

## **JEFFREY AUSTRENG WINS MDUSBC MASTERS AND CLAIMS \$2,000 FIRST PRIZE AT WESTLAND BOWL**

Two-time Masters champion Jeffrey Austreng of Waterford remained in the winner's bracket and beat fellow two-time champion Justin Knowles of Okemos 430-413 in the final two-game match to win the Metro Detroit USBC Masters Tournament at Westland Bowl in Westland Sunday. Austreng claimed the title and the \$2,000 first prize making him the third three-time champion in the 58-year history of the event joining Dick Beattie (1974, 1980 and 1981) and Mark Moore (2001, 2003 and 2004). Knowles settled for the second place check of \$1,000.

Austreng, the 2005 and 2007 Masters champion, qualified 16<sup>th</sup> with a six-game total of 1,319. In match play he beat Carl Boldt of Pontiac 435-313, two-time champion Justin Knowles of Okemos 488-441, defending champion Ryan VanHecke of Chesterfield 438-411, Lonnie Jones of Ypsilanti 471-430 and Mason Brantley of Detroit 476-399 to remain the lone survivor in the winner's bracket. He then lost to Knowles 448-420 before coming back to claim the championship 430-413. He averaged 223.8 for 20 games of competition.

Knowles, the 2018 and 2019 Masters champion, was the top qualifier with 1,523. After losing his first match to Jeffrey Austreng of Waterford 488-441 he moved through the loser's bracket with wins over Kenneth Wyatt of Sterling Heights 433-399, Conner Lackey of Jackson 505-376, Craig Nidiffer of Dearborn Heights 470-410, Matthew Coleman of Waterford 482-385, Jones 524-433 and Brantley 452-349 to advance to the championship match. Once in the final match he avenged the earlier defeat to Austreng 448-420 before falling 430-413 to end the day. Knowles averaged 240 for 26 games of competition.

Brantley, the 2011 Masters champion, qualified 11<sup>th</sup> with 1,339, including a 300 game. In match play he defeated Dan Pollak of Fraser 362-360, Conner Weber of Wayne 495-431, Christopher Nielson of Livonia 496-366 and Derrick Norman of Saginaw 405-382 before falling into the loser's bracket with a loss to Austreng 476-399. In the loser's bracket he then lost to Knowles 452-349 to end his day. Brantley averaged 213.6 for 18 games of competition and settled for \$700.

Bazzy, the 2019 MDUSBC Junior Masters champion, qualified fourth 1,398. He won his first match over Terrance Bell of Pontiac 462-355, before falling to Jones in double overtime 58-26 after tying with 392 and 60-60 in the first two-frame overtime. Once in the loser's bracket he prevailed over Weber 453-422, VanHecke 502-476, Norman 480-397 before falling to Knowles 448-427 to end his day. Bazzy averaged 228.6 for 18 games and took home \$500 for his efforts.

Jones qualified 12<sup>th</sup> with 1,333 and took home \$450 for his fifth place finish. Derrick Norman finished sixth for \$450, Matthew Coleman seventh for \$400 and Ryan VanHecke eighth for \$400.

There were five 300 games in the competition, tying the record set in 1994 at Satellite Bowl.

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<u>PL</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>	<u>WINNINGS</u>
1	Jeffrey Austreng	Waterford	223.85	\$ 2,000
2	Justin Knowles	Okemos	239.96	\$ 1,000
3	Mason Brantley	Detroit	213.61	\$ 700
4	Drake Bazy	Flat Rock	228.56	\$ 500
5	Lonnie Jones	Ypsilanti	222.31	\$ 450
6	Derrick Norman	Saginaw	221.71	\$ 450
7	Matthew Coleman	Waterford	217.94	\$ 400
8	Ryan VanHecke	Chesterfield	212.69	\$ 400
9	Conner Weber	Wayne	225.79	\$ 350
10	Craig Nidiffer	Dearborn Heights	223.42	\$ 350
11	Chris Nielson	Livonia	210.29	\$ 350
12	John Tovar	Waterford	197.07	\$ 350
13	Conner Lackey	Jackson	223.08	\$ 325
14	Perry Crowell IV	St Clair Shores	214.36	\$ 325
15	Dan Pollak	Fraser	209.00	\$ 325
16	Zakarey Geer	Madison Heights	208.00	\$ 325
17	Ryan Briguglio	Macomb	222.40	\$ 300
18	Dan Jordan	Livonia	219.10	\$ 300
19	Justin Neiman	Macomb	218.10	\$ 300
20	Kenneth Wyatt	Sterling Heights	211.50	\$ 300
21	Peter Kaczmarczyk	Warren	208.90	\$ 300
22	Terrance Bell	Pontiac	207.00	\$ 300
23	Carl Boldt	Pontiac	206.20	\$ 300
24	Harold Sullins	Chesterfield	205.00	\$ 300

**NON-CASHING SENIORS (50- AND OVER)**

30.	David Sill	Titusville	1245	\$150
33.	Stephen Krywy	Sterling Heights	1241	\$150
43.	Michael Calvin	Warren	1199	\$150
45.	David Schumacher	Bloomfield Hills	1192	\$150