

WASHINGTON'S KNAPP/KELLY CAPTURE N.W.S.T. DOUBLES TITLE

For the second time in the 2012-2013 season, the Northwest Senior Tour visited Emerald Lanes in Eugene, Oregon, for the ninth annual 90 + Swiss Doubles, sponsored by Bi-Mart. Twenty-nine teams, comprised of 36 N.W.S.T. members and 22 non-members, rolled twelve games over the April 20-21 weekend.

The Swiss-style format established a highly competitive environment. Each bowler received 10 bonus points for defeating their doubles opponent, with 30 bonus pins awarded for a team victory. Total score, including bonus pins, would determine the tournament champion.

Southern Oregon's Randy Cochran and NorCal's Bob Reed jumped into the lead after the opening three games, averaging 240 as a team and capturing all 150 bonus pins available. Reed's opening 793 series was highlighted by a near perfect 299 in round three. The Washington-Oregon duo of Larry Lindberg and Ryan Besaw followed in second place, only 25 pins behind the leaders.

Washington seniors Jeff Knapp and Mike Kelly took over the lead in round four and continued to hold it through round five. Winning all five team games, Knapp and Kelly's 2495 total placed them in the lead by only 3 pins over Vancouver's Bob Porter and Stoney Brown and the Eugene-Medford pair of Mike Ewing and Greg Hafner.

Knapp and Kelly concluded Saturday's competition as the only team with a perfect 6-0 match play record. Averaging 231 as a team, their 3031 total earned them the first-day lead, 46 pins ahead of Porter and Brown. Larry Lindberg and Ryan Besaw moved into third place with a 2944 total.

Oregon's Frank Dietz, Jr. and Nate Davis recovered from a slow start to average 239 over their last four matches, climbing into fourth place at 2938. Despite a disappointing loss in round six, Oregon's Mike Ewing and Greg Hafner rounded out the top five with 2921 in total pins.

In top individual performances, N.W.S.T. veteran Bob Reed, Sr., of Shastina, California, led all bowlers with a 239 average on total pins of 1435. Oregon's Tony Corgain and Washington's Mike Karch followed with 1432 and 1431 totals, a per game average of 238. Eugene's Ryan Besaw and Bellevue's Jeff Knapp rounded out the top five, averaging 237 with totals of 1425 and 1422 respectively.

Leading match-play records on day one, all with 5 win, 1 loss records, included Eugene's Richard Gooseman, Bonney Lake's Tom Anderson, Medford's Don Woolard, and Seaside right-hander Steve Ford. The high games in Saturday's action were both posted by Bob Reed, Sr., firing a near-perfect 299 in round three and a 297 in round five. Jeff Abney was next in line with a game of 290.

Jeff Knapp and Mike Kelly maintained their unblemished match-play record through the first two rounds of Sunday's competition. Kelly's back-to-back games of 289 and 279 helped his team open a commanding 121 lead with a 4133 total. Larry Lindberg and Ryan Besaw moved up to second on the strength of Besaw's 578 two-game total, including a 299 in round eight.

Most of the other teams in the top five at the end of Saturday's play remained there. Frank Dietz, Jr. and Nate Davis improved one spot to third place with a 3961 total. Bob Porter and Stoney Brown struggled, collecting only 10 bonus pins to drop from second to fourth with 3957 in total pins. Mike Karch and Jim Winklepleck improved two places to take over fifth with a 3915 total.

Round nine produced significant changes throughout the leader board as teams set their sights on a top-ten finish and the check that came with it. Washington right-handers Jeff Knapp and Mike Kelly threatened to build an insurmountable lead, holding a 213 pin advantage over their nearest opponent. Led by Knapp's 277, Kelly added a 256 score for a blistering 824 series for his opening three games.

Frank Dietz, Jr. and Nate Davis continued their steady climb in the standings, moving into second place with a 4503 total. Albany right-handers Walt Lundgren and Joey Borgaro made the biggest move of the round, jumping into fourth place with a 4382 total, 63 pins behind the third-place team of Mike Karch and Jim Winklepleck. Larry Lindberg and Ryan Besaw fell to fifth, a result of their 523-367 loss to Knapp and Kelly.

Entering the tournament's homestretch, Jeff Knapp and Mike Kelly extended their undefeated streak to ten games, overwhelming Frank Dietz, Jr. and Nate Davis, 439-346. With the win, Knapp and Kelly stretched their lead to 246 pins while Dietz and Davis fell to fourth. Mike Karch and Jim Winklepleck swept Walt Lundgren and Joey Borgaro, 459-414, to take over second place. Lundgren and Borgaro dropped to sixth with the loss.

