## Sharpe, Vigil win "big" checks at AMF \$500,000 National In-League Tourney

Alexandria's Jerome Sharpe (C Division) and Zach Vigil (A Division) of La Plata, Md., took home checks for \$25,000 and \$10,000 for their respective second- and third-place finishes at the National Finals Championships of the AMF \$500,000 National In-League Tournament, an event exclusive to AMF league bowlers that concluded April 17 at The Orleans Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Other local cashers included Ernest Neal Jr., Upper Marlboro, \$1,500 (Division B, 5th place tie); Randy Brown, Alexandria, \$500 (A, 10th place); Antwan Cofield, Hyattsville, \$500 (C, 13th place); and Jason Parham, College Park, \$250 (Open, 25th place).

The chase for bowling glory began in this pins-over-average format with 108 finalists, equally divided into four divisions—Open Division (200+ average), Division A (180-199), Division B (160-179), and Division C (159 and below)—from 27 districts. Competitors were whittled down through an eliminator format to determine the national champions. Although only one person in each division was crowned the \$50,000 winner, every national finalist walked away with prize money, ranging from \$25,000 for second place to \$250 for the 15th to 27th finishers.

Division winners worked their way through a 10-week qualifying period, followed by center-level finals at each AMF location and district finals at 27 select AMF locations. AMF already had awarded approximately \$100,000 to center and district finalists. For details on each round, visit www.tournament.amf.com for detailed stats.



Jerome Sharpe (above, center) and Zach Vigil (below, center) hold their prize-winning checks at the National Finals Championships of the AMF \$500,000 National In-League Tournament in Las Vegas.





Ernest Neal Jr. tied for fifth place in Division B to earn \$1,500.

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