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Charles Bruno wins the New Jersey State Masters

Charles Bruno of Deptford is the 2007 New Jersey State Bowling Association Masters Champion and the winner of the largest share of the \$20,400 prize list, which includes entry into the USBC Masters in October 2008.

Charlie led a field of 204 bowlers in the Masters Tournament that started on Saturday, December 8th at Carolier Lanes in North Brunswick, and finished on Sunday, December 9th. The lane conditions were challenging and demanded accuracy.

Bruno's winning matches were:

Joe Kearney of Midland Park, NJ (527-423)

Robert Mockenhaupt, Pompton Lakes, NJ (504-481)

Rusty Thomsen, Morgan, NJ (511-402)

Matt O'Grady, South Amboy, NJ (425-383)

Mike Reasoner, Hazlet, NJ (502-501). This match put Mike Reasoner into the losers bracket for the first time.

Mike Reasoner was then the winner of the losers bracket and met Charlie again for a chance at the Masters Championship.

In this second match between Charlie Bruno and Mike Reasoner, Mike defeated Charlie (424-365) then putting Charlie into the losers bracket for the first time. This caused another match between the two bowlers to determine the Masters Champion. In this match, Charlie Bruno defeated Mike Reasoner (472-446) to earn the title.

Other honor scores bowled in the tournament were:

300 games rolled by Bob Dail Jr of Hamilton, NJ, David Mutch of Oakland, NJ, Matt O'Grady of South Amboy, NJ and Charles Bruno of Deptford, NJ.

John Furey, East Windsor, NJ and Robert Mockenhaupt of Pompton Lakes, NJ rolled 11 in a row honors.