

DON MURRAY WINS SCRATCH CLASSIC

Congratulations to Don Murray of Highland for winning the GCBA Scratch Classic held on December 2nd at Hi Top Bowl in Highland. Fifty-six (56) bowlers competed in the event. The top five qualifiers with their five game totals were: (1) John Helige 1220, (2) Eric Huffman 1208, (3) Don Murray 1203, (4) Jeff Gause 1174, and (5) Nick Korte 153. The top five qualifiers then competed in the stepladder finals. In the first match, Jeff Gause defeated Nick Korte 247-170. In the second match, Don Murray defeated Jeff Gaus 236-180. In the third match, Don Murray defeated Eric Huffman **300**-175. And in the final match, Don Murray defeated John Helige 244-229 to become the Greater Carlyle USBC Bowling Association Scratch Classic Champion. Bowlers that cashed in the event, but did not make the stepladder finals with their five game totals were: (6) Brian Kaufman 1152; (7) Mark Wilken 1146; (8) Keith Langenhorst 1144, and (9) Scott Jackson 1143.

There were two 300 games bowled during the tournament. John Helige bowled a 300 game in his third qualifying game, and Don Murray bowled a 300 game in the semifinal stepladder match.

Next year's GCBA Scratch Classic is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, December 1, 2013 at Vandalia Bowl in Vandalia.