

MATT O'GRADY WINS \$5,000 AT THE 4TH ANNUAL SANDY CATALANO OPEN

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New Hyde Park, NY: Matt O'Grady, a 30 year old pro shop owner from Rahway, NJ, won the \$5,000 top prize at the 4th annual Sandy Catalano Open at Herrill Lanes. Matt defeated Justin Warhol, Sound Beach, NY 268-200 in the championship match. Justin earned \$2,500 for his runner-up finish.

The 2-day scratch event finished with a top 4 step-ladder finals. In the first match Joe Novara, E. Patchogue, NY defeated Darren Andretta, New Hyde Park, NY 208-206. Darren earned \$1,000 for his 4th place finish. Joe's next match was against second seed Justin Warhol. Joe's title run ended when Justin defeated him 236-212.

The championship match was well bowled by both competitors. Matt started with 7 out of 8 strikes, and when Justin threw a split in the 6th frame, the match was basically over. Matt finished with a few more strikes and an impressive 268 game. Justin, due to his struggles on the right lane finished with a 200 game and settled for second place. This was Matt's second Sandy Catalano Tournament trophy.

The Sandy Catalano Open drew a crowd of 71 entries and had cut scores on the White Pattern #2 of 1548 (7 games) for the 55 & under division and 1535 for the 56 & over division. The 18 person prize list (1 in 4) paid a total of \$14,900. High 7 game series of the tournament was shot by Drew Esposito, Selden, NY with a 1669 (238 average) and a 300 game was shot by our champion Matt O'Grady in the second round of the finals.

The Sandy Catalano Open was created by the Catalano family to honor the matriarch of the family Sandy Catalano who passed away in 2009. Sandy was an accomplished bowler and held many prestigious Long Island titles. He was recently inducted into the Long Island Bowling Hall of Fame. Sandy was also a big supporter and mentor of high school bowling where he helped hundreds of young bowlers. The Sandy Catalano Open was sponsored by CLS Custom Upholsterers, Herrill Lanes, LGBTour, and Mike Vietri Associates. The LIUSBC was a marketing partner for this special scratch event.