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Craig Holbrook Wins 10-Stringer

The 10-Stringer at Colonial is one of only two tournaments in which there are no knockout or playoff rounds. These tournaments are generally more difficult because it is harder to bowl well over ten games, than it is for five. For Craig Holbrook, however, this was not the case as he won the first 10-stringer of the season with a score of 1275. He needed one mark in the last three boxes of the final string to edge out Jeremy Seaholm by 4 pins. For Craig, this may be his first Pro Series win, but it's just another addition to his already extensive resume.

Finishing at the top had a tremendous impact for both Holbrook and Seaholm, who were catapulted into the top five point leaders after four events. Craig now sits in second place only 66.5 points behind Shawn Baker, while Jeremy sits in fifth place, only 108 points behind Stu Bergman.

This tournament made history for the Pro Series as we saw our first Canadian to bowl in an event. Matt Lagace, who bowls for Morningwood Lumber in the Men's World Team Tournament every November, finished in 44th with an 1108.

Matt and his wife were down for the weekend from Halifax, NS, and we were happy he could take the day and spend it with us.

The Pro Series Committee would like to thank Lynne and the staff at Colonial Bowl for hosting our event. The staff was very accommodating and more than able to meet our needs.

Colonial Bowl is located in South Weymouth, MA, and hosts parties, group events, leagues and open bowling.

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Mike Morgan Wins Singles Knock-Out in Halifax, NS

Every year on the Monday before the Men's Worlds Team Tournament, a Singles Knock-Out is held and usually sees a turn out of over 100 bowlers.

This year, Massachusetts's bowler Mike Morgan outlasted 99 other bowlers and defeated Maine's Shawn Morrison in the finals with a score of 136-114. Mike started

the match with an open box, and 5 marks in a row, which put the match out nearly out of reach after six boxes.

Special points of interest:

- Scott LaPierre had the high single for the tournament with a 172.
- With 61 entries, only 18 bowlers reached the 1200 plateau, and not one made it over 1300.

1	Craig Holbrook	1275
2	Jeremy Seaholm	1271
3	Dave Richards	1262
4	Richie Myrick	1259
5	Ed Woodside	1256
6	Dave Godwin	1255
7	Peter Pereira	1252
8	John Zappi	1251
9	Jason Sparks	1246
10	Jeff Surette	1240
11	Mark Strangio	1231
12	Dave Barber	1225
13	Korey Packard	1218
14	Joe Stella	1212
15	Eric Pelletier	1211
16	Devin Laramie	1208
17	Stu Bergman	1206
18	Mike Morgan	1203

1	Shawn Baker	1204.5
2	Craig Holbrook	1138.0
3	Jeff Surette	1098.0
4	Stu Bergman	698.0
5	Jeremy Seaholm	590.0
6	Dan Allard	528.0
7	Richie Myrick	513.0
8	Chris Sargent	447.5
9	Jason Doucette	446.5
10	Peter Pereira	419.0
11	Jim Putney	391.0
12	Jason Sparks	373.0
13	Mark Gregory	347.0
14	Norm Pelletier	342.5
15	Korey Packard	322.5
16	Steve Renaud, Sr.	310.0
17	John Zappi	309.0
18	Steve Renaud, Jr.	294.0
19	Mike Morgan	275.5
20	Eric Pelletier	269.5
21	Mike MacIntosh	268.5
22	Scott Lapierre	264.5
23	Skip Easterbrooks	229.0
24	Dave Barber	228.0
24	Steve Legendre	228.0

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Craig Holbrook

Our first 10-Stringer Champion Craig Holbrook is no stranger to the limelight. Since 1979, he has won numerous Massachusetts and New Hampshire State Titles, the Men's World Team Tournament, Easter Classic, Pro Tour stops, and has been a regular on TV.

Between Massachusetts and New

Hampshire, he has won the All Events four times, the Singles Event eight times, and the Team Event thirteen times. He was the Pro Tour Rookie of the Year in 1988, the Bowler of the Year in 1998, 2003, 2006, and 2009, and he is second on the all time wins list with 15.

Craig won the Easter Classic 20 stringer in 1990, 1993, and 2007.

In the Men's World Tournament, he has made the finals eight times, and has won it four times. Between Channel 5, 127, 56, 50, and the Comcast Network, he has been on TV over 50 times.

Craig's high single is 196, high triple is 505 (New Hampshire State record), high five is 781, and his high ten is 1461.

