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**\$1,000
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**\$80
ENTRY**

HOUSE SHOT MAJOR

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH & SUNDAY, MARCH 2ND
2 DAYS / 5 SQUADS:

HOSTED BY

AMF GARDEN CITY

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\$2,000 1ST / \$1,000 2ND

ALL GUARANTEED WITH 200 ENTRIES

YOU COULD WIN UP TO \$3,000 BY BOWLING BOTH SCRATCH & HANDICAP EVENTS

ENTRY FEE : \$80 PER SQUAD

SQUAD TIMES:

FRIDAY, FEB. 28TH: 7PM & 9PM
SUNDAY, MAR. 2ND: NOON-2PM-4PM

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

3 SEPARATE SINGLES EVENTS
SCRATCH - 49 & UNDER HANDICAP • SENIOR (50+) HANDICAP
3-GAMES ACROSS 6 LANES

1 IN 8 ADVANCE / 1 IN 4 CASH EACH SQUAD • MULTIPLE CASHING ALLOWED
ALL HANDICAP SQUAD LEADERS EARN A BYE (MIN. \$200!)
HIGH DAILY SERIES FROM THE SCRATCH DIVISION EARNS A BYE (MIN. \$200)
SEPARATE FINALS FOR EACH EVENT LEADS TO A COMBINED FINAL SHOOTOUT

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**DAILY
HANDICAP
WILDCARD**

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & TO PRE-REGISTER
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LIGBT HOUSE SHOT MAJOR RULES AND FORMAT (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Welcome to an LGBT 2-day House Shot Major with \$1,000 added to the prize fund. This event is actually 3 tournaments in one: Scratch, Handicap ages 49 & under, & Handicap ages 50+. The top prizes are guaranteed to pay \$2,000-1st & \$1,000-2nd with 200 entries. After each event runs their own finals, the remaining scratch bowler, plus the 2 remaining bowlers from each handicap event, will bowl in a 1 game shootout to determine the \$2,000 House Shot Major Champion.

ENTRY FEE: All entries and re-entries are \$80 per squad. If you want to bowl in both scratch and handicap your combined entry fee is only \$140! **ENTRY FEE BREAKDOWN:** \$15 lineage/\$10 expenses/\$5 escrow/\$50 prize money – 100% returned.

HOW TO PREPAY & PRE-REGISTER: Bowlers can sign up on-line at LIGBTOUR.com or by phone (516.637.5955) up to 2 hours prior to the event. Walk-in entries are welcomed for any of the squads. Cash, debit card, credit card, Venmo, Zelle, and Apple Pay are accepted forms of payment.

REFUNDS: Anyone prepaying & doesn't bowl is entitled to a full refund (minus fees) as long as the tournament director is notified prior to the start of the tournament. Once a bowler starts scoring no refunds will be issued.

MAJOR GUARANTEES: The final shootout pays: 1. \$2,000, 2. \$1,000, 3. \$500, 4. \$400, 5. \$300 with 200 main event entries. Also guaranteed, regardless of entries, is all finalists earning minimum of \$150, all bowlers earning a bye winning a minimum of \$200, and all cashers (1 in 4 per squad) earning \$80.

ELIGIBILITY: All LGBT events are "amateur only." Exceptions to the "NO PBA Rule" may be made if the competitive balance is not affected. All bowlers with a composite average of 231 or higher the past 2 years can only compete in the scratch event. Youth bowlers are welcomed and can earn SMART money in lieu of cash as long as a parent's waiver is signed (available at the tournament.) All youth bowlers cashing receive a scholarship certificate, for the amount they won, at the event site. All winnings by a youth bowler will be deposited in their SMART account within 24 hours of completion of the event.

QUALIFYING FORMAT: Each squad consists of 3 games across 6 lanes. Handicap entrants receive handicap based on 90% of 220. For each tournament, each squad is its own qualifier and advances the top 1 in 8 (minimum \$150) and cashes 1 in 4 (\$80.) When determining the # of bowlers advancing in a squad the fraction must be greater than half to advance an additional person. In the 2 handicap events the 5 squad leaders (10 total), earn a bye and a minimum of \$200. The high daily series in the scratch event also earns a bye and a minimum of \$200 (2 total.) The handicap events award a wildcard bonus on Friday night and on Sunday. This bonus awards the highest 6-game series by a non-finalist a spot in the finals. A scratch wildcard bonus is also awarded either day if the first squad has 20 or more scratch entries. Note: Handicap bowlers with 12 or less LGBT house shot games prior to the major are not eligible to earn a bye or wildcard.

