

TIM MYERS WINS IN HILLSBORO FOR SEVENTH N.W.S.T. TITLE

For the first time in over three years, the Northwest Senior Tour returned to Four Seasons Lanes in Hillsboro, Oregon, for the Hillsboro Senior Open. A field of 35 bowlers, including 15 N.W.S.T. titleholders, faced challenging conditions in the early stages of qualifying. The competitors would need equal amounts of skill and perseverance to earn their way into the match-play finals.

Milwaukie's Tim Pierce dominated early, posting a 721 series for the opening three games. Washington left-hander Hugh Miller and Oregon right-hander Jon Gustafson were a distant second, each with a 676 total.

Vancouver's Steve Michaliszyn climbed into second place at the end of round four, firing a 258 game for a 917 total. Tim Pierce remained in the lead, averaging 233 per game for 934 in total pinfall.

Portland's Jim Winklepleck jumped into fourth-place contention with a solid game of 235. His 876 total placed him 6 pins behind third-place Hugh Miller, sitting at + 82. Washington right-hander Danny Combs rounded out the top five with a four-game total of 873, good for a 218 per game average.

The top of the leader board remained unchanged through game five of qualifying. Right-hander Tim Pierce continued to lead with an 1147 total- a 229 per game average. Hugh Miller reclaimed second place, firing a game of 247 for an 1129 total and a 225 per game average. Steve Michaliszyn slipped back into third with 1116 in total pinfall.

Bill McNelly was one of three new faces to break into the top ten. His 245 gave the Philomath right-hander a fourth-place total of 1091, leading all super seniors with a 218 average. Milwaukie's Tim Myers fired the round's high game of 258, vaulting from seventeenth to sixth place in the standings.

Washington right-hander Bob Sturdevant continued his steady recovery after a cold start, moving from twelfth to seventh place with a 1066 total. Astoria super senior Jon Gustafson established the cut line entering the final round of qualifying, averaging 210 for a total pinfall of 1054.

To this point in the tournament, only Tim Pierce and Hugh Miller had posted games at or above 200 in each round. All other bowlers in contention faced the pressure to produce a solid game, to avoid a sub-par effort, or produce a big score to secure a top ten finish and a ticket to the match play finals.

Living up to his resume as a P.B.A. champion, Hugh Miller fired a 257 to lead qualifying with a 1386 total. The Mercer Island southpaw's 231 per game average placed him 33 pins ahead of Steve Michaliszyn. The Washington right-hander earned the second seed with a 225 average and 1353 in total pinfall.

Oregon right-hander Jim Winklepleck improved two spots, capturing third place with a final game of 251 to total 1340. Oregon's Bill McNelly led all super seniors, qualifying fourth with a 1312 total and a 218 per game average. Tim Myers rounded out the top five, totaling 1301 for a 216 per game average.

Tim Pierce, the leader through the three previous rounds, struggled to a 153 game but still earned the seventh seed, tying Portland's Trent Zabelle with a 1300 total. Zabelle earned the sixth seed, shooting a 225 to claim the higher game tiebreaker.

Washington's Mike Karch made the biggest move of round six, jumping from twelfth to tie super senior Bob Sturdevant for eighth with 1290 in total pins. Karch captured the eighth seed, shooting 245 to Sturdevant's 224.

Oregon right-hander Jon Gustafson was the tenth and final bowler to qualify for match play, finishing with a 1259 total and a 209 average. Danny Combs of Orting, Washington, cashed the final check for eleventh place, just missing the finals with a 1247 total. Vancouver's Ernie Schlegel earned the super senior plus check with a 198 average and total pinfall of 1193.

Match play opened with a tightly bunched field focused on overtaking leader Hugh Miller. The drama, however, would play out in a three-game, head-to-head duel between two N.W.S.T. champions.

Hugh Miller was pushed to the final frame in his opening match with super senior Jon Gustafson. With the chance to shut out Miller, Gustafson's tenth frame 2-pin leave opened the door for the tournament leader. Miller took advantage, striking on his first ball in the tenth to secure a 240-237 victory, extending his lead to 51 pins.

Oregon's Tim Myers made the most decisive move of round one, his quest for a perfect game stymied by a flat 10-pin in the seventh frame. His 279-204 win over Trent Zabelle vaulted the former Player of the Year into second place.

Washington right-hander Bob Sturdevant used a pair of four-baggers to outdistance second-seeded Steve Michaliszyn, 242-197. With the victory, Sturdevant climbed into a third-place tie, while Michaliszyn dropped to fifth.

Remaining matches saw right-hander Mike Karch continue his charge up the leader board, downing Jim Winklepleck, 242-197. Karch improved to a third-place tie with Bob Sturdevant. Winklepleck fell to sixth with the loss.

