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M.I.S.T. #3 Recap 2012 – 2013 Season: Bayside Bowl, Portland, ME.

Hello bowlers, and welcome to the recap for the M.I.S.T. held on November 11, 2012 at Bayside Bowl in Portland, ME. This was an exciting event for the M.I.S.T., as it was the first time we have ever been to Bayside Bowl for a tournament. I would like to say thank you very much to Charlie Mitchell and all his staff at Bayside Bowl for making this a great tournament experience for our tournament bowlers. There was a great buzz in the air, and from the feedback I received, I am sure we will be back for future tournaments in upcoming seasons. We bowled on an oil pattern which was created by USBC Gold Level Coach Joe Slowinski, which was a 45ft. flat oil pattern called "What a Long Strange Trip It's Been", which put a premium on good shot making, superb accuracy, and great speed control. In the 4+ years I have run the M.I.S.T., this pattern produced the lowest scoring pace in M.I.S.T. history, and was laid out very nicely by Bayside Bowl, as the pattern seemed to break down consistently from pair to pair. It took a 743 to make the top (4), and a 700 to cash for a (4) game total. Low scores mean a premium on leaving makeable spares, and then making them, to score well. The M.I.S.T. prides itself on putting out tougher shots than any other scratch tournament around, which will truly test our elite bowlers and find THE best scratch bowler at the end of the day at every single tournament. We had (32) entries, a season high, which meant we paid (8) spots, with the top (4) rolling off for the title. Here are the qualifying scores, with the cut line marked by a "---":

Rick Campbell – 757 Loring DeGazio – 751 Bob Nile – 747 Joe Ramsdell III – 743 Joe Colcord – 741 Sarah Pelletier – 740 John Bovoy – 730 Joe Kenney – 700

Dean Lagner – 685 Cathy Bouchard – 683 Jimmy Clark – 677 Stephen Babb – 674 Aaron Thiboutot - 668

Derek Webb - 656

Cory Lagner - 650

Bob Violette - 645

Jason Spaulding – 633

Josh Greenlaw - 619

Justin Brawn - 615

Christian Moto - 614

Scott Moore - 611

Tom Durrell - 608

James Ward - 600

Charlie Mitchell - 595

Miles Coplan - 578

Jason Ward – 567

Bob Lorrain - 560

Jim Morin - 559

Adam Jordan - 555

Tyler Coplan – 548

Nick Hobbs - 531

Ryan Foss – 511

Our 8th place finisher was Joe Kenney, who pulled out a 700 to grab the last cashing spot. He earned \$55 and grabbed 35 Bowler of the Year (BOY) points. 7th place finisher was John Bovoy, who also sponsors the M.I.S.T. by donating a bottle of Knockout ball cleaner every month, so thank you John. John shot a 730 total, picking up \$65 and nabbing 40 BOY points on the day. 6th place was Sarah Pelletier, our lone female qualifier, who shot a nice 740 total. Sarah earned \$80 and picked up 45 BOY points. 5th place, and only missing the top 4 by (2) pins, was our two time defending Bowler of the Year Joe Colcord. Joe shot 741 total, making \$95 and also getting 50 BOY points on the day. Congrats to all of our cashers on this super tough oil pattern! Our first step ladder final match was between 4th seeded Joe Ramsdell III and 3rd seed Bob Nile. Joe qualified 4th with a 743 total, and Bob qualified 3rd with a 747. Here is the score from their match:

Bob Nile – 193 Joe Ramsdell III – 215

Little did we know, but this match would feature the two highest games in our roll off, if that tells you just how hard this pattern was. Joe did a great job making all his spares, and keeping the ball in play, and Bob did good as well, but he couldn't quite get enough carry to catch Joe in the end. Bob had a fantastic finish, grabbing 4th place, picking up \$140 and leaving with 60 BOY points on the day. Nice job Bob! Our semi-final match featured 2nd seeded Loring Degazio, making his M.I.S.T. finals debut, bowling against Joe Ramsdell III. Loring qualified 2nd, shooting a nice 751 total. Here is the result of their match:

Loring Degazio – 169 Joe Ramsdell III – 188

Once again, Joe proved that he could keep the ball in play, and make

fewer mistakes than his opponent on this difficult oil pattern. This match was back and forth, and Loring did a great job keeping it close and needed to strike out to force Joe to strike to win. But, when he could only get the first strike in the 10th, Joe was able to move on with a clean 10th frame. Loring has nothing to hang his head about, as he did a great job, finishing 3rd earning \$180 and picking up 70 BOY points on the day. Well done Loring! Our final match would feature Joe Ramsdell III, bowling against our top seed Rick Campbell. Rick led the field with a nice 757 total. Joe lost a final match earlier this year, would he be able to nail this one down, or would the wily veteran Rick take him down and earn his first M.I.S.T. title this season? Here is the result of their match:

