

2015 Indiana Masters

The Fifteenth Annual Indiana Masters Weekend was held on January 23-24-25 at Cooper's Sport Bowl in Anderson.

This event features 2 Sweepers on Friday night and then 4 Qualifying squads on Saturday with Finals on Sunday.

The Top 16 from qualifying are guaranteed into the Finals Double Elimination Matchplay while places 17-48 advance to the Semi-Finals on Sunday morning with the Top 16 of those with the high 5 game totals advance to Matchplay.

Sweeper 1 started things off with 90 entries where T.J. Schmidt of Mishawaka won the event with a 490 for 2 games and it took a score of 397 to cash in 18th place. Sweeper 2 which had 83 entries was won by Dale Laurinas of St. John with a 466 and the last cash spot was 402 for 17th place.

The 3 game qualifying on Saturday featured a Record Setting 410 entries that were created by a Record 240 bowlers with 82 of them cashing for at least \$150 each, about 1 in 3 cashers. The first 3 squads completely SOLD OUT at 110 entries each and the last squad had 80 entries. Qualifying was led by Chris Cundiff of Lake Station with a 684. To make the Top 16 guaranteed spot into the Finals it took a score of 646 and it took 609 to advance to Sunday's Semi-Finals. With a low to cash score of 585 in 82nd place.

The Semi-Finals had a lot of close and bunched up scoring that ended in a tie for the 32nd spot in the Finals between Chris Brugman and Darrell Gilbert Jr. Chris Brugman won the spot in the Finals in a 1 game Rolloff

The Finals are Double Elimination and several of the matches went to the 10th frame or had to be determined by a 9th and 10th frame roll off.

Mike Lisch of Zionsville won all of his matches to win the Winner's Bracket and faced Scott Gilmore of Lafayette who had lost his first match (in a tie breaker) and then won his next 8 matches to win the Loser's Bracket and the chance to bowl for the Championship.

Lisch defeated Gilmore 222 to 210 to win and Gilmore finished 2nd in this event for the third time in the last few years.

Grand Total in Tournament prizes was \$23,675 and Sweeper Prizes was \$4844 for a Total of \$28,519.

2016 Indiana Masters will be January 29-30-31, 2016 at Cooper's Sport Bowl in Anderson.