In a low-scoring contest, Tim Pierce prevailed over fellow Oregonian Bill McNelly, 187-177. Despite the win, Pierce held steady in seventh place, while McNelly plummeted to tenth.

Round two unfolded with Hugh Miller and Tim Myers squaring off in bowling's version of a heavyweight fight, matching each other strike for strike through the first nine frames. Myers, first up in the tenth frame, coolly high-flushed three strikes to record the tournament's first 300 game. Miller, needing three strikes of his own to salvage a tie, responded with a solid strike on his first ball in the tenth.

The lefty's bid for perfection ended on his next ball when a ringing, yet defiant 7-pin remained standing. Myers' remarkable 300-289 victory trimmed Miller's lead to just 10 pins, setting up a much-anticipated rematch.

Steve Michaliszyn rebounded from his opening round loss to outdistance Jim Winklepleck, 264-215, moving the Washington right-hander back up to third place. Mike Karch opened an early lead on Bob Sturdevant, then needed the first two strikes in the tenth to overcome the Long Beach right-hander's seven-bagger, prevailing 232-228. Despite the win, Karch fell to fourth, with Sturdevant one spot behind in fifth.

In other round-two matches, Bill McNelly strung eight strikes in frames 3-10 to defeat fellow super senior Jon Gustafson, 251-210, charging up to sixth place as a result. Tim Pierce held onto his seventh-place position with a 223-182 victory over Trent Zabelle.

Game three of the finals set the stage for what would become a two-man battle for the tournament title. Tim Myers jumped to an early lead over Hugh Miller, doubling in frames 2-3. Miller's attempt to start a string of his own was thwarted by a solid 8-pin in the fifth.

Myers capitalized, striking in his own half of the fifth frame, then extending it into a six-bagger to close out the match, 258-218. Myers' blistering 837 series for his first three games of match play propelled the Oregon right-hander into a 68 pin lead over Hugh Miller.

Mike Karch used a six-bagger in frames 5-10 to overwhelm Steve Michaliszyn, 246-188. Karch took over third place with the win, but trailed Miller by 160 pins. Michaliszyn dropped to fifth with the loss.

Bob Sturdevant improved to fourth place in the standings, posting a clean game with three evenly spaced doubles to notch a 226-183 win over Bill McNelly. Jim Winklepleck used two three-baggers to register a 224-198 victory over Tim Pierce, moving the recent N.W.S.T. titleist into sixth place.

Another highlight of round three was Trent Zabelle's bid for perfection. Opening with the first nine strikes, a 10-pin on his first ball in the tenth ended the right-hander's chance for a 300 game. Nonetheless, Zabelle's lopsided 289-200 triumph over Jon Gustafson moved him out of the cellar and into seventh place.

Having set themselves apart from the rest of the field, Tim Myers and Hugh Miller squared off for the third consecutive game. Miller's challenge was to strike early and often, hoping Myers' strike barrage would come to an end.

Both bowlers started slowly, each sandwiching a spare between strikes through three frames. However, any hopes of Miller challenging for the championship ended with a 3-7-9 split in the fourth.

Myers pulled away with a five-bagger in frames 5-9 to seal a 238-184 victory. The N.W.S.T. all-star demolished the field en route to capturing the tournament title, going undefeated in match play with a four-game series of 1075--a scintillating 268 per game average. Hugh Miller finished a distant second, 145 pins behind the champion.

With the top two spots secured, the focus shifted to matches that would determine third place. Bob Sturdevant fired another clean game, using a double and a turkey in the final six frames to defeat a struggling Mike Karch, 224-191.

Jim Winklepleck, sitting in sixth at the start of the round, was 96 pins removed from third place. After starting with a spare, the 2010-11 N.W.S.T. Player of the Year proceeded to strike on his next eleven shots for a 290-172 victory over Steve Michaliszyn.

With his near-perfect game, Winklepleck captured third place by 25 pins over Mike Karch. Bob Sturdevant trailed Karch by a single pin for fifth, while Steve Michaliszyn dropped to sixth place with the loss.

In remaining matches, the outcomes did not change the bowlers' third-round positions. Tim Pierce edged Trent Zabelle, 202-197, to finish eighth. Zabelle held onto seventh despite the loss.

Super seniors Jon Gustafson and Bill McNelly toiled through a low-scoring contest. Gustafson survived, 198-167, to remain in ninth place. McNelly stayed in tenth.

With three tournaments remaining on the season schedule, Washington rookies sit atop the leader board in the race for Player of the Year honors. Edgewood's Mike Karch leads Vancouver's Bob Porter by a mere 440 points. Portland-area right-handers Trent Zabelle and Tim Myers follow in third and fourth place.

Vancouver's Steve Michaliszyn rounds out the top five, with Astoria's Jon Gustafson leading Philomath, Oregon's, Bill McNelly in the chase for top super senior/super senior plus bowler. Gustafson holds down the eighth spot, with McNelly in eleventh.