Mike Morgan

Mike Morgan is probably best known for his ability as a bowler, but for those who haven't had the pleasure of knowing him off the lanes, they would find out he has an infectious personality, and is a great guy.

Mike made himself a household name by appearing on TV over 100 times. He was the Yellow Pages Champion in 1978 when he beat Joe Donovan 409-287. In

that same year, he was the Massachusetts All Events State Champion. He won the Lynn Doubles Tournament with his brother, Tom, 3 different times, back when Lynn was flourishing with top candlepin bowlers.

Mike holds the Pro Tour single string record with a 212, bowled in 1998. He has 2 Pro Tour titles, and 3 Senior Tour titles. In 2000, he was the

Pro Tour Bowler of the Year.

Probably the most impressive feat of all, Mike was elected to the Candlepin Hall of Fame in 2008.

If you ask Mike, he would tell you he wants to be remembered for having fun in this game; and the best part of bowling was all the friends he made along the way.



Mark Strangio

Mark Strangio works as the Controller for The Bulfinch Companies, Inc., a real estate management company in Needham. He is a graduate of Babson College in 1990 with a Bachelor in Accounting, and he also graduated from Bentley College in 2000 with a Masters in Taxation. He has been

married to his wife Melissa for 16 years, and they have two kids, 13-year-old Lea, and 11-year-old Steve.

This past year, Mark has topped his high single at the New Hampshire State Tournament with a 190 string; he won the N.H. State Doubles, and finished among the top of the pack in five out of the

six events he bowled in. Mark is the Co-Captain of Team Crazy Train at the Men's World Team Tournament. This past year the team made it to the final match. Unfortunately for them, they came up just short, losing by 84 pins.



Friday Night Pro League

Congratulations to Jeff Surette who threw a 204 string at the Woburn Bowladrome in the Friday Night Pro League. Jeff started with a strike, had an open box, and then threw 4 strikes in a row before having another open box. He finished the string with spare, strike, spare and an 8 fill for an incredible 204 string.

Another congratulations goes to the Metro Bowl team who put up a score of 2117 in the Friday Night Pro League. Mark Gregory led all scores with 450, Bob Bettencourt bowled a 432, Dave Godwin had 422, Chris Sargent had 418, and Dave Dupuis had 395. The total of 2117 is only 52 pins shy of the World Record held by a team from Pilgrim Lanes.

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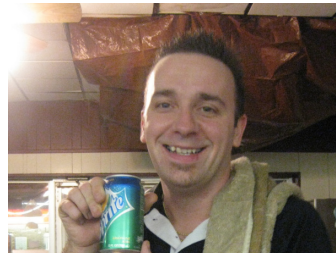
Pictures From Colonial Bowl



Dave Barber, Matt Lagace,
Mike MacIntosh



Dominic Ricci



Dave Hodge



Mike Legendre

A Look Ahead: Skins Game at Lucky Strike

Our next tournament is a Skins Game at Lucky Strike in Lynn, MA. This tournament consists of a 5 string qualifying round, with the top 8 automatically placed into the Skins Game. Seeds 9 through 24 will bowl a one-string match, and the winners move on to the Skins Game.

The Skins Game separates the 16 qualifiers into groups of 4, where each group bowls 3 strings. After 3 strings, 1 bowler from each group moves on to the final Skins game. Points are awarded based on qualifying scores, and Skins Game totals.

The Worlds Tournament and the Ladies Candlepin Championship

On November 10, 24 teams of the best bowlers in the United States and Canada got together at the Halifax Fairlanes in Halifax, NS. After a long week of great matches and some incredible bowling, a team from Halifax met a team from Massachusetts in the finals on Saturday night. The Halifax team comprised of Matt McPhee, Matt Harnett, Nate Leblanc, Matt Leblanc, John Harrietha, Chris McGrady, Gerry Dunn, and Todd Harrison defeated the Massachusetts team made up of Mike MacIntosh, Mark Strangio, Shawn McKinley, Dave Hodge, Mark Ricci, Mike Kustak, and Chris Boisvert, by a score of 1940 to 1856.

In Lower Sackville, the Ladies Candlepin Championship was dominated by a team from Massachusetts who went 14-2 for the weekend and finished 2 games ahead of the second place team. The team was made up of Nance Vestal, Lynne Thompson, Marion Johnson, Kristy Moore, Brenda Lemagdaline, and Sheryl Divoll.

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