Josh Hyde Bowling

PBA Country Club Lanes Central Open

There were 46 entries at the Country Club Lanes Central Open on the first weekend of May. The top 15 cashed while the top 12 advanced to the Round Robin Match Play on Sunday. In Game 1, the top 5 finishers were within 4 pins of each other with Jeff Zaffino leading with a 247. Local favorite T.J. Schmidt had the high game of 278 in Game 4. Three players bowled a 700 series in the first 3 games: Zaffino, Ronnie Russell, and John Murphy. Former exempt player Todd Book captured the first 300 of the tournament in Game 3. *Competitive Edge* Pro Shop owner Brian Nicodemus started out strong but finished out of the money. Jeff Zaffino regained the lead in Game 5 with a score of +161. Ronnie Russell was 37 pins behind him with a score of +124. However, Russell took the lead in the tournament with a score of +190. The final cut score was a score of +66 by John Murphy and Nick Kokenos. The final cash number took a score of +37 by David Traber. A number of local standouts made Match Play: Jeremy Delcamp, Chris Hartung, T.J. Schmidt, and 17-year old Michael Schlabach (who would finish in 12th place).

In Match Play, Ronnie Russell started with a 226 game and never looked back. After 9 games, only 2 bowlers were within 100 pins of Russell. By Game 2 of Match Play, he was really starting to distance himself from the field. His lead over the next competitor grew to 185 by Game 3. Jeremy Delcamp was trying to chase Russell in Game 4 of Match Play, but Delcamp was still 186 pins back. Russell struggled, only shooting a 163, decreasing his lead to 105 over 2nd place. His difficulties continued into Game 5, as he shot a 194; yet, he was able to win. At this point, his lead dwindled to 59. Nick Kokenos shot a +100 for his first 5 games without having a loss. He challenged Ronnie for the lead.

Russell began to boost his lead again in Game 15. By the last game, he would only need only a score of 67 to capture the title. It was a resounding win for Ronnie Russell as his nearest competitor, Patrick Dombrowski, finished 274 pins behind him.

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High Game 1
247 Jeff Zaffino

High Game 2

243 Phillip Rayman

High Game 3 266 Jeff Zaffino

High Game 4

278 T.J. Schmidt

High Game 5

246 Jeff Zaffino

High Game 6

242 Kevin Walter

High Game 7

300 Josh Conner

High Game 8

236 Tony Johnson



Ronnie Russell on the left, with proprietor Dave Claxton on right.

Bowler	Pinfall	W/L/T	Bonus	Total	+/-	Pins Behind
1.R. Russell	4410	10-2-0	300	4710	+710	0
2.P. Dombrowski	4196	8-4-0	240	4436	+436	-274
3.E. McCune	4141	7-5-0	210	4351	+351	-359
4.N. Kokenos	4111	8-4-0	240	4351	+351	-359



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COUNTRY CLUB LANES CENTRAL OPEN QUALIFYING

COUNTRY CLUB LANES CENTRAL OPEN FINAL STANDINGS

<u>Pinfall</u>	<u>+/-</u>
1790	+190
1782	+182
1752	+152
1721	+121
1710	+110
1707	+107
1691	+91
1689	+89
1677	+77
1674	+74
1666	+66
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Bowler	<u>Pinfall</u>	W/L/T	<u>Bonus</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>Total</u>	Pins Be- hind	<u>Prize</u>
1.R. Russell	4410	10-2-0	300	+710	4710	0	\$2500
2.P. Dombrowski	4196	8-4-0	240	+436	4436	-274	\$1250
3.E. McCune	4141	7-5-0	210	+351	4351	-359	\$875
4.N. Kokenos	4111	8-4-0	240	+351	4351	-359	\$875
5.T.J. Schmidt	4147	6-6-0	180	+327	4327	-383	\$750
6.J. Zaffino	4118	6-6-0	180	+298	4298	-412	\$725
7.J. Delcamp	4110	5-7-0	150	+260	4260	-450	\$700
8.L. Verble	4084	5-7-0	150	+234	4234	-476	\$680
9.P. Rayman	4037	5-7-0	150	+187	4187	-523	\$660
10.C. Hartung	3991	4-8-0	120	+111	4111	-599	\$640
11. J. Murphy	3880	6-6-0	180	+60	4060	-650	\$620
12.M. Schlabach	3862	2-10-0	60	-78	3922	-788	\$600 SMART

Other Cashers					
Bowler	Pinfall	+/-	Prize		
13. Josh Conner	1659	+59	\$425.00		
14. Chris Loschetter	1643	+43	\$400.00		
15. David Traber	1637	+37	\$400.00		

Tournament Stats			
8 Game Cash # +/-	+37 David Traber		
8 Game Cut # +/-	+66 N. Kokenos/J. Murphy		
8 Game Leader +/-	+ 190 Ronnie Russell		
20 Game Champion +/-	+710 Ronnie Russell		
300's	(2) Todd Book, Josh Connor		

Tournament Payout				
% of Bowlers who Cashed	37%			
Tournament Prize Fund	\$12,160			
Jackpot Prize Fund	\$680			
Grand Total Payout	\$12,840			