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BROEGE CLUTCH IN THE TENTH TO TAKE TOFC

RJ BROEGE from West Hartford, CT added the Tournament of Champions title to his resume by beating NEBA's most winning bowler with a mandatory double to end the championship match. This was RJ's fourth career title and second in 2008. His first win was in September 2003 at Bradley Bowl, his second at the 2007 trios and his last at Bowl-O-Rama in May. At Norwich, the 28 year-old threw games of 268, 238, 237, 222 and 202 in qualifying. His 1167 was 12th out of the record breaking 62 bowler field. In round one, he went up against Craig Asselin who was coming off his runner-up finish earlier in the month. He moved onto the second round after besting Craig's two game total of 407 with 452. RJ then advanced through round two in a tenth frame thriller against Steve Fiume. Steve left a split in the tenth to give RJ a single pin 440-439 win. The semi-final round was another one pin victory over tournament high-qualifier Chris Sole 412-411. In the championship match, RJ was down after four frames then strung strikes while his opponent was unable to throw a double. He took game one 226-185 to go into game two with a huge 41 pin lead. That seemed like it would be hard to make-up but within three frames, RJ was behind. His opponent kept striking through the sixth then both bowlers threw splits late in the game to keep the match exciting and close. Since RJ struck in the ninth, he gave himself the opportunity to strike out to win after Michael left an 8-pin on a high hit. The smooth lefty tossed two strikes plus nine on the fill to win by four sticks. His clutch shots when he needed it gave RJ \$1,400 plus a paid entry to defend his title next year and kept him in the Bowler of the Year race with just one tournament to go. He jumped from fourth to second in points only 24 behind 6-time Bowler of the Year Bill Webb.

BROEGE: 9/ X 9- X X X X 9/ X7/ = 226
X s6-1 6/ X 9/ X X s7-2 X XX9 = 198 / 424

LICHSTEIN: X 9/ 9/ X 9/ X 9/ 8/ X s8-1 = 185
X X X X X X s7-2 9/ X 9/X = 235 / 420

MICHAEL LICHSTEIN from Broad Brook, CT shot games of 246, 247, 225, 245 and 243 for 1206 to qualify 10th then threw some big games in match play en route to the championship match. He started off by defeating 2006 ToFC winner Frank Calca 547-467 then 458-443 against new champ Todd Lathrop and used a big set to get by Westfield's Chris Viale 547-418 in the semis. Michael, who recently turned 40, started the 2-game match against RJ with his only sub-200 game of the day. He came back strong with the front six in game two but fell four pins short in the long format. This is similar to his last runner-up finish in September in which he came within a shot of winning but, much like the Yankees, he failed to win his 27th championship. The left-hander's last win was in September 2007 at the now closed AMF Hamden Lanes. He won \$900 for his second place and moved up to sixth in points.

There were 62 entries at the 2008 Tournament of Champions. This was the largest field since its inception in 1993. The cut to match play was 1158 (16th place). **Chris Sole** was the tournament high qualifier with 1263 with games of 247, 267, 238, 279 and 232. **Dan White** won the \$50 high game out of the money prize with 299. The field average for qualifying was 220.9 and jumped to 229.6 in match play. **Honor Scores: 11 in-a-row by Todd Lathrop (299) and Dan White (299)**

Champion's Message – I'd like to thank Becky, Jack and Debbie for continuing to run a great tournament month after month and supporting bowling as a whole in New England. Also I'd like to thank the Larsen family and the staff at Norwich Ten Pin for hosting the TOC and supporting NEBA. I would also like to thank my friends and family for all the support they give me every month. - RJ Broege

Name	Qual. Score	BOY Pts.	\$ Won	Name	Qual. Score	BOY Pts.	\$ Won
1. RJ BROEGE	1167	72	\$1,400	9. Steve Blanchet	1158	20	\$ 200
2. Michael Lichstein	1206	56	\$ 900	10. Frankie Calca	1217	20	\$ 200
3. Chris Viale	1164	42	\$ 600	11. Tom Hansen	1214	20	\$ 200
4. Chris Sole	1263	47	\$ 550	12. Scott Widmer	1256	20	\$ 200
5. Alex Aguiar	1188	30	\$ 350	13. Mike Colby	1222	20	\$ 190
6. Todd Lathrop	1260	30	\$ 350	14. Craig Asselin	1244	20	\$ 190
7. Steve Fiume	1166	30	\$ 325	15. Tom Durand	1162	20	\$ 190
8. Chris Forry	1209	30	\$ 325	16. Steve Blanchet	1158	20	\$ 190
High Qualifier – 1263 – Chris Sole				High Game out of Money – 299 – Dan White			
			\$ 75				\$ 50

