

Shafer tops Wolfe to win RMS Capital Corporation title

Ryan Shafer became the first PBA Eastern Region champion of the season when he defeated Richard Wolfe 241-224 to win the 2nd Annual RMS Capital Corporation Open April 7 at Rockaway (N.J.) Lanes.

Shafer, a full-time player from Elmira, NY, started the opening round of qualifying with back-to-back 277 games that set the tone for his weekend's performance. He led qualifying by nearly 100 pins over 2001 Eastern Region Player of the Year Steve Pavlinko of Sewell, N.J. In Sunday's round-robin competition, Shafer won 12 of his 16 games and led Wolfe by 306 pins prior to the stepladder finals while averaging over 234 for his first 26 games.

Joe Petrowski of E. Syracuse, N.Y., made a dramatic move in the final position round game, stringing 11 strikes before leaving a 7-pin for the high game of the tournament. Petrowski moved from eighth to fifth in the final game and earned a spot in the opening match of the finals.

Petrowski lost to Andy Neuer of Milton, Pa., 192-170 in that first match. Neuer then advanced past Jeff Morin of Hopatcong, N.J., 226-215 before falling to Wolfe 244-164. Neuer earned \$1,800, while Morin pocketed \$1,400 and Petrowski \$1,200 for their performances.

In the championship match, Shafer started with three strikes and carried a 10-pin lead over Wolfe when he opened in the fourth frame, chopping the 3-6-9-10 spare.

Wolfe, who started with a spare, then strung a triple of his own and followed it with two spares and three more strikes. Shafer, who adjusted off the high hit in the fourth only to leave a solid 9-pin in the sixth, then strung five strikes to force Wolfe to throw the first strike in the tenth frame for the win. Wolfe saw his great effort fall short when he left a solid seven pin in the tenth to lose the title. The win was worth \$5,000 to Shafer, while Wolfe collected \$2,600 for being the runner-up.

The win was Shafer's ninth career regional title to go along with two national titles.

Shafer was gracious in his acceptance of the check, telling the large crowd that was on hand, "Rich has not yet won a national title, but I hope he makes as good a shot in the tenth frame when he gets another chance to win as he did against me and I hope that it strikes."

The Eastern Region continues its 2002 season with two additional events in April, the next being a senior regional in Cortland, N.Y., on April 19-21, followed by the next regular event in Shippensburg, Pa., the next weekend.

2002 RMS Capital Corporation Eastern Regional

Rockaway Lanes

Rockaway, NJ

April 5-7, 2002

1	Ryan Shafer	241 (1 game)	\$5,000
2	Richard Wolfe	468 (2 games)	\$2,600
3	Andrew Neuer	582 (3 games)	\$1,800
4	Jeff Morin	215 (1 game)	\$1,400
5	Joe Petrowski	170 (1 game)	\$1,200

Results: Neuer defeated Petrowski 192-170
 Neuer defeated Morin 226-215
 Wolfe defeated Neuer 244-164
 Shafer defeated Wolfe 241-224

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>		<u>PINFALL</u>	<u>WIN</u>	<u>LOSE</u>	<u>TIE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>WINNI</u>
1	Ryan Shafer	Horseheads	NY	6098	12	4	0	6458	
2	Rich Wolfe	Falls Church	VA	5822	11	5	0	6152	
3	Jeff Morin	Hopatcong	NJ	5833	10	6	0	6133	
4	Andrew Neuer	Milton	PA	5832	9	7	0	6102	
5	Joe Petrowski	E. Syracuse	NY	5784	9	7	0	6054	
6	Bobby Hall II	Landover	MD	5808	8	8	0	6048	\$950
7	Dan Mitchell	Boothwyn	PA	5747	8	8	0	5987	\$800
8	Tim Criss	Bel Air	MD	5745	7	8	1	5970	\$700
9	James Wallace	North Babylon	NY	5641	9	6	1	5926	\$650
10	Dennis Reale	Havertown	PA	5631	9	7	0	5901	\$600
11	Bob Caputo Jr	Fort Johnson	NY	5604	9	7	0	5874	\$575
12	Thomas Twist III	Rutherford	NJ	5622	6	10	0	5802	\$550
13	Jon Carter	Martinsburg	WV	5575	7	9	0	5785	\$525
14	Josh Becker	Elizabethtown	PA	5388	7	9	0	5598	\$500
15	Steve Pavlinko	Sewell	NJ	5526	2	14	0	5586	\$475
16	Jim Geiger	Amsterdam	NY	5326	4	12	0	5446	\$450
17	Paul Sondag	Avoca	PA	2144					#\$300
18	Tommy Delutz Jr	Flushing	NY	2144					\$220
	Bob Brust Jr	Bellmore	NY	2144					\$220
20	Jim Tomek Jr	Camp Hill	PA	2133					\$200
21	Robert Mockenhaupt	Pompton Lakes	NJ	2126					\$198
22	Matt Kordich	Saugerties	NY	2116					\$196
23	John Neral	Morristown	NJ	2115					\$193
	Mike Tryniski	Fulton	NY	2115					\$193
25	Ray Cyr Jr	New Hartford	NY	2104					\$190
26	Stephen Haas	Enola	PA	2102					\$188
27	Tom Laskow	Vienna	VA	2097					\$186
28	Joe Ciccone	Buffalo	NY	2094					\$184
29	Lee Aiezza	Castleton	NY	2091					\$182
30	Ray Edwards	Middle Island	NY	2084					\$180
31	Ron Unser	Clifton Park	NY	2071					\$178
32 *	John Beldy	Hoboken	NJ	2063					
33	Barry Parker	Lake Hiawatha	NJ	2063					\$176
34	Kelly VanHees	Newport	RI	2062					\$173
	Chad Moll	Philadelphia	PA	2062					\$173
36	Robert Sobolewski	Hamilton	NJ	2061					\$170

