

JIM WINKLEPLECK CAPTURES EIGHTH CAREER N.W.S.T. TITLE

For the sixth consecutive year, the Northwest Senior tour visited Lebanon, Oregon, for the Linn Lanes Senior Classic, sponsored by Dick's Pro Shop. Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and California bowlers participated, competing in the ninth event of the 2012-2013 season.

Portland's Jim Winklepleck, the 2010 Player of the Year, opened with scores of 279 and 268 to take the qualifying lead with a three-game total of 782. Oregon right-hander Stan Lorimor trailed in second place with a 749 series, rolling back-to-back games of 278 in rounds two and three.

Clackamas, Oregon's, Steve Kiss claimed the lead after round four, shooting 279 for a 1012 total- the only bowler to reach the + 200 plateau with a 253 per game average. Winklepleck fell to second, 16 pins behind the leader, with a 996 total and a 249 average.

Highlighting the round was Joey Borgaro's perfect game, the only 300 posted in tournament play. The Idaho right-hander vaulted into fifth place with 978 in pinfall, trailing Stan Lorimor and Frank Dietz, Jr. with totals of 990 and 986.

The lead changed hands once again at the end of round five. Super senior Frank Dietz, Jr. sat atop the standings, his 279 giving him a five-game total of 1265, good for a 253 per game pace.

Milwaukie right-hander Tim Pierce jumped into second place, firing a game of 266 for a 1234 total and a per game average of 246. A trio of Oregon bowlers rounded out the top five. Joey Borgaro moved into third place at + 212, followed by Steve Kiss at + 211, and Stan Lorimor at + 204.

Vancouver's Steve Michaliszyn was the first Washington bowler to break through Oregon' dominance of the leader board. His 1132 total positioned him in eleventh place. Sherwood's Terry Johnson established the cut line with a twelfth-place total of 1131 and a 226 per game average.

Entering the final game of qualifying, the top five bowlers had set themselves apart from the rest of the field. In contrast, a tightly-bunched group of 15 competitors were within 45 pins of one another, vying for the remaining 7 berths to the match play finals.

Joey Borgaro fired a 268 to give the N.W.S.T. veteran an impressive 802 series over his last three games. His 1480 total and 246 per game average led qualifying. Jefferson's Frank Dietz, Jr. finished as the second seed, leading all super seniors with a 1478 total.

Four other Oregonians finished qualifying above the + 200 benchmark. Stan Lorimor averaged 241, placing third with a 1450 total. Jim Winklepleck's 247 moved the N.W.S.T. titleholder to fourth place with 1425 in total pinfall.

Tim Pierce struggled through a 189 game but still posted an outstanding average of 237, totaling 1423 to secure the fifth seed. The super senior plus crowd was led by Central Point's Bob Korth. The right-hander climbed to sixth, shooting 254 for a total of 1415 and a per game average of 235.

Oregon right-hander Steve Kiss slipped to seventh place with a 1380 total, while Mike Karch led a trio of Washington bowlers into the finals. Karch secured the eighth seed with a total pinfall of 1372.

Rogue River's Randy Cochran was the final Oregonian to qualify for match play, earning a ninth-place finish with 1370 in total pins. Californian Bob Reed came through at crunch time, firing a final game of 256 to move from fourteenth to tenth with a 1368 total.

Fresh from their championship match at last month's Senior Masters, runner-up Steve Michaliszyn claimed the eleventh seed with 1359 in total pins. Champion Bob Porter grabbed the twelfth and final berth to match play with a 1355 total and a 225 per game average.

Lebanon's Steve Pechar and Astoria's Jon Gustafson, both N.W.S.T. titleists, captured the remaining super senior checks. Pechar averaged 222 to finish sixteenth with a 1353 total. Gustafson placed twentieth, averaging 220 on total pinfall of 1325.

Game one of match play was not kind to most of the top seeds. Leader Joey Borgaro could not regain his momentum from the qualifying rounds, unable to post a double in his duel with Bob Porter. An opening four-bagger was all Porter needed to outdistance Borgaro, 227-187.

Steve Michaliszyn continued the takedown of higher seeds, stringing a five-bagger in frames 5-9 to defeat Frank Dietz, Jr., 238-215. Jim Winklepleck took full advantage, but needed every bit of his "A" game to overcome Randy Cochran's eight strikes in his first nine frames. Winklepleck closed out the match with eight strikes in a row to edge the Southern Oregon southpaw, 269-255.

Stan Lorimor was the only other top seed to manage a first round victory. His 237-206 win over Bob Reed moved the St. Helen's right-hander into second place, only 7 pins behind the leader.

Edgewood, Washington's, Mike Karch registered the high score of the final's first round, overwhelming Tim Pierce, 279-216. Steve Kiss used a closing six-bagger to secure a 238-210 victory over Bob Korth.

