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Mark Ricci Wins His First Pro Series Event at Ryan's Family Amusements

On Sunday March 18, 2012, Mark Ricci took home his first singles Pro Series title, and his second since he won the Team's Tournament in the 2010-2011 season. In the qualifying round, Mark finished 5th out of the 87 bowlers who competed in Millis, MA, with scores of 122, 151, 117, 127 and 146, for a total of 663. His 5th place finish was 1 pin shy of Mark Smith for 4th and 2 pins shy of Mike Kustak for 3rd place. Although Mark did not have a high single for the day, he was consistent throughout, and earned 140 points for qualifying.

This tournament was The Skins Game, in which the top 24 bowlers qualify for the playoff rounds, the top 8 receive a bye, and seeds 9 through 16 bowl a 1 string roll-off. The winners of the roll-off will earn a spot in one of the 4 skins groups, and have 3 strings to qualify for the final skins group. The top score in each group will advance to the final skins game, where each skin is worth \$100 a piece.

With Mark's 5th place finish, he received a crucial bye into one of the skins groups, and from there he caught fire and never looked back. His group consisted of Shawn Baker (375), Mark Smith (365), and Steve Spingola (339). In all, he won 11 of the 30 possible skins, and advanced to the final game with a three string total of 399. Mark had the second highest three string total of all 16 bowlers across the four groups, second only to Nick Norcross' 405.

In the final string, Mark continued his hot streak winning 6 of the 10 possible skins, and also winning the string which was worth \$200. His 159 string was good for his first individual Pro Series title, beating out Brian Feist (129), Nick Norcross (119), and Craig Holbrook (116).

A Look Ahead: Random Draw Doubles

Join us this Sunday, April 22, 2012 in Beverly, MA at the Bowl-A-Mat for the Random Draw Doubles. This event is open to members and non-members alike, and shifts are held at 10 AM and 1 PM. In this tournament, participants will bowl a 5 string qualifier with the top 64 advancing to the knockout round. Qualifiers are then randomly paired up, and placed into a bracket, where doubles will bowl 1 string matches, with the winners advancing. All are welcome to Beverly, MA to witness some of the best bowlers in the New England Area. The tournament begins at 10 AM, and will last until around 7 PM.

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Special points of interest:

- Chris Sacchetti led all qualifiers with 721, and an opening string of 178 that included a four bagger.

Qualifying Results From The Skins Game

Pos	Bowler	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Chris Sacchetti	178	146	139	140	118	721
2	Brian Feist	150	123	141	128	166	708
3	Mike Kustak	129	130	122	158	126	665
4	Mark Smith	116	149	126	132	141	664
5	Mark Ricci	122	151	117	127	146	663
6	Craig Holbrook	162	117	121	138	118	656
7	Lou Pumphrey	99	145	150	142	119	655
8	Mark Strangio	117	138	162	105	128	650
9	Dan Allard	92	131	171	114	137	645
10	Mark Gregory	124	142	129	124	126	645
11	Jim Ayotte	170	110	106	136	122	644
12	Jon McDonald	136	146	138	113	111	644
13	Eric Pelletier	130	139	125	135	113	642
14	Steve Renaud, Jr.	131	133	137	129	111	641
15	Dave Godwin	128	115	142	156	99	640
16	Mark Euvrard	102	156	135	124	123	640
17	John Zappi	124	115	142	136	121	638
18	Skip Easterbrooks	121	138	134	132	111	636
19	Steve Spingola	140	123	114	146	112	635
20	Shawn Baker	142	126	119	110	137	634
21	Jon Winchell	139	116	133	113	131	632
22	Dave Barber	121	124	128	100	155	628
23	Brian Crowell	122	120	130	126	130	628
24	Nick Norcross	117	117	119	152	121	626

Point Standings

Pos	Bowler	Total
1	Craig Holbrook	-
2	Nate Nealey	13.33
3	Dave Barber	281.33
3	Jim Ayotte	281.33
5	Shawn Baker	284.16
6	Mark Strangio	292.83
7	Chris Boisvert	328.83
8	Peter Flynn	451.66
9	Dave Godwin	509.33
10	Scott Lapierre	532.33
11	Jeff Surette	535.5
12	Chris Sacchetti	592.5
13	Mark Smith	595.5
14	Shawn McKinley	627.83
15	Richie Myrick	649.83
16	Brian Feist	652.33
17	Shawn Morrison	623.33
18	Mark Ricci	730.83
19	John Zappi	748.83
20	Aaron Spiller	760.83
21	Sam Dagostino	763.33
22	Dave Richards	770.33
23	Brian Crowell	770.83
24	Steve Vadney	777.83

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The points shown are not actual points. They are the amount of points behind the leader in the standings for Bowler of the Year.

Full standings and tournament results can be found at www.candlepinproseries.com.