\$3,550 added December 13-14 at Westgate Lanes

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Match Play ~ 2008 Tournament of Champions

Round 1				Quarter-Finals		Semi-Finals	
Chris Sole	513 (279-234)	Scott Widmer	427 (233-194)	Chris Forry	401 (200-201)	Chris Viale	418 (248-170)
Steve Blanchet	470 (212-258)	Chris Viale	438 (226-208)	Chris Sole	503 (256-247)	Mike Lichstein 547	(268-279)
Brian Boghosian	472 (227-245)	Frank Calca	467 (228-239)	Steve Fiume	439 (218-221)	Chris Sole	411 (199-212)
Steve Fiume	475 (268-207)	Mike Lichstein 547	(258-289)	R.J. Broege	440 (247-193)	R.J. Broege	412 (203-209)
Craig Asselin	407 (197-210)	Mike Colby	416 (226-190)	Chris Viale	481 (246-235)	Championship Match	
R.J. Broege	452 (227-225)	Alex Aguiar	524 (235-289)	Alex Aguiar 536	(279-257)		
Tom Hansen	452 (225-227)	Todd Lathrop	453 (238-215)	Mike Lichstein	458 (201-257)	R.J. Broege 424	(226-198)
Chris Forry	500 (256-244)	Tom Durand	436 (202-234)	Todd Lathrop	443 (226-217)	Mike Lichstein	420 (185-235)

Accounting

Receipts		Disbursements	
ENTRIES – NON-CHAMPS	146 @ \$ 80 = 14,600.00	PRIZE FUND – NON-CHAMPS	\$ 12,280.00
RE-ENTRIES – NON-CHAMPS	34 @ \$ 80 = 3,400.00	\$10,727.60 ENTRIES	
ENTRIES – TOURN OF CHAMPIONS	62 @ \$100 = 6,200.00	\$ 1,502.40 NEBA	
MEMBERSHIP (RENEWAL)	3 @ \$ 25 = 75.00	PRIZE FUND – TOURN OF CHAMPIONS	\$ 6,585.00
MEMBERSHIP (NEW)	14 @ \$ 25 = 350.00	\$ 5,077 ENTRIES (\$4877 + 2 PREPAID NO-SHOWS)	
MEMBERSHIP (NON)	6 @ \$ 15 = 90.00	\$ 1,508 NEBA	
FINES	1 @ \$ 10 = 10.00	LINEAGE (\$1,766.40 + \$703)	\$ 2,469.40
PATCHES	1 @ \$ 3 = 3.00	EXPENSES (\$1,800 + \$620)	\$ 2,420.00
CENTER DONATION FOR TROPHY	= 50.00	\$3000 PRIZE FUND, \$225.57 TROPHIES, \$157.91 TONER	
TOFC PREPAID NO-SHOW	2 @ \$100 = 200.00	\$44 PHONE, \$ 2005 SALARIES, \$270 POSTAGE	
Total Income	= 24,978.00	Total Expenses	\$ 23,754.40

