

# Eckles wins 600 Club Tournament of Champions

**March 25, 2012** – Top seed Rodney Eckles of Fairfax, Va., defeated second seed Jason Eman of Springfield, Va., 254-248 to win the 22nd annual NCAUSBCA Youth 600 Club Tournament of Champions held this afternoon at Bowl America Gaithersburg. Eckles averaged 228.2 for 11 games.

Fourth seed Michael Simpson of Woodbridge, Va., defeated fifth seed Zahir Holmes of Beltsville, Md., 246-183 in the first stepladder match (that followed a six-game qualifier and four games of match play) and then defeated third seed Jarrett DeFalco of Leesburg, Va., 296-184 before losing to Eman 255-207.

The Tournament of Champions awarded \$1,825 in scholarship money to the five finalists. Eckles earned \$500; Eman, \$400; Simpson, \$300; DeFalco, \$200; and Holmes, \$100. All scholarship funds will be administered through the USBC SMART program.

Other match play finalists: 6, Kayla Meadows, Springfield, Va.; 7, Robert Alston, Bowie, Md.; 8, Keenan Ward, Suitland, Md.; 9, Augie Bransford, Fairfax, Va.; 10, Nick Dean, Alexandria, Va.; 11, Tyler Adair, Alexandria, Va.; and 12, Conner Kolessides, Great Falls, Md. They each earned \$25 in scholarship money.

A total of 22 bowlers participated in the tournament. It took an average of 209.5 for six games to advance to match play.

Ward was the top qualifier with a 1,361 six-game total (226.8 average), earning \$100 in scholarship money, while Bransford had the top game during qualifying with a 280, earning \$50 in scholarship money.

## ***High Games in Qualifying***

- ▶ Game 1: Holmes, 254.
- ▶ Game 2: Dean, 266.
- ▶ Game 3: Malcolm James, Woodbridge, Va., 279.
- ▶ Game 4: Alston, 258.
- ▶ Game 5: Bransford, 280.
- ▶ Game 6: Eckles, 278.

## ***High Games in Match Play***

- ▶ Game 1: Simpson, 248.
- ▶ Game 2: Eman, 268.
- ▶ Game 3: Eman, 268.
- ▶ Game 4: Eckles, 235.