Rick Campbell – 170 Joe Ramsdell III – 183

Just like our semi-final match, this was a see saw battle all the way. Joe got out to an early lead, but Rick was able to hang around all the way to the 10th frame. Rick needed to strike out to force Joe to mark, but he could only get the first strike in the 10th, and Joe was able to mark and seal the victory. Rick did a great job, bowling consistently all day long, and ended up grabbing a 2nd place finish for his effort. Rick made \$230 and picked up 80 BOY points on the day. Nice job Rick! The story today was Joe Ramsdell III, who exorcised his demon from earlier this year by winning this tournament. Joe ran through the finals field, winning 3 matches on the way to the title. Joe picks up \$290, and the all important 100 BOY points for the victory. Great bowling on this tough oil pattern Joe! Here are the final standings, with the Bowler of the Year points earned by each bowler:

Joe Ramsdell III - 100 Rick Campbell – 80 Loring Degazio – 70 Bob Nile - 60 Joe Colcord - 50 Sarah Pelletier – 45 John Bovoy – 40 Joe Kenney – 35 Dean Lagner – 5 Cathy Bouchard – 5 Jimmy Clark – 5 Stephen Babb – 5 Aaron Thiboutot – 5 Derek Webb – 5 Cory Lagner – 5 Bob Violette – 5 Jason Spaulding - 5 Josh Greenlaw – 5 Justin Brawn – 5 Christian Moto – 5 Scott Moore – 5 Tom Durrell - 5 James Ward – 5 Charlie Mitchell - 5

Miles Coplan – 5 Jason Ward – 5 Bob Lorrain – 5 Jim Morin – 5 Adam Jordan – 5 Tyler Coplan – 5 Nick Hobbs – 5 Ryan Foss – 5

Please join us next month as the M.I.S.T. travels to Spare Time Bowling Center in Portland, ME. on December 9, 2012. Check in time is 9:00 AM, with tournament bowling starting at 10:00 AM. Cost is \$45, with a \$10 high game pot option, and plenty of \$5 brackets available for our bowlers. We will be raffling off another Brunswick bowling ball, so stay tuned to which one it will be, as I will post pictures of it as soon as it arrives. Thank you to Brunswick Bowling for sponsoring the M.I.S.T. by donating a bowling ball for each tournament to be raffled off. All of the proceeds of the raffle go into the prize fund for our bowlers. Also, we will be giving away another bottle of Knockout bowling ball cleaner to one lucky bowler. Bowl Pro Sales and John Bovoy have donated a bottle of Knockout ball cleaner to be drawn at each M.I.S.T. this season, so thank you for that support! Also, Moore's Pro Shop, who sponsor our Bowler of the Year competition, have offered to drill free of charge, the bowling ball that our lucky winner wins each month. The winner only has to pay for any finger inserts or thumb slug, but the drilling will be free, courtesy of Moore's Pro Shop. Thank you Scott Moore for this great offer, and Moore's Pro Shop is the official pro shop of the M.I.S.T. Please check them out on Facebook, or call to make your next appointment at (207) 753-9395. You've tried the rest; now try the best at Moore's Pro Shop.

On a sad note, we lost a former M.I.S.T. bowler, Ben Johnson III in a tragic fire this past weekend. All of us at the M.I.S.T. send our thoughts and condolences to the entire Johnson family during this difficult time. Ben bowled out of Bangor, and was a good bowler, and a great person who will be missed by everyone who ever knew him. Since he was from the Bangor area, and the M.I.S.T. will be bowling there in January at Family Fun Lanes, the M.I.S.T. is going to donate ALL bowling ball raffle proceeds from that tournament to the Johnson family. So, please keep that in mind bowlers, and let's raise some serious cash for the family when we go to Family Fun Lanes in January. Every little bit helps.

I will have an updated Bowler of the Year point's race on a separate report, and thank you to everyone who bowls in the M.I.S.T. for doing your part to keep scratch bowling alive and well in Maine. I am thrilled with our turnouts, but there are many bowlers out there who have yet to bowl in a M.I.S.T., so tell your friends at the lanes it's time they tried out the M.I.S.T. for themselves! See you all next month in Portland everyone!

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