Match Play ~ 2008 Non-Champions Tournament

ROUND 1 – ELIMINATION (LOSERS FINISH 33 RD – 40 TH)		TOP 2 OF 3 SCORES ON PAIR ADVANCE		ROUND 2 (LOSERS FINISH 17 TH -32 ND)			
ROBERT JETTE	208	TONY FEDERICI	137	LARRY KING	213	TIM GILLICK	169
BILL HARTMAN	212			TERRY PERSSICO 275		ALVIN HORNE	177
RICK KIREY	210	CHRIS WUJEK	160	TIM HANSEN	245	NICK DEAN	213
BRIAN FRANK	205			CHRIS CARLSON	161	MATT GOGUEN	212
RAY SNOW	179	CHRIS PAGE	158	B. ROBERTSON	246	GERALD BONAS	189
STEVE SPLAIN	167			BILL HARTMAN	181	ERNIE BORQUE	181
TONY BENNETT	201	DAN MCCORMICK	184	DOUG CHAPMAN	203	JASON MAHON	165
JIM BOSSE 267				ROB JETTE	226	FRAN LOCASCIO	244
TERRY PERSSICO	223	JOSHUA HORNE	179	DEL PICARD	221	CHRIS SEVICK	254
CHRIS CARLSON	201			DON LANGO	227	RICK KIREY	233
ERNIE BORQUE	192	NICK DELACRUZ	161	JOHN WILLISTON	234	JOHN RUSIN	218
FRANK LOCASCIO	257			CHRIS LARSEN	170	BRIAN FRANK	169
MATT GOGUEN	224	MIKE REPSCH	165	RANDY HAGEMOSER	212	RICH HOPKINS	237
ALVIN HORNE JR.	194			JIM BOSSE	211	RAY SNOW	193
CHRIS LARSEN	198	BILLY TRUDELL	179	JOHN YOUNGER	184	VIN MARULLI	246
DON LANGO	224			TONY BENNETT	255	STEVE SPLAIN	203
ROUND 3 (LOSERS FINISH 9 TH - 16 TH)				QUARTER-FINALS (LOSERS FINISH 5 TH - 8 TH)		SEMI-FINALS (LOSERS FINISH 3 RD - 4 TH)	
FRAN LOCASCIO	179	DON LANGO	191	JOHN RUSIN	204	TONY BENNETT	206
GERALD BONAS	141	JOHN WILLISTON	247	VIN MARULLI	179	TERRY PERSSICO	183
VIN MARULLI	226	B. ROBERTSON	218	JOHN WILLISTON	229	ALVIN HORNE	202
RICH HOPKINS	216	ROB JETTE	182	TONY BENNETT 235		JOHN RUSIN 236	
CHRIS SEVICK	196	TONY BENNETT	248	ALVIN HORNE	226	CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH	
JOHN RUSIN	228	RANDY HAGEMOSER	241	FRANK LOCASCIO	167		
ALVIN HORNE	214	TERRY PERSSICO 279		B. ROBERTSON	204	JOHN RUSIN 255	
NICK DEAN	164	TIM HANSEN	211	TERRY PERSSICO	225	TONY BENNETT	194

JOHN RUSIN RUNS OVER NON-CHAMPS FOR FIRST WIN

JOHN RUSIN from Fall River, MA won his first title with a convincing 255-194 final match victory over Tony Bennett at Norwich Bowling & Entertainment Center. John started his championship day with 275, 226, 245, 241 and 207 for 8th on the morning squad with 1194. After a one round bye, the righty defeated Alvin Horne 206-183, Chris Sevick 228-196, Vin Marulli 204-179 and Brian Frank 218-169. In the championship match, he impressive shots; hitting the pocket every shot leaving only a 4-9 and a ringing 10 out of his 11 shots. This easily won him his first title, the honor of wearing a white champion's shirt, \$1,650 and a paid entry into the Tournament of Champions the next day. John, who hit the big 4-0 in September, had one previous championship match appearance in April 2007 at Laurel Lanes.

Rusin: X X X s8-1 X X X X X X9/ = 255 Bennett: X X 9- 9/ 9/ X 8/ 8/ X 9/X = 194

TONY BENNETT from Worcester, MA used games of 221, 207, 257, 243 and 235 for 1163 to grab the last guaranteed spot off the first qualifying squad. In the first round, he threw a 201 to advance with Jim Bosse, 267, against Dan McCormick's 184. He followed that up with solid games for victories over John Younger 255-184, Randy Hagemoser 248-241, John Williston 235-229 and Terry Perssico 206-183 for a spot in his first championship match. Tony was unable to put together strikes to keep pace with John. Prior to this runner-up finish, the 23 year-old had a few top 16 finishes out of the 13 tournaments he has bowled since he joined in late 2007.