FINALS FORMAT: There will be 3 separate finals going on at the same time. Bonus pins are not used in the finals. All finalists with 12 or more house shot games prior to the major will use the same average in the finals. Bowlers with fewer than 12 games will have their average adjusted for the finals based on a "new bowler formula" (see below.)

Each final uses an elimination (beat half-the-field) format. All final rounds are 1 game with the top 50% per round, in each event, advancing to the next round. Each round increases in payout so the more rounds you advance the more money you earn. The number of final rounds for each event depends on the # of finalists. If there is an odd # of bowlers in a round, the smaller # advances and the larger # eliminated and cashes. The LGBT reserves the right to adjust the # of advancers in a round and will notify the field prior to that round.

FINAL SHOOTOUT: The last remaining bowler in the scratch event, and the 2 remaining bowlers from each handicap event, will join together on the same pair of lanes to determine the House Shot Major Champion. All 5 bowlers roll 1 game (handicap finalists receive their single game handicap) to determine the final 5 positions. The final 5 shootout will be video-taped & shown on YouTube and WON network.

DOUBLE FINALIST: If a bowler advances in both the handicap & scratch events their games bowled in the finals would count twice to see if they advanced in either event. If a bowler advances to the shootout from both scratch and handicap events, they will cash twice in the shootout using their handicap game for one prize and their scratch game for the other.

TIES: If there is a tie for the cut score to advance to the finals the bowler with the higher handicap game advances (higher scratch game for the scratch event.) The same is true if there is a tie for the bye. If there is a tie for the wildcard spot the bowler with the higher 3-game handicap series (without bonus pins) advances. All ties in the finals to advance are broken using a 9th/10th frame roll off. If there is a tie in the final shootout all prizes will be split evenly by the tied bowlers except if the tie is for first place where it will be broken by a 9th/10th frame roll off

DETERMINING YOUR STARTING AVERAGE: First time bowlers, or members that have not bowled in a house shot event the past 12 months, will be issued an average by using their highest 2-year composite average. New bowlers must notify the LGBT if they have been re-rated by any tournament in the past 10 years, or if their current average, of 21 or more games, is 10 pins or more higher than their highest 2-year composite average. Bowlers that don't have a 2-year history can still bowl but must show proof of a current average. If you don't have a league average you can still bowl with the tournament director issuing you an agreed upon average based on your ability.

MINIMUM AVERAGE/MAXIMUM HANDICAP: Male bowlers cannot receive more than 58 pins per game (155 average) in house shot events. Female bowlers cannot receive more than 67 pins per game (145 average) in house shot events.

CALCULATING AVERAGES: Once a bowler is issued a starting average, their average/handicap is determined by their last 36 games bowled in LGBT house shot tournaments. All bowlers that have less than 12 eligible house shot games will have their average determined by taking their incoming average and multiplying that number by 12. Take that total and add the eligible games bowled and divide by the total # of games. This will be the new bowler's average for handicapping purposes until they have 12 eligible games and for any finals they advance to. A new bowler's average cannot fall below the initial incoming average minus 20 pins until they have bowled posted 36 eligible games.

BONUS PINS: To keep a competitive balance in handicap house shot events, the LGBT awards bonus pins (extra handicap) when a bowler fails to cash. Bowlers that don't cash in 1-squad house shot events (handicap divisions only) earn 2 bonus pins. The maximum # of bonus pins are 12 per game. If a bowler cashes for a prize of more than \$150, they will lose half their bonus pins. If a bowler earns a prize of \$250 or more, they lose all of their bonus pins. NOTE: Bonus pins are not used in the finals or side action.

ADDITIONAL RULES: The LGBT has a complete set of rules posted on LIGBTOUR.com. USBC rules apply when not covered by LGBT rules. All bowling balls will be permitted for use in this competition. Tournament director reserves all rights with all decisions final.

CODE OF CONDUCT: All entrants are required to act "professionally" when competing in LGBT events. Offensive language and apparel are not allowed and can be a cause for suspension from future tournaments. Anyone that is not "sober" will be asked to leave the bowling center. Any LGBT member speaking negatively about the LGBT on any social media platform will be barred for life from future LGBT events.

LANE PATTERN: Lanes will be stripped & oiled with the house shot prior to the 1st squad each day. Lanes will not be re-oiled for finals.