## **ALL BOWLERS WELCOME – NO MEMBERSHIP FEE!**



FRIDAY, MAY 23 & SATURDAY, MAY 24

2 DAYS / 5 SQUADS

**HOSTED BY** 

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## \$2,000 1ST / \$1,000 2ND

ALL GUARANTEED WITH 200 ENTRIES

YOU COULD WIN UP TO \$3,000 BY BOWLING BOTH SCRATCH & HANDICAP EVENTS

ENTRY FEE: \$85 PER SQUAD/\$150 FOR BOTH SCRATCH & HANDICAP

NEW SUPER SENIOR (65+) & WOMEN GUARANTEES!!! FRIDAY, MAY 23: 7PM & 9PM SATURDAY, MAY 24: NOON-2PM-4PM

DAILY

VILDCARD For all

SIONS!

3 SEPARATE SINGLES EVENTS SCRATCH - 49 & UNDER HANDICAP - • SENIOR (50+) HANDICAP 3-GAMES ACROSS 6 LANES

1 IN 8 ADVANCE / 1 IN 4 CASH EACH SQUAD • MULTIPLE CASHING ALLOWED SEPARATE FINALS FOR EACH EVENT LEADS TO A COMBINED FINAL SHOOTOUT ONE IN 8 WOMEN FROM ALL 5 SQUADS COMBINED GUARANTEED TO ADVANCE (MIN. \$150!)

ONE IN 8 SUPER SENIORS (65+) FROM ALL 5 SQUADS COMBINED GUARANTEED TO ADVANCE (MIN. \$150!)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & TO PRE-REGISTER PLEASE VISIT WWW.LIGBTOUR.COM OR CALL 516.637.5955

## LIGBT MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND MAJOR RULES AND FORMAT (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Welcome to LIGBT'S 2-day Memorial Day Weekend Major. This event is actually 3 tournaments in one: Scratch, Handicap ages 49 & under, & Handicap ages 50+. The top prizes are guaranteed to pay \$2,000-1st & \$1,000-2nd with 200 entries. After each event runs their own elimination final, the remaining scratch bowler, plus the 2 remaining bowlers from each handicap event, bowl in a 1 game shootout to determine the \$2,000 Memorial Day Weekend Major Champion.

**ENTRY FEE:** All entries and re-entries are \$85 per squad! If you want to bowl in both scratch and handicap your combined entry fee is only \$150! ENTRY FEE BREAKDOWN: \$15 lineage/\$10 expenses/\$60 prize money – 100% returned.

**HOW TO PREPAY & PRE-REGISTER:** Bowlers can sign up on-line at LIGBTOUR.com or by phone (516.637.5955) up to 2 hours prior to the event. Walk-in entries are welcomed for all squads...no shutouts expected.

**REFUNDS:** Anyone prepaying & doesn't bowl is entitled to a full refund (minus credit card fees) as long as the tournament director is notified prior to the start of the tournament. Once a bowler starts scoring no refunds will be issued.

**MAJOR GUARANTEES:** The final shootout pays: 1. \$2,000, 2. \$1,000, 3. \$600, 4. \$500, 5. \$400 with 200 paid entries. Also guaranteed, regardless of entries, is all finalists earning a minimum of \$150, and all cashers (1 in 4 per squad) earning \$85.

**NEW GUARANTEES:** One in 8 women and 1 in 8 super seniors (65+) are guaranteed to advance to the finals (min. \$150) using scores from the 5 squads combined. If less than 1 in 8 women or super seniors advanced, additional bowlers from each group will be added until the 1 in 8 guaranteed is reached.

**ELIGIBILITY:** The scratch event is open to all bowlers except for PBA national title holders. The two handicap events are amateur only. Exceptions to the "NO PBA Rule" may be made if the competitive balance is not affected. All bowlers with a composite average of 241 or higher the past 2 years may only compete in the scratch event. Youth bowlers are welcome and can earn SMART money in lieu of cash as long as a parent's waiver is signed (available at the tournament.) All youth cashers receive a scholarship certificate, for the amount they won, at the event site. All winnings by a youth bowler will be deposited into their SMART account within 24 hours of the events completion.

