

ROBINETTE CAPTURES MAASBA EVENT AT ELLICOTT CITY

Alexandria's **Jim Robinette** trounced Vienna's **Mike Ladd**, 215-169 to win the November MAASBA tournament held at Brunswick Normandy Lanes in Ellicott City, MD. Robinette was the only bowler to average better than 200 for the day on what was the toughest bowling condition the MAASBA has faced. On a day when the entire tournament average for all bowlers combined was only 170, Robinette bested the 38-man field in qualifying play with a 975 five game total.

After the five game qualifying round, the field was cut in half and 19 bowlers bowled an additional three games. On the one-for-six prize ratio, a total of seven places were paid. **Wayne Miller**, Quantico, VA finished seventh with a 1449 eight-game total good for \$75. **Billy Davis**, Temple Hills, MD finished sixth with 1484 and took home \$80. The fifth place prize of \$90 went to **Saunie Sirbaugh**, Winchester, VA who totaled 1513. After the eight games the top four advanced to head-to-head match play. The top four included **Robinette** with a 1609 total; **Greg Goetz**, Arlington, VA with 1545; **Ladd** with 1528 and **Larry Walton**, Glen Burnie, MD with 1519. In the first match, Ladd bested Walton 161-149 and Walter departed with the fourth place prize of \$120. Ladd then edged Goetz 224-217 to earn the shot at Robinette for the title. The Doctor collected \$180 for his third place finish. However, Ladd's winning way was soon halted by Robinette and he had to settle for the runner-up prize of \$300, while Robinette collected \$600 for the win.

The next MAASBA events are scheduled for Sunday, Feb 6th at Princess Anne Bowling Center, Fredericksburg, VA; Mar 6th at Fair Lanes Dundalk, Baltimore; Apr 3rd at St Charles Bowl in Waldorf, MD and the last regular event at Bowl America Odenton, Odenton, MD on May 8th. The Final Invitational Event will be at Alexandria Bowling Center on June 12th. Bowlers must compete in three regular events to qualify for the final event which carries a guaranteed first place of \$1000. Regular events carry a \$600 first place guarantee.