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John Yamine, the owner of Super Game Station, hosted a Super Smash Bros. tournament Feb. 16. for a grand cash prize.

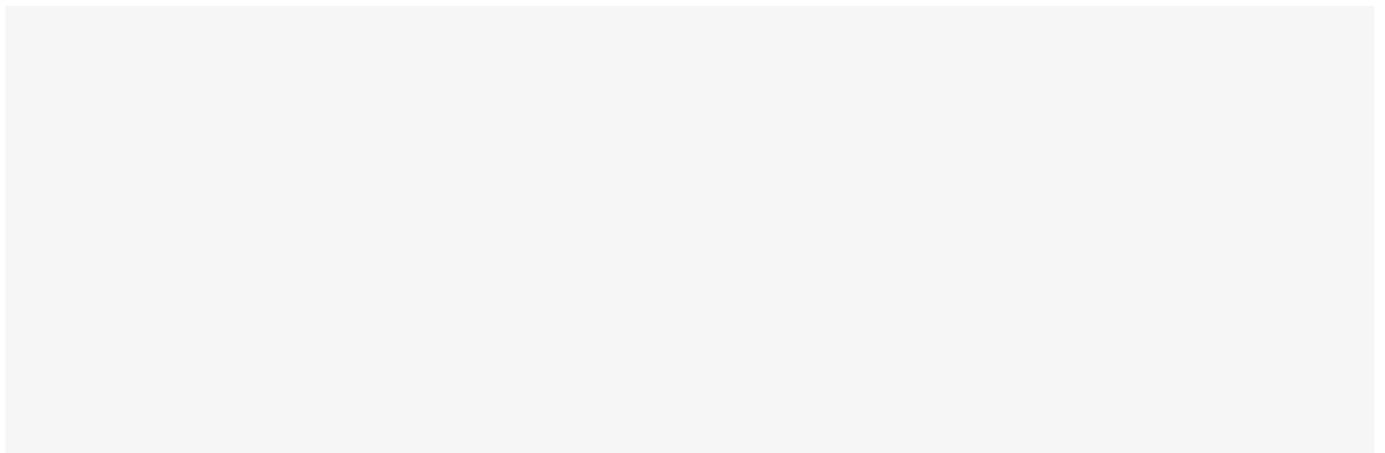
40 plus people from Dublin, Pulaski, and Blacksburg all gathered for pizza and casual matches in the earlier part of the day till 5 p.m.

The Tournaments & Rules

Then from 10:30 p.m. the tournaments went on for Super Smash Bros. Melee, and the newly released Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, with the tournament fee being split between the top three winners as the grand prize.

The rules for the tournament were Genesis 6 rules, meaning that each player starts with three lives per match, best 2 out of 3 games wins.

Losers of the first round of the match were sent to the loser bracket. While the winners would be competing in the winner bracket, the winner of the winner bracket and the winner of the loser bracket would then compete for the number one spot.





Smash Brothers Tournament at Radford GameStop (3).

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The competition was fierce, with players of all ages who regularly play in tournaments, with esports professionals, and with friends daily.

Competitive as everyone was, it was all in good sportsmanship, which is important. As people played, they gave each other tips on how to use characters in better ways.

As the remaining players dwindled, everyone gathered around to watch to see who would come out on top. In the end, after a long neck and neck battle, Angelo Cline came out on top as he excitedly took the win and the money for the grand prize.

This type of event is what brings the community together no matter where you're from or how old you are. It gives gamers of all kinds something in common to share and talk about.

John Yamine

Speaking with Yamine, he talked about earning his degree at Virginia Tech, and previously owning a game store in Roanoke, plus working at the Tech Exchange, which is another game store in Roanoke as well before finally starting his business in Radford. He said this tournament was even bigger than the last one.

The next competitive event at Super Game Station is Saturday, Mar. 30 at 11 a.m. with games such as Mortal Kombat, Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, Soul Calibur VI, Tekken 7, Dragon Ball FighterZ, Under Night in Birth, Mortal Kombat 9, and Injustice 2.

The tournament fee is \$5 per tournament and venue fee is \$10.

All tournaments will be double elimination brackets, best 2 out of 3 wins. All games except Super Smash Bros. will be played on PS4. They request to bring your own controller.

You will be able to buy food and refreshments in the meantime, so come out and support your local Radford business!

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