**QUALIFYING FORMAT:** This event will be competed on a "modified house shot." Each squad consists of 3 games across 6 lanes. Handicap entrants receive handicap based on 90% of 230 plus bonus pins. For each division, each squad is its own qualifier and advances the top 1 in 8 (minimum \$150) and cashes 1 in 4 (\$85.) When determining the # of bowlers advancing in a squad the fraction must be greater than half to advance an additional person. All 3 divisions award a wildcard bonus on Friday night and from the first 2 squads on Sunday. This bonus awards the highest 6-game series by a non-finalist a spot in the finals. Note: Handicap bowlers with 9 or less LIGBT house shot games prior to the major are not eligible to earn the wildcard bonus.

**FINALS FORMAT:** There will be 3 separate finals going on at the same time. Each final uses an elimination (beat half-the-field) format. Bonus pins are not used in the finals. All final rounds are 1 game with the top 50% per round, in each division, advancing to the next round. Each round increases in payout so the more rounds you advance the more money you earn. The number of final rounds for each event depends on the # of finalists. If there is an odd # of bowlers in a round, the smaller # advances and the larger # is eliminated and cashes. If there is a tie in any final round a 9th/10th frame roll off breaks the tie. The LIGBT reserves the right to adjust the # of advancers in a round and will notify the field prior to that round.

**FINAL SHOOTOUT:** The last remaining bowler in the scratch final, and the 2 remaining bowlers from each handicap final, join together on the same pair of lanes to determine the Memorial Day Weekend Major Champion. All 5 bowlers roll 1 game (handicap finalists receive their single game handicap) to determine the final 5 positions.

**AVERAGES/HANDICAP:** In the 2 handicap finals, advancers use the same average/handicap they used in qualifying except when a finalist has 9 or fewer house shot games prior to the Major. These finalists use a new average for the finals that is prorated based on all of the LIGBT games bowled thus far and their incoming average. The tournament director reserves the right to adjust a finalist's average if the person is using an average that does not truly represent their ability.

**DOUBLE FINALIST:** If a bowler advances in both the handicap & scratch their games bowled in the finals count twice to see if they advanced in either event. If a bowler advances to the shootout from both scratch and handicap, they will cash twice in the shootout using their handicap game for one prize and their scratch game for the other prize.

**TIES:** If there is a tie for a cut score to advance to the finals the bowler with the higher handicap game advances (higher scratch game for the scratch event.) If there is a tie for the wildcard spot the bowler with the higher 3-game handicap series advances (higher scratch series in the scratch event.) If there is a tie in the final shootout all prizes will be split evenly by the tied bowlers except if the tie is for first place where it will be broken by a 9th/10th frame roll off.

**HOW HANDICAP IS DETERMINED:** Bowlers with an LIGBT house shot average will use that average for handicapping. Bowlers without an LIGBT house shot average, including new bowlers or anyone that has not bowled in an LIGBT house shot event in the past 12 months, will use their highest composite average, from the past 2 years MINUS 10 PINS. Bowlers without a sanctioned average can still bowl but must show proof (league sheet or league secretary) of 21 games or more. The tournament director reserves the right to re-rate any bowler, at any time, if they feel the bowler has an unfair advantage.

**ADDITIONAL RULES:** The LIGBT has a complete set of rules posted on LIGBTOUR.com. USBC rules apply when not covered by LIGBT rules. All bowling balls are permitted for use in this competition. Tournament director reserves all rights with all decisions final.

**CODE OF CONDUCT:** All entrants are required to act "professionally" when competing in LIGBT events. Offensive language and apparel are not allowed and can be a cause for suspension from future tournaments. Anyone that is not "sober" will be asked to leave the bowling center. Any LIGBT member speaking negatively about the LIGBT on any social media platform will be barred for life from future LIGBT events.

**LANE PATTERN:** Lanes will be stripped & oiled with a MODIFIED house shot prior to the 1st squad each day. Lanes will not be re-oiled for finals. The lane pattern will be announced prior to the tournament and posted on LIGBTour.com and at the tournament site.