There were 180 entries in Norwich for the second Non-Champions tournament in 2008. The newly renovated 32 lane center drew better than expected. After receiving over 90 reservations for the first squad, six bowlers were put on a pair for the first time. Forty bowlers advanced into match play with the at-large cut at 1124. Squad cuts were 1163 at 10AM (squad leader **Larry King** with 1279) and 1097 at 1:30PM. (squad leader **Vin Marulli** with 1231). The score needed for a one round bye was 1175 with 290 high. **Don Fournier** won the extra \$50 senior prize with 1106. **Larry King** was the tournament high qualifier with 1279 on the Sunday morning squad with games of 268, 276, 289, 222 and 224. **Joey Nereu** won the \$50 high game out of the money prize with 290. The one Ebonite raffle for the weekend was won by **Jim Sansone** for a reservation in the non-champions. The field averaged 207.7 in qualifying and 208.0 for matches.

Honor Scores: 300 by Randy Hagemoser & Chris Larsen, 11 in-a-row by Tim Hansen & Joey Nereu (290)

Champion's Message – First and foremost I would like to thank the NEBA staff and all of the NEBA sponsors. Thanks to everyone who cheered me on during match play for my first title. I would like to thank Chris Hall especially. Also thanks to Chris Larsen for polishing my ball for match play. I would like to thank Adam Rusin from Hands On Pro Shop for drilling my equipment and going to all of these NEBA's with me. As well as my parents for all of their encouragement. On the lanes, thanks to Derek, Alex, Jimmy, Dave and everyone else who keeps me competitive. - John Rusin

Optional Jackpot Update

Tournament of Champions

Strike or 9 (Game 4)

\$102 pot split between Boghosian, Copping, Sole & Webb

8-Strike (Game 5)

Dave Reali won \$236

Non-Champions

Strike or 9 (Game 4)

Brandon Robertson won \$46 ~ \$32 carryover

8-Strike (Game 5)

Tim Gillick won \$454 ~ \$32 carryover

Pos	Name	Qual. Score	BOY Pts.	\$ Won	Pos	Name	Qual. Score	BOY Pts.	\$ Won
1.	John Rusin	1194	72	\$ 1,650 + ToC entry	21.	Jim Bosse	1124	22	\$ 200
2.	Tony Bennett	1163	60	\$ 1,025	22.	Doug Chapman	1199	22	\$ 200
3.	Alvin Horne	1137	49	\$ 620	23.	Steve Splain	1097	22	\$ 200
4.	Terry Perssico	1095	49	\$ 570	24.	Ray Snow	1169	22	\$ 200
5.	John Williston	1184	39	\$ 400	25.	John Younger	1183	22	\$ 195
6.	Brandon Robertson	1209	39	\$ 400	26.	Bill Hartman	1135	22	\$ 195
7.	Vin Marulli	1231	39	\$ 380	27.	Ernie Bourque	1159	22	\$ 195
8.	Frank LoCascio	1142	39	\$ 380	28.	Chris Larsen	1161	22	\$ 195
9.	Roger Hagemoser	1256	30	\$ 265	29.	Tim Gillick	1261	15	\$ 195
10.	Rich Hopkins	1176	30	\$ 265	30.	Brain Frank	1159	15	\$ 195
11.	Tim Hansen	1175	30	\$ 265	31.	Jason Mahon	1244	15	\$ 195
12.	Chris Sevick	1216	30	\$ 265	32.	Chris Carlson	1175	15	\$ 195
13.	Dan Lango	1124	30	\$ 255	33.	Dan McCormick	1139	15	\$ 170
14.	Rob Jette	1158	30	\$ 255	34.	Josh Hurne	1137	15	\$ 170
15.	Nick Dean	1178	30	\$ 255	35.	Bill Trudell	1141	15	\$ 170
16.	Gerald Bonas	1188	30	\$ 255	36.	Mike Repsch	1102	15	\$ 170
17.	Rick Kirey	1131	22	\$ 200	37.	Nick Delacruz	1126	15	\$ 170
18.	Del Picard	1254	22	\$ 200	38.	Chris Wujek	1146	15	\$ 170
19.	Larry King	1279	22	\$ 200	39.	Chris Page	1137	15	\$ 170
20.	Matt Goguen	1167	22	\$ 200	40.	Tony Federici	1148	15	\$ 170
High Qualifier – 1279 – Larry King 5 pts. \$ 75					High Game out of \$ – 290 – Joey Nereu \$ 50				

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All Squads - 1 Membership Raffle
Reservations - 1 Ebonite Ball Raffle

Bowl Saturday at 3:00 or 6:00 for a chance at \$500 in Door Prizes!!!
Get a raffle ticket when you check in - Five \$50 winners will be drawn each squad
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Next Tournament: December 13-14 ~ Westgate Lanes, Brockton, MA

~ Squad added at 3:00 on Saturday ~ added \$500 in Saturday Prizes ~

Squad Times: Saturday 3:00 PM & 6:00 PM and Sunday 9:00 AM & 12:30 PM **Entry Fee:** \$80
Those residing within a 35-mile radius of Brockton should bowl Saturday or Sunday 9 a.m.