Left-hander Stoney Brown strung a nine-bagger in frames 4-12 to post a 279, leading he and partner Bob Porter to a 526-435 victory over Tim Myers and Tracy Teeters. Porter and Brown vaulted from eighth to third with the win. Myers and Teeters fell back to ninth place.

Ernie Schlegel and Tyler Porter also made a significant move up the leader board. Led by Schlegel's 278, their 487-395 defeat of Doug Nowlin and Tony Corgain propelled the Vancouver duo from eleventh place into fifth.

Other teams positioned in the top ten included Emerald Lanes Forrest Cardwell and Brian Zientara, sitting in seventh place after a low-scoring 385-338 sweep of Larry Lindberg and Ryan Besaw. Oregon southpaws Greg Hafner and Mike Ewing edged Washington seniors Danny Combs and Tom Anderson, 464-455, moving them into eighth place. With the loss, Combs and Anderson dropped to tenth.

Jeff Knapp and Mike Kelly saw their winning streak stopped in round eleven, courtesy of N.W.S.T. titleholders Mike Karch and Jim Winklepleck. Opening his game with a seven-bagger, Winklepleck's 254 helped his team to a 457-426 sweep of the leaders.

Despite the win, Karch and Winklepleck fell to third as Bob Porter and Stoney Brown defeated Frank Dietz, Jr. and Nate Davis, 503-440. With the win, Porter and Brown moved into second, 161 pins behind Knapp and Kelly. Southpaws Dietz and Davis backed up one spot to fifth.

Highlighting the round was Tom Anderson's perfect game, the only 300 of the tournament. The reigning N.W.S.T. Player of the Year helped he and teammate Danny Combs earn a hard-fought 514-500 victory over Tim Myers and Tracy Teeters. Combs and Anderson rocketed from tenth to fourth, while Myers and Teeters improved to sixth, despite the loss.

Greg Hafner and Mike Ewing swept Forrest Cardwell and Brian Zientara, 449-365, to move into seventh place. Cardwell and Zientara dropped out of the top ten with the loss. Despite a 439-376 victory over Ernie Schlegel and Tyler Porter, right-handers Walt Lundgren and Nick Borgaro fell two spots to eighth.

Bob Reed, Sr. and Randy Cochran reentered the top ten for the first time since Saturday's opening rounds, climbing from fourteenth to ninth with a 461-394 win over Larry Lindberg and Ryan Besaw. Steve Susbauer and Jeff Abney moved into the "last to cash" tenth-place position, relying on Susbauer's 257 to defeat Don Woolard and Garrett Ball, 440-387.

Entering the the twelfth and final game, Jeff Knapp and Mike Kelly's dominate performance made it possible for the Washington right-handers to simply "show up" to capture the tournament title. The drama of the closing round would focus on the nine remaining teams in the top ten and the seven others with realistic chances to cash.

Bob Porter's 255 led he and teammate Stoney Brown to defeat Knapp and Kelly, 459-441. Despite their second consecutive loss, Knapp and Kelly easily captured the Bi-Mart championship by a comfortable 113 pins over Porter and Brown.

Jim Winklepleck and Mike Karch held onto third place despite a narrow 458-453 loss to Danny Combs and Tom Anderson. For Combs, the Orting, Washington right-hander, and Anderson, their victory secured a fourth-place finish.

With only 16 pins separating the next three teams in the standings, Greg Hafner and Mike Ewing took advantage. Their 459-390 sweep of Walt Lundgren and Nic Borgaro enabled the Oregon southpaws to jump from seventh to fifth. With the loss, Lundgren and Borgaro dropped to ninth place.

Oregon lefties Frank Dietz, Jr. and Nate Davis fell 4 pins short of holding onto their fifth-place position, falling to sixth in spite of their 440-380 victory over Tim Myers and Tracy Teeters. The loss moved Myers and Teeters down to eighth.

Randy Cochran and Bob Reed, Sr. completed their three-game charge up the leader board to finish in seventh. Cochran, the Rogue River lefty, started his game with nine strikes to lead his team to a 511-454 win over Milwaukie's Steve Susbauer and Jeff Abney. The tenth-place paycheck remained in Susbauer and Abney's hands by a mere 8 pins over the Oregon duo of Lori Eskew and Dennis Powell.

With the tournament win, Jeff Knapp earned his second N.W.S.T. title of the season. For Mike Kelly, this was his first win on the Northwest Tour. In addition, Kelly led all bowlers in scoring for Sunday's six-game block, averaging 252 with a 1513 total.