Scott Lapierre and Jeff Lapierre Win Doubles Knockout at Leda Lanes

Pos	Bowlers	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Shawn Morrison / Chris Sargent	276	252	256	280	255	1319
2	Mark Smith / Nate Nealey	256	270	257	259	255	1297
3	Aaron Spiller / Richie Myrick	247	237	249	257	297	1287
4	Chis Boisvert / John Zappi	251	278	208	250	252	1239
5	Mark Gregory / Craig Holbrook	232	260	273	219	246	1230
6	Scott Lapierre / Jeff Lapierre	254	227	269	209	262	1221
7	Hawk Halas / Steve Vadney	241	223	291	234	226	1215
8	Mark Strangio / Joe Smith	252	210	226	286	241	1215
9	Carl Witham / Al Nelson	245	239	253	244	231	1212
10	Dave Godwin / Chris Sacchetti	262	258	219	227	242	1208
11	Gary Santora / Korey Packard	256	267	203	259	222	1207
12	Dave Richards / Peter Flynn	257	224	220	259	245	1205
13	Jon Winchell / Bob Whitcomb	228	242	259	238	237	1204
14	Joe Tavernese / Jim Putney	228	250	226	261	237	1202
15	Rob Pidgeon / Dave Chestercove	235	245	222	258	240	1200
16	Rich Moran / Norm Pelletier	232	246	256	220	244	1198
17	Mike Legendre / Steve Legendre	232	240	230	255	238	1195
18	Eddie Barber / Dave Barber	231	234	191	264	274	1194
19	Eric Pelletier / Shawn McKinley	237	229	240	254	230	1190
20	Urbie Kafalas / Dave Dupuis	268	252	236	221	211	1188
21	Stu Bergman / Lou Alberghini	227	226	240	227	268	1188
22	Mike Morgan / Shawn Baker	242	267	198	239	242	1188
23	Justin Scali / Jon Hendren	237	260	257	219	210	1183
24	Skip Easterbrooks / Brian Feist	247	224	232	230	247	1180

For the second time in six Doubles Tournaments, Scott Lapierre and Jeff Lapierre come out as champions. They defeated Brian Feist and Skip Easterbrooks in the final match, who have also won two Doubles Tournaments. Interestingly enough, between these two doubles partners, they have reached the final match a total 5 times between the two. Scott and Jeff qualified 6th overall, with strings of 254, 227, 269, 209 and 262 for a total of 1221. Qualifying 6th earned them a bye into the 2nd round, as the top 24 doubles qualify for the knockout round. In the knockout round, they defeated Gary Santora and Korey Packard, Aaron Spiller and Richie Myrick, Dave Godwin and Chris Sacchetti, before defeating Brian and Skip in the finals.

Jeff Surette Wins Easter Classic for Record 3rd Year in a Row

Jeff Surette has accomplished a feat that no other bowler has in the history of the Easter Classic, won three years in a row! This year, Jeff finished with a 20 string total of 2648, averaging 132.4 on the day. After 10 Strings, he was in 9th place behind leader Nate Nealey, trailing by 69 pins with a score of 1271. When the break was over, he found his groove and opened with strings of 154, 164, 135, 126 and 131 to put him in 2nd place, trailing Kevin Davis by only 17 pins. In the final 5 strings, he put up scores of 121, 142, 131, 153 and 120, and had a 60+ pin lead going into the final string.

The top 5 bowlers were Jeff Surette – 2648, Kevin Davis – 2580, Nate Nealey – 2573, Jonathan Boudreau – 2565, and Corey Smith 2555.

A special thanks to Shawn Howard and the staff at Leda Lanes for keeping this tournament alive, and a very special thank you to Ray Simoneau for his dedication and generosity to the game of Candlepin Bowling.

Race for Final Playoff Spot

Pos	Bowler	Pts.
25	Jon Winchell	53.50
26	Bob Whitcomb	58.00
27	Hawk Halas	64.00
28	Joe Smith	65.00
29	Brian Purdy	70.50
30	Mike Morgan	93.00
31	Jim Putney	128.50
32	Lou Pumphrey	234.00
33	Mark Gregory	252.00
34	Jonathan McDonald	267.50
35	Skip Easterbrooks	280.00
36	Dan Allard	280.50
37	Mike Kustak	283.00
38	Ben Vestal	311.00
39	Marc Carrier	312.50
40	Gary Santora	319.00
41	Dave Chester Cove	323.00
42	Jeff Lapierre	350.50
43	Mike Legendre	353.50
44	Dave Dupuis	360.50
45	Eric Pelletier	383.00
46	Nick Norcross	396.50
47	Stu Bergman	418.00
48	Steve Spingola	431.50
49	Justin Scali	457.67
50	Kris Winiarz	473.00
51	Steve Renaud, Jr.	473.00
52	Dave Mallahan	478.00
53	Urbie Kafalas	481.33
54	Joey Hutchinson	488.00
55	Brandon Marks	535.50
56	Rich Grasse	536.00
57	Peter Pereira	549.00
58	Mark Euard	550.00

With a possible 550 points to be won at the next tournament (250 for top individual qualifier, and 300 for tournament champion), there are 36 bowlers who have a chance to take the final spot in the playoffs.

After this tournament, the top 24 bowlers in the point standings will earn a spot at the playoffs to be held at Lanes and Games in Cambridge, MA. The next tournament is a Random Draw Doubles, in which the top 64 bowlers will qualify for the knockout round (the most bowlers to qualify for a knockout round in any tournament).

The points shown on the left are the number of points behind the 24th place bowler, Steve Vadney. There are a number a scenarios to play out that would put these 36 bowlers into the playoffs, but for some of them, they would need to qualify in the top 5 and either win, or make it to the final match. When it comes to a 5 string qualifying round, and head to head match-ups, anything is within the realm of possibility.

For seeding purposes, any ties in the Pro Series point standings will be settled by the best individual finish (seed, NOT score) in the qualifying round of any of the first (8) eight events. The best finish does not include the Teams Tournament.

Check out www.candlepinproseries.com for full point standings, and the point system for the Random Draw Doubles Tournament.

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