Reservations: Reserve at BowlNEBA.com -or- call -or- text your reservation at (203) 377-0161 before 10:00 p.m. Friday
Leave a message with your squad and name. You will be contacted if there is a problem.

1 to 6 Seniors Make the Cut ~ Bowlers who make a reservation will be entered into a raffle for an Ebonite Ball

Directions: Westgate Lanes is located at 65 Westgate Drive in Brockton, MA ~ Telephone (508)583-1297

From Hartford, CT: Take I-84 East to I-90 East (MA Tpke.) Stay on I-90 for 44 miles *to Exit 14 (I-95 South/128 South) for 13 miles to exit 12(I-93 North/1 North) for 3 miles to exit 4(24 South) for 7 miles to exit 18A (27 South/Brockton).
**Take a left at the first light into Westgate Mall. The lanes are in the back right corner of the mall.

From Springfield & Worcester, MA & VT: Take I-90 East (MA Tpke.) and follow *above.

From Southern CT, RI & NYC: Take I-95 North to exit 6A (I-495 South) for 14 miles to exit 7A (Route 24 North) for 10 miles to Exit 18A (Route 27 South/Westgate Mall) and follow **above.

From Boston, MA & NH: Take best route to I-93 South through Boston to left exit 4 (Route 24 South) for 7 miles to exit 18A (Route 27 South/Westgate Mall) and follow **above.

THERE WERE NO NOMINATIONS FOR 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

If you are interested in the position, please contact
Becky Kregling prior to Saturday, December 13th at 9PM
for information

Nominations will be taken off the floor at the annual meeting

***** AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING ON *****

DECEMBER 14, 2008 – WESTGATE LANES AT 9:30 A.M.

***** ON BACK *****



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**AGENDA
FOR
THE ANNUAL MEETING
ON
DECEMBER 14, 2008 AT 9:30 A.M.
AT
WESTGATE LANES IN BROCKTON, MA**

Must be at start of meeting to have all privileges. All Members can vote and are encouraged to attend.

Those who attend the meeting are guaranteed a spot on the 12:30 squad.

1. Reports of Officers & Tournament Director
2. 2009 Sponsors
3. Officers for 2009-2010
4. Point Leader Invitational - Proposal to not run the Point Leader Invitational in 2010
5. Committee Reports
6. 2009 Schedule
7. Proposed Bylaw Changes
 - a. Change requirement of a Board Member at Large to apply in writing to NEBA President by December 1 -to- December 31
 - b. Change requirement for tournament sites from a minimum of 40 lanes -to- 40 lanes for open singles tournaments and 26 lanes for special tournaments.
 - c. Remove: Bowling fees, lane availability, and bowling center staff support stated in writing by the proprietor/manager ninety (90) days in advance of the tournament.
8. Proposed Tournament Rule Changes
 - a. In doubles events, allow champions to bowl with champions who have not won a title in the last fifteen years.
 - b. In doubles events, change rule from no more to one champion per team -to- no more than 1 multi-time champion per team, "multi-time" being defined as a bowler with 2 or more NEBA titles.
 - c. In doubles events, allow bowlers to switch partners.
 - d. Increase the minimum to cash ratio from 1 in 5 -to- 1 in 5.5 (chart of entries to be presented at meeting)
 - e. Increase optional side pools from \$20 -to- \$40
 - f. Raise entry fee to \$85
 - g. Eliminate Paid Practice on Tournament Lanes – This proposal would eliminate paid practice and increase lineage rate which currently is between \$1.50 and \$2.00 to \$3.00 a game for all centers thus increasing lineage by a minimum of \$6.
 - h. Increase the amount of practice during the first round of match play 5 minutes to 10.
 - i. Strip & oil the lanes before match play -or- Strip & oil the lanes before match play when time allows.
9. Appointment of 2009 Board Members at Large
10. 2009 Committees
11. New Business