

Hagerstown Hosting Professional Duckpin Bowlers for Memorial Day Weekend Tournament

(HAGERSTOWN, Md.) – More than 230 members of the Duckpin Professional Bowlers Association and the Women’s National Duckpin Association will compete for \$50,000 in prizes in the Duckpin Olympics this weekend in Hagerstown. This is the richest duckpin tournament in history. This combined event attracts people from all over the Mid-Atlantic, the East Coast, New England, and even Canada.

The Duckpin Professional Bowlers Association tournament will be held at Turner’s Southside Lanes. The men will compete for a \$12,000 first prize, beginning with two qualifying rounds on Friday at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m., and two more qualifying rounds on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Semifinalists will bowl Sunday at 9 a.m., with the top five finishers advancing to the stepladder finals later that morning.

The Women’s National Duckpin Association tournament will take place at Turner’s Dual Lanes. The women will compete for a \$5,000 first prize, beginning with two qualifying rounds on Friday at 12:30 and 6 p.m. Semifinalists will bowl Sunday at 8:30 a.m., with the top five finishers advancing to the stepladder finals later that morning.

There is no admission charge to watch either tournament. Opening ceremonies will be held at both locations before the first round of qualifying begins.

The Duckpin Olympics is made possible through a sponsorship from Hagerstown businessman Frank Turner. “I want this to be the premier event in duckpin bowling,” said Turner, CEO of Turner Enterprises. “Duckpin bowlers, men and women alike, will come from all over the country to compete for these record setting prize lists.”

The two organizations will come together for a banquet at Hager Hall on Saturday evening to induct new members into the Duckpin Pro Tour Hall of Fame. Various hotels throughout Washington County are providing lodging and the Hagerstown-Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau has provided convention services.

“We are always excited to welcome the professional duckpin bowlers back to Hagerstown,” said Betsy DeVore, Director of Sales for the Hagerstown-Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau. “This Memorial Day weekend tournament brings a large number of competitors and their families to our area, creating a positive economic impact for Washington County.”

The Hagerstown-Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization whose mission is to help attract visitors to Hagerstown and Washington County. The CVB helps to create vibrant growth for the local economy by promoting, developing, and expanding the local visitor industry. For more information about Hagerstown-Washington County, see:

www.marylandmemories.com.

change the 75 to 50 please without a tweet,