Tom Anderson was the overall average leader for the twelve games of tournament play, with total pins of 2913 for a 242 per game average. Kelly trailed in second with a 2872 total for a 239 per game pace. Rounding out the top five in scoring average were Portland's Nate Davis at 237, Seattle-area right-hander Mike Karch at 235, and Eugene right-hander Ryan Besaw at 234.

Clackamas right-hander Steve Kiss and Salem southpaw Larry Dankenbring were the only undefeated bowlers in Sunday's match play, each with a perfect 6-0 record. Medford's Greg Hafner was the overall match-play leader with a 9 win, 3 loss record. Eight other competitors followed with 8 win, 4 loss totals.

Tom Anderson's 300 was the high game for Sunday's action and the tournament. Springfield's Tony Corgain and Ryan Besaw just missed perfection, each posting scores of 299, followed by Brian Zientara's 297.

With two tournaments left on the season schedule, Washington rookies Mike Karch and Bob Porter remain atop the leader board in the race for Player of the Year honors. Karch still holds a 340 point lead over Porter, with Milwaukie's Tim Myers and Portland's Trent Zabelle trading positions. Myers now sits in third place with Zabelle in fourth.

California right-hander Bob Reed, Sr. is the new face in the all-star standings, moving into the top five, trailing Trent Zabelle by only 280 points. Astoria's Jon Gustafson maintains a slim 480 point lead over Philomath's Bill McNelly in the chase for top super senior/super senior-plus bowler. Gustafson improved one spot to seventh, while McNelly moved into the top ten, sitting in the ninth place position.

The Northwest Senior Tour would like to thank proprietor Dave Zientara, manager Forrest Cardwell, and the entire Emerald Lanes staff for a weekend of hard work and hospitality. A special thank you to Bi-Mart for their generous sponsorship of the tournament.

Our final open event of the 2012-13 season is the Coor's Light 40-50-60 Swiss Trio, scheduled for Saturday, May 4, at Milwaukie Bowl. The season concludes with the Tour Championship on May 18-19, at Wilsonville Lanes. To be eligible, bowlers must have competed in a minimum of 5 N.W.S.T. events on this year's schedule.



90+ SWISS DOUBLES



PRIZE	LANE	PLACE	TEAM GAME 12 of 12	TOTAL PINS SAT	BONUS SAT	TOTAL PINS SUN	BONUS SUN	TOTAL
\$1,300	15A	1	Knapp - Kelly	2781	250	2851	195	6077
\$1,000	16C	2	B Porter - Brown	2765	220	2839	140	5964
\$800	15B	3	Karch - Winklepleck	2712	180	2822	210	5924
\$720	16D	4	Combs - Anderson	2662	200	2786	170	5818
\$660	17A	5	Ewing - Hafner	2731	190	2677	200	5798
\$600	18C	6	Dietz - Davis	2758	180	2691	165	5794
\$540	17B	7	Reed - Cochran	2671	170	2741	200	5782
\$480	18D	8	Myers - Teeters	2593	150	2768	160	5671
\$440	19A	9	Lundgren - Borgaro	2710	140	2665	150	5665
\$400	20C	10	Susbauer - Abney	2627	120	2793	115	5655
	19B	11	Eskew - Powell	2630	150	2757	110	5647
	20D	12	McElligott - Drake	2645	130	2680	180	5635
	21A	13	Cardwell - Zientara	2572	140	2703	210	5625
	22C	14	Schlegel - T Porter	2668	190	2589	160	5607
	21B	15	Lindberg - Besaw	2774	170	2493	130	5567
	22D	16	Kiss - Lower	2592	110	2626	230	5558
	23A	17	Woolard - Ball	2710	190	2495	95	5490
	24C	18	Spellman - Silva	2628	110	2526	220	5484
	23B	19	McNelly - M Breshears	2616	90	2588	180	5474
	24D	20	Nowlin - Corgain	2668	170	2563	70	5471
	9A	21	Humphrys - Humphrys	2644	160	2547	65	5416
	10C	22	Nelson Jr - Hylton	2548	110	2558	190	5406
	9B	23	Meiris - Dankenbring	2327	130	2687	250	5394
	10D	24	Noel - DeRemer	2536	80	2541	170	5327
	11A	25	Tuttle - Goosmann	2603	205	2446	65	5319
	12C	26	Dean - C Breshears	2586	135	2432	100	5253
	11B	27	Gustafson - Ford	2523	150	2424	100	5197
	12D	28	D Zientara - K Zientara	2454	150	2464	70	5138
	13A	29	Humbert - Humbert	2464	100	2352	150	5066
	14C							
	13B							
	14D							