The Northwest Senior Tour extends a sincere thank you to manager Daniel Mareina and his entire Four Seasons staff for their hard work and hospitality in hosting this year's event. In addition, a big thank you to Budweiser for its generous sponsorship of the tournament.

Our next N.W.S.T. event is the + 90 SWISS DOUBLES, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 20-21, at Emerald Lanes, in Eugene, Oregon. Because of its popularity, the tournament has been expanded beyond the typical 24-team limit.

Remember, at least one bowler must be a N.W.S.T. member and the partners combined ages must be a minimum of 90 years. Only one P.B.A. member is allowed per team. Defending champions are Trent Zabelle and Craig Tuholski.

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QUALIFYING

POS	TOTAL	+/-	NAME	LANE	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	1386	186	Miller, Hugh	07b	212	248	216	206	247	257	
2	1353	153	Michaliszyn, Steve	12e	205	178	278	256	199	237	
3	1340	140	Winklepleck, Jim	12d	199	173	269	235	213	251	
4	1312	112	McNelly, Bill SS	01a	189	209	225	223	245	221	
5	1301	101	Myers, Tim	11a	171	241	158	247	258	226	
6	1300	100	Pierce, Tim	12c	234	266	221	213	213	153	
7	1300	100	Zabelle, Trent	02d	197	181	256	213	215	238	
8	1290	90	Karch, Mike	06d	180	194	234	258	179	245	
9	1290	90	Sturdevant, Bob SS	15b	203	177	223	238	225	224	
10	1259	59	Gustafson, Jon SS	04d	229	265	182	189	189	205	Match
11	1247	47	Combs, Danny	14c	213	255	200	205	191	183	CASH
12	1244	44	Humphrys, Tom SS	01b	210	148	227	242	202	215	
13	1223	23	Nogle, Mike	03b	174	234	215	242	147	211	
14	1217	17	Vernon, Mitch	09b	171	213	218	192	204	219	
15	1216	16	Day, Dennis	11b	224	209	180	197	243	163	
16	1211	11	Nowlin, Doug SS	08d	148	201	201	235	237	189	
17	1201	1	Knapp, Jeff	02c	254	151	164	172	170	290	
18	1193	7	Schlegel, Ernie SS+	16d	174	178	238	228	180	195	SS+
19	1190	10	Lundgren, Walt SS+	13b	224	169	233	225	192	147	
20	1182	18	Fantini, John SS+	05b	210	176	218	223	174	181	
21	1179	21	Reed, Bob	03a	171	166	211	225	213	193	
22	1165	35	Kiss, Steve	13a	244	143	219	191	203	165	
23	1164	36	Grenon, Larry SS+	08c	195	214	216	187	194	158	
24	1164	36	Porter, Bob	10d	177	195	180	209	194	209	
25	1160	40	Polinsky, Mike	06c	205	157	203	168	205	222	
26	1147	53	Cochran, Randy	09a	203	176	173	190	224	181	
27	1132	68	Hebner, Dean	04c	174	244	203	176	145	190	
28	1125	75	More, Johnny SS	14d	171	181	225	153	178	217	
29	1118	82	Hilzer, James	04e	166	192	170	207	203	180	
30	1099	101	Johnson, Terry	15a	159	154	196	167	211	212	
31	1091	109	Eskew, Lori	05a	170	145	229	189	189	169	
32	1064	136	Gallagher, Tim SS	07a	158	202	241	123	137	203	
33	1008	192	Ballou, Dale SS	16c	182	105	216	146	166	193	
34	938	262	Sanders, Bill	10c	169	122	175	154	194	124	

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**FINAL RESULTS
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	Bowler		QUALIFYING	FINALS	BONUS	TOTAL	PRIZE
1	Tim Myers	Milwaukie, OR	1301	1075	120	2496	\$600
2	Hugh Miller	Mercer Island, WA	1386	935	30	2351	\$470
3	Jim Winklepleck	Portland, OR	1340	926	60	2326	\$390
4	Mike Karch	Edgewood, WA	1290	921	90	2301	\$340
5	Bob Sturdevant SS	Long Beach, WA	1290	920	90	2300	\$300
6	Steve Michaliszyn	Vancouver, WA	1353	821	30	2204	\$260
7	Trent Zabelle	Portland, OR	1300	872	30	2202	\$240
8	Tim Pierce	Portland, OR	1300	810	90	2200	\$220
9	Jon Gustafson SS	Astoria, OR	1259	845	30	2134	\$210
10	Bill McNelly SS	Philomath, OR	1312	778	30	2120	\$200

Honor Scores

Tim Myers: 300, 837

Super Senior+ Cash

Ernie Schlegel Vancouver, WA 1193 \$100

SS: 60-67

SS+: 68+