in the past five years as one of the biggest contributors to our sport. He's put together tournaments, leagues, websites, forums, statistics, and without him the Pro Series might never have gotten off the ground. As a graduate of Franklin Pierce College in 2005 with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting,

Mike is now in the process of attaining his Master's of Science Degree in Accounting at Southern New Hampshire University. He currently works as an accountant for Strem Chemicals, and married his wife Julie in October of 2006. He has been on the Comcast Show, a record of 1-2, and his team won the Men's

Team Tournament in Fredericton, New Brunswick this past year. He is also a co-captain of "Crazy Train", a team that competes in the Men's Worlds Team Tournament held every year in November. His high single is 210, high triple is 505, and high five is 769.



Meet a Bowler – Joe Tavernese

Joe Tavernese is the manager of Metro Bowl in Peabody, MA, and if you're someone who's been following professional bowling over the past 30 years he should need no introduction. He's made several appearances on the Channel 5 TV show,

the Yellow Pages show, and The Superbowl Show, which featured mixed doubles. In 1987, Joe won the All Events in the Massachusetts State Tournament in which he set a record for five events with 3565, and averaged 137. He won the All Events again in 1989, and

in that same year he was also the Singles Champ, and came in the top three in all five events. He's won two Pro Tours, and his team won the Friday Night Pro League eight times. His high single is 207, and high triple is 484.



Friday Night Pro League

The final week of the Friday night pro league was one for the books. With a tie at the top between Metro Bowl and Candlewood, Lucky Strike sat in third only five points behind. In one of the closest finishes in recent years, Metro was able to take eight points from Woburn and win the Friday Night Pro League regular season for the second year in a row. Candlewood managed six points and finished in second place. The Metro team is made up of Mark Gregory, Mike Morgan, Joe Tavernese, Dave Hodge, and Dave Dupuis.

In the first round of the playoffs, Metro def. Colonial, Lucky Strike def. Candlewood, Pilgrim def. Woburn, and Academy def. Central Park. In the second round, Lucky Strike def. Pilgrim, and Academy def. Metro. In the finals, Academy came out strong and won the first string by 66 pins. But Lucky Strike fought back, led by the fantastic bowling of Derek Leffler, and def. Academy 1843 to 1766. Derek started with a 108, then bowled a 153, and finished with a 177 for a total of 438. Lucky Strike is made up of Derek Leffler, Bill Treeful, Danny Allard, Dave Barber, and Shawn Baker.

Finishing in the top five in average this season was Bob Whitcomb with 127, Jeff Surette with 127, Chris Sargent with 127, Mike Morgan with 126, and Mark Ricci with 126.

The top five high triples were bowled by Mark Ricci with 478, Jeff Surette with 466, Derek Leffler with 452, Dave Hodge with 448, and Bob Whitcomb with 447.

The top five high singles were Dan Goldoni with 189, Bart Maderios with 183, Derek Leffler with 183, Mark Ricci with 182, and Bob Whitcomb with 176.

Candlepin Challenge



The final show of the Candlepin Challenge aired on June 11th, 2009 and saw Jeff Surette winning his fourth Championship Show in five years. He has won the final show in 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2009. In the challenger's match, Bob Whitcomb defeated John Zappi 129 - 123. Zappi, who

posted a 298 in the last regular season show to qualify for the show, has appeared in the past three final shows, making it to the championship match in 2007 in which he lost to Bob Whitcomb. For Whitcomb, it's his second appearance in the final show in three years. Surette, who

qualified with a record 334, capped off one of his best seasons, seeing a Worlds Team Tournament title in November, a second place finish in the Easter Classic, and a win over Bob Whitcomb 256 - 233 in the final show.

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