Jim Winklepleck continued his blistering pace into game two. The Oregon right-hander opened with a five-bagger, then finished with a string of four strikes to overpower Stan Lorimor, 259-190. Winklepleck increased his lead to 69 pins while Lorimor fell to fifth.

Frank Dietz, Jr. reclaimed second place by posting a clutch strike on his first ball in the tenth frame to slip by Mike Karch, 221-216. With the loss, Karch dropped from fourth to sixth in the standings.

Steve Kiss used two early doubles and a late-game five-bagger to shut out Joey Borgaro, 241-227. Kiss moved into third-place contention, while Borgaro continued his slide, dropping to eighth.

Washington's Bob Porter made the most significant move of round two. The N.W.S.T. rookie used his 268-217 victory over Bob Reed to vault from eleventh to fourth. Reed stayed in twelfth.

In the round's remaining matches, Steve Michaliszyn finished with a four-bagger to shut out Tim Pierce, 239-226. Michaliszyn improved one spot to seventh. Pierce dropped to tenth with the loss.

Randy Cochran's four-bagger in frames 3-6 proved to be the difference in his 213-208 win over his Southern Oregon rival, Bob Korth. Cochran retained his ninth-place position, with Korth falling one spot to eleventh.

As the tournament entered the homestretch, Portlander Jim Winklepleck was on the verge of building an insurmountable lead. There was still plenty of drama left, however, as only 50 pins separated second through eighth on the leader board.

Frank Dietz, Jr., the defending champion of this event, was not about to let go of his title without a fight. Winklepleck opened their match with a four-bagger but then went without a strike over his next five frames.

Dietz, Jr. responded, producing a barrage of strikes in frames 3-12 for a decisive 280-233 victory. The win moved Dietz into first place by a slim 8 pin margin over Winklepleck.

Steve Kiss climbed into title contention, routing Bob Porter, 269-180. Kiss, a four-time champion, held onto third place, trailing the leader by only 37 pins.

Mike Karch used the strength of a six-bagger in frames 2-7 to dispatch Stan Lorimor, 268-167. The victory moved the Washington right-hander into fourth, keeping his flickering title hopes alive should the leaders falter in the final game of the tournament. Lorimor plummeted to tenth with the loss.

Qualifying leader Joey Borgaro regained some momentum with a 257-179 thumping of Steve Michaliszyn. The Idaho bowler climbed three spots to fifth place, but Michaliszyn fell to ninth with the loss.

In other round three contests, Tim Pierce used an opening five-bagger to defeat Randy Cochran, 232-217. Pierce improved to sixth place with the win, and Cochran moved up to eighth, despite the loss.

Weed, California's, Bob Reed earned his first win of the finals, posting a come-from-behind victory over Bob Korth, 215-199. The two bowlers flip-flopped positions, Reed inching up to eleventh and Korth slipping to twelfth.

As the final round unfolded, it became apparent the championship would be determined in the head-to-head match-up between Frank Dietz, Jr. and Jim Winklepleck. Dietz led Winklepleck, 116-108, through the sixth frame. However, Dietz had preserved his lead by converting a washout, while Winklepleck was working on a strike.

Winklepleck added strikes in frames 7-8 to reclaim a 2 pin lead. Dietz answered back, posting a double in the same frames. A flat 7-pin in the ninth stopped Dietz' momentum and the failure to convert proved his undoing.

Jim Winklepleck wrapped up the match, striking in the ninth and on his first ball in the tenth. Winklepleck's resulting five-bagger secured a 247-222 victory, earning the N.W.S.T. veteran his eighth career title. In spite of the loss, Frank Dietz, Jr. finished in second place.

Mike Karch overcame an opening four-bagger by Steve Kiss, posting a six-bagger of his own in frames 3-8 to capture a 248-204 win. Karch improved to a strong third-place showing. Kiss fell to fifth with the loss.

Joey Borgaro ended his tournament on a positive note, closing with a string of six strikes to defeat Tim Pierce, 244-211. Borgaro earned a fourth-place finish, while Pierce sunk to eighth.

Stan Lorimor made the biggest jump of the fourth round. The right-hander started with strikes through the first seven frames, then held off a furious late-game charge from Steve Michaliszyn, prevailing 258-248. Lorimor vaulted from tenth to sixth place with the win, while Michaliszyn remained in ninth.

In other matches, Randy Cochran fired a seven-bagger in frames 6-12 to top Bob Porter, 236-181. Cochran improved to seventh, but Porter dropped to eleventh with the loss.

Bob Korth gained a measure of revenge over Bob Reed in their rematch from game three. Two early doubles and a closing six-bagger resulted in a 247-211 triumph for the

Central Point right-hander. Korth moved up to tenth place with the win. Reed finished the tournament in twelfth.

