

Russell Rose romps in Summer Shootout

Russell Rose of Fredericksburg, Va., won 10 of 12 matches and averaged 239.47 for the tournament en route to winning the first-place check of \$1,000 in this year's 2nd Annual Summer Scratch Bash Shootout. Rose defeated Lee Nienajadly of Columbia, Md., 256-232 in the first match-play game and steadily increased his lead to 192 pins before eventually posting his 130-pin victory.

The tournament's previous qualifying record of 2,041 was shattered by the four top qualifiers—Nienajadly (2,155), Rose (2,154), Brian Poole of Hyattsville (2,064), and Chip Hamilton of Beltsville (2,045). Six of the top 12 qualifiers, including the top four, were left-handed. It also took a record +99 pins over a 200 average just to make the cut to the semi-finals.

Magic Gray of Suitland and Wendell Davis of Johnson City, Tenn., turned in strong performances from the right side. Gray, in eighth place at the beginning of match play, defeated eight of his 12 opponents, finished fourth and won \$300, behind Poole, who took home \$350. Davis, a Tennessee state record-holder, started the finals in sixth and finished fifth, winning \$250.

This year's Shootout attracted just 55 entries, down 25 percent from last year. Tournament Director Thom Dolinger attributed the decrease to increased entry fees, summer vacations, and general indifference of so-called high average bowlers.

Due to the lack of support of the tournament by local scratch bowlers, plans for the 2nd Annual Winter Shootout are being reconsidered.

Other cashers: 6, Chip Hamilton, Beltsville, \$230; 7, Shannon Reasor, Alexandria, \$220; 8, Kip Roberts, Richmond, \$215; 9, Rich Wolfe, Falls Church, \$210; 10, Larry O'Neill, Sterling, \$205; 11, Willie Jelks, Alexandria, \$200; 12, Frank Gallo Jr., Beltsville, \$190.