Shirwindt Wins Mini Eliminator

Las Vegas Les Shirwindt is the winner of the 13th Annual Mini Eliminator. The steady senior rolled a solid 216 game to claim the $20,000 top prize here at the Orleans Bowling Center Sunday evening.

Shirwindt, a carpenter by trade, stepped up in the 10th frame needing a strike to claim the title. “I just thought about making a good shot,” he said. Runner-up David Grooms, Vancouver, Washington had posted a 201 game, forcing Shirwindt to strike on his first shot in the 10th to win. Grooms earned $10,000 for second.

Shirwindt used a Brunswick Radical Inferno ball to win. “It’s the ball I got for the Shootout,” he said. “I averaged over 230 with it.” The champion is sponsored by local sponsor Mike Pellegrino, and he plans to use some of his winnings to bowl in more events, especially Steve Sanders new Generations Bowling Tour, which starts in October.

Third place went to 2005 Super Bowl Mini champ Craig Harrington, Herriman, Utah who rolled a 189 in the title match. Harrington earned $5000. $4000 went to Frank Cascio, Tonawanda, New York for 4th, and Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas took home $3500 for 5th.

2006 Mini Eliminator
Champion
Les Shirwindt

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Round 1 ($750 each)
Cerato, Brad - Moorville, NC-190; Fung, Vanessa - Hong Kong-188; Raymond, Floyd - Gaylord, MI-187; Cry, Ray - New Hartford, NY-187; Rogers, Bryson - Midvale, UT-186; Meyer, Matthew - Alexandria, MN-183; Mersch, Jeffrey - Orlando, FL-182; Herman, Rob - Allentown, PA-178; Dunleavy, Dan - Staten Island, NY-175; Monce, Bill - Wheaton, IL-173; Eklund, Dennis - Huddinge, Sweden-171; MacLelland, Dan - Saginaw, MI-169; Tabron, Kevin - Colorado Springs, CO-163; Baron, Ray - Williamstown, NJ-156; Gohagan III, George - Dayton, OH-148; Fudge, Charles J. - NorthGlenn, CO-146

Round 2 ($1000 each)
Onikowski, Robin - Grand Rapids, MI-193; Ellis, April - Jackson, TN-192; Ewald, David - Macomb, MI-191; Darden, Ira - Upper Marlboro, MD-187; Abel, Ryan - Bel Aire, KS-183; Nable, Maxine - Australia-181; Branagan, Tyson - Carrollton, TX-181; Glover, Zara - Lancashire, England-180; Clark, Mark - Naperville, IL-177; Liu, Liwei - Pasadena, CA-176; Hale, Marvin J. - Discovery Bay, CA-171; Smaglik, Ed - Lafayette, IN-169; Nelson, Chad - Owatonna, MN-169; O’ Sullivan, David - Yonkers, NY-169; Colby, Michael - Agawam, MA-169; Brown, Art - Lansing, MI-168

Round 3 ($1500 each)
Webb, Bill - Enfield, CT-196; Lucas, Jeff - Raymore, MO-192; Futeull, Jay - Derby, KS-189; Williams, Stuart - Ellesmere Port, England-186; Taylor, Zachary - Lawrence, KS-178; Hamaguchi, Steve - Escondido, CA-174; Valenta, Brian - St Peters, MO-162; Hester, Chris - Louisiana, KY-148; Graff, Andrew - Las Vegas, NV-144; Darvas, Larry - E Atlantic Beach, NY-143; Rohde, Billy - Alpharetta, GA-141

Round 4 ($2000 each)
Dennis, Brian - Durham, NC-188; Kim, Ko Woon - South Korea-185; Asbaty, Diandra - Chicago, IL-182; Sonnenfeld, Jeremy - Sioux Falls, SD-174; Haggerty, P. J. - Clowis, CA-167; Berger, Noah - Berkeley, CA-161

Round 5 ($2500 each)
Siders, Mark - Westerville, OH-194; Puhowsky, Shannon - Phoenix, AZ-180; Norton, Scott - Cypress, CA-164

Round 6 ($3000 each)
Pavilack, David - Hollywood, FL-158

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