The Northwest Senior Tour would like to thank proprietor Gary Heintzman and his staff for their hard work and hospitality. Great thanks to Dick Grill of Dick's Pro Shop for his loyal sponsorship of this event. In addition, a well-deserved thank you to Hammer Bowling for their generous contributions to our N.W.S.T. raffles.

Our next tournament is the Hillsboro Senior Open, scheduled for Sunday, March 24, at Four Seasons Bowl in Hillsboro, Oregon. A reminder to all N.W.S.T. members--only three events remain on the schedule prior to May's Grand Finals. Bowlers need to have participated in at least five N.W.S.T. events to qualify for the season-ending major championship.

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QUALIFYING

POS	TOTAL	+/-	NAME	LANE	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	1480	280	Borgaro, Joey	02d	238	243	197	300	234	268	
2	1478	278	Dietz, Frank SS	01b	215	258	266	247	279	213	
3	1450	250	Lorimor, Stan	09b	193	278	278	241	214	246	
4	1425	225	Winklepleck, Jim	04d	279	268	235	214	182	247	
5	1423	223	Pierce, Tim	06d	268	255	208	237	266	189	
6	1415	215	Korth, Bob SS+	17b	217	266	235	195	248	254	
7	1380	180	Kiss, Steve	07b	244	231	258	279	199	169	
8	1372	172	Karch, Mike	18c	269	223	208	218	208	246	
9	1370	170	Cochran, Randy	11b	217	220	214	289	206	224	
10	1368	168	Reed, Bob	07a	266	218	195	212	219	258	
11	1359	159	Michaliszyn, Steve	05a	237	227	195	248	225	227	
12	1355	155	Porter, Bob	10c	207	239	247	205	258	199	MATCH
13	1345	145	Johnson, Terry	14c	246	202	190	225	268	214	
14	1335	135	Noel, Ronnie	08c	157	234	247	227	227	243	
15	1335	135	Vernon, Mitch	15a	216	255	257	174	194	239	
16	1333	133	Pechar, Steve SS	11a	235	205	169	269	196	259	SS
17	1329	129	Anderson, Tom	12c	224	196	214	202	269	224	
18	1327	127	Zabelle, Trent	08d	220	208	259	192	213	235	
19	1326	126	Day, Dennis	10d	188	213	191	257	212	265	
20	1325	125	Gustafson, Jon SS	05b	226	228	245	238	205	183	SS
21	1322	122	Lindberg, Larry SS	03a	246	233	168	200	229	246	
22	1281	81	Tang, Jon	17a	225	200	258	225	183	190	
23	1280	80	Nowlin, Doug SS	18d	182	216	237	194	258	193	
24	1279	79	Lundgren, Walt SS+	13a	171	200	224	201	247	236	
25	1276	76	Eskew, Lori	16d	155	182	268	193	269	209	
26	1275	75	Nogle, Mike	13b	180	213	212	190	211	269	
27	1252	52	Ford, Steve SS	06c	219	210	217	163	248	195	
28	1251	51	Powell, Dennis	16c	265	188	215	201	190	192	
29	1216	16	McNelly, Bill SS	04c	184	201	217	197	202	215	
30	1215	15	Gallagher, Tim SS	12d	226	207	226	204	180	172	
31	1213	13	Combs, Danny	14d	165	202	199	223	210	214	
32	1210	10	Ballou, Dale SS	02c	203	171	177	226	213	220	
33	1138	62	Mruk, Jim	09a	153	185	207	194	208	191	
34	1075	125	Grenon, Larry SS+	03b	214	203	168	185	143	162	
35	1052	148	Dean, Nancy	15b	185	180	158	194	195	140	

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FINAL RESULTS
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Bowler		QUALIFYING	FINALS	BONUS	TOTAL	PRIZE	
1	Jim Winklepleck	Portland, OR	1425	1008	90	2523	\$580
2	Frank Dietz SS	Jefferson, OR	1478	938	60	2476	\$430
3	Mike Karch	Edgewood, WA	1372	1011	90	2473	\$370
4	Joey Borgaro	Post Falls, ID	1480	915	60	2455	\$320
5	Steve Kiss	Clackamas, OR	1380	951	90	2421	\$280
6	Stan Lorimor	St. Helens, OR	1450	852	60	2362	\$260
7	Randy Cochran	Rogue River, OR	1370	921	60	2351	\$250
8	Tim Pierce	Portland, OR	1423	885	30	2338	\$240
9	Steve Michaliszyn	Vancouver, WA	1359	904	60	2323	\$230
10	Bob Korth SS+	Central Point, OR	1415	864	30	2309	\$220
11	Bob Porter	Vancouver, WA	1355	855	60	2270	\$210
12	Bob Reed	Weed, CA	1368	849	30	2247	\$200
Super Senior Cash							
	Steve Pechar	Lebanon, OR	1333			\$100	
	Jon Gustafson	Astoria, OR	1325			\$100	

SS: 60-67

SS+: 68+