37	Anthony Liene	Hazleton	PA	2054	\$168
38	Paul Figliomeni	North Ellmore	NY	2053	\$166
39	Les Shirwindt	Levittown	NY	2048	\$164
40 *	Mike LoCastro	Denville	NJ	2043	\$162
41	Michael Miseno	Amsterdam	NY	2038	\$160

Includes \$80 alternate fee

@ Beldy chose to not accept the prize in order to retain his amateur status

* Indicates Non-Member Entry

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>		<u>PINFALL</u>	
42	Tom Yadanza	Saratoga Springs	NY	2036	
43 *	John Orosz	Montclair	NJ	2033	
44	John Ramagli	Mt. Laurel	NJ	2031	
45	Joe Biscardi	Wantagh	NY	2029	
46	Gary Shultis	Levittown	NY	2028	
47	David Knight	Folcroft	PA	2027	
48	Jan Brown II	Somerset	NJ	2018	
49	Sam Maccarone	Sewell	NJ	2017	
50	Robert Leonard Sr	Elmira	NY	2011	
51	Bill Cornell	Glenmont	NY	2001	
52	Al Jones	Sparta	NJ	2000	
53 *	Warren Floyd	Phillipsburg	NJ	1990	
54	Bill Ray	Ballston Lake	NY	1989	
55	Tony Rosamilia	Flanders	NJ	1988	
56	David Mutch	Wayne	NJ	1985	
57	Dennis Amato	Pine Brook	NJ	1984	
58	Jeff Simon	Lawrenceville	NJ	1983	
59	Tony Bochicchio	Jackson	NJ	1977	
60	Brendan Bierch	Grafton	MA	1975	
61	Clifford Wheelock	Florence	MA	1974	
62	Ken Yokobosky	Lafayette	NJ	1972	
63	Scott Lindsay	Buffalo	NY	1966	
64	Ed Ellardi III	Staten Island	NY	1964	
65	Jeffrey Sponder	Montague	NJ	1963	
66	Hugo McGroty	Schenectady	NY	1960	
67	Mark Matroni	Lancaster	PA	1959	
68	Ian Grossman	Matawan	NJ	1958	
69	Jose Camacho	Bay Shore	NY	1958	
70	Donato Paolucci Jr	Johnston	RI	1957	
71	Greg Rottengen	Washington	NJ	1951	
72	Wayne Krampitz	Terryville	CT	1945	
73	Glenn Smith	New York	NY	1943	
74	Nick Miseno	Amsterdam	NY	1943	
75	Neal Stemplinger	Ephrata	PA	1940	
76	Chris Sorensen	Utica	NY	1937	
77	Mike Martens	Bethlehem	PA	1929	
78	Pete Danyo	E. Brunswick	NJ	1918	
79	Bobby Fleetwood	Milford	CT	1911	
80	Marty Berke	Allentown	PA	1910	
81	Steve Stein	Staten Island	NY	1909	
82	Robert Ricciardi	West Caldwell	NJ	1900	

83	Bill Lyke	E. Longmeadow	MA	1898
84	Tony Torrice	Naugatuck	CT	1894
85 *	John Ninni	Mt. Tabor	NJ	1890
86	Keith Beeh	North Arlington	NJ	1890
87	Vinny D' Ambrosio III	Staten Island	NY	1889
88	Brian Jinselli	Bloomfield	NJ	1886
89	Harry DeLuca	Huntington	NY	1884
90	Steve Stets	Bayonne	NJ	1881
91	Tim Beaver	Kingston	NY	1878
92	Paul Norr	Jamison	PA	1876
93	Chris Wurtz	College Point	NY	1854
94	Keith Smalls	Brooklyn	NY	1841
95	Dominic Green	Baltimore	MD	1840
96	Michael Sanders	Kearny	NJ	1834
97	Harry Franz	Rockaway	NJ	1833
98	Thomas Lindow	Whippany	NJ	1831

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>		<u>PINFALL</u>
99	John Carter	Clinton	CT	1827
100	Peter Cuozzo	Parsippany	NJ	1826
101	Glenn Pruett	Bethpage	NY	1824
102	Fred Gartner	Flushing	NY	1821
103	Colin Gilyeat	Waldorf	MD	1814
104	Jeffrey Maier	Huntingdon	PA	1813
105	Bob Caruso	Dayton	NJ	1805
106	Rick Campbell	Kingston	NY	1801
107	Mitch Kirstein	Manalapan	NJ	1792
108	Walter Palmer	Staten Island	NY	1792
109	Tom Coye	Watertown	MA	1784
110	Jack Safkan	Rockaway	NJ	1761
111	Bill Gardner	Centereach	NY	1740
112 *	Brian Pomponio	Pine Brook	NJ	1739
113	Joe DiRico	Arlington	MA	1734
114	Bob Rogers	Brick	NJ	1722
115	Marc Kramer	Morganville	NJ	1697
116	Russell Clayton	Norristown	PA	1675
117	Gary Friedman	Farmingdale	NY	1624
118	Timothy Costello	Denville	NJ	1581
119	Mike Velez	Aberdeen	NJ	1525

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