

Squad Results

	Total	+/- 200	Name	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-
1	1508	308	Ronnie Noel	278	214	258	234	266	258
2	1468	268	Mike Ewing	279	237	214	244	215	279
3	1434	234	Steve Kiss SS	234	288	216	190	247	259
4	1409	209	Frank Dietz SS	192	279	247	245	182	264
5	1409	209	Mitch Vernon	224	258	266	231	217	213
6	1381	181	Dennis Day	237	211	239	253	176	265
7	1380	180	Mike Karch	246	245	203	227	201	258
8	1353	153	Steve Menning	184	257	247	213	228	224
9	1353	153	Mike Nogle	226	279	206	247	208	187
10	1339	139	Bob Porter	236	177	194	231	256	245
11	1330	130	Steve Michaliszyn	215	247	226	226	183	233
12	1328	128	John Meires	234	208	267	232	182	205
13	1321	121	Jon Gustafson SS	234	196	210	236	225	220 SS
14	1321	121	Ron Martinson	225	208	226	234	204	224
15	1312	112	Mike Polinsky	215	188	229	245	201	234
16	1310	110	Joey Bogaro SS	235	243	215	266	175	176
17	1299	99	Bob Harns SS+	221	235	245	201	173	224 SS+
18	1293	93	Tim Pierce	205	202	280	214	189	203
19	1293	93	Jon Tang	158	247	238	215	171	264
20	1292	92	Stan Lorimor	234	256	214	171	212	205
21	1284	84	Dave Dasenbrock SS	227	171	227	227	196	236
22	1276	76	Walt Lundgren SS+	226	225	225	171	226	203
23	1272	72	Butch Jordan	288	186	188	185	200	225
24	1237	37	Trent Zabelle	218	192	191	229	192	215
25	1233	33	Steve Soto	194	212	191	203	200	233
26	1231	31	Dave Oliver SS	204	211	183	165	211	257
27	1215	15	Doug Nowlin SS	268	180	184	179	234	170
28	1212	12	Tracy Teeters	181	248	203	205	162	213
29	1200		David Manecke	244	188	169	204	172	223
30	1174	-26	Terry Johnson	202	162	182	190	246	192
31	1158	-42	Samantha Kessler	199	193	158	200	201	207
32	1144	-56	Dale Ballou SS+	160	204	191	178	212	199
33	1141	-59	Ken Eby SS	180	204	155	210	221	171
34	1138	-62	Steve Ford SS	193	236	181	200	196	132
35	1107	-93	Larry Lindberg SS	192	182	169	168	182	214
36	1103	-97	Larry Grenon SS+	181	191	196	214	175	146
37	1056	-144	Dave Mingo SS	182	212	165	175	168	154

**NORTHWEST
SENIOR TOUR**



LINN LANES

Linn Lanes Senior Classic March 16, 2014

FINAL RESULTS

Bowler		QUALIFYING	FINALS	BONUS	TOTAL	PRIZE	
1	Steve Kiss	Clackamas, OR	1434	1002	90	2526	\$650
2	Mike Ewing	Eugene, OR	1468	946	60	2474	\$500
3	Frank Dietz	Jefferson, OR	1409	948	90	2447	\$400
4	Mitch Vernon	Olympia, WA	1409	930	60	2399	\$350
5	Steve Menning	Portland, OR	1353	928	90	2371	\$325
6	Mike Karch	Edgewood, WA	1380	901	75	2356	\$300
7	Ronnie Noel	Graham, WA	1508	814	30	2352	\$280
8	Steve Michaliszyn	Vancouver, WA	1330	936	60	2326	\$260
9	Dennis Day	Dallas, OR	1381	858	60	2299	\$240
10	Bob Porter	Vancouver, WA	1339	885	60	2284	\$220
11	John Meiris	Albany, OR	1328	889	45	2262	\$210
12	Mike Nogle	Tigard, OR	1353	850	0	2203	\$200
Super Senior							
	Jon Gustafson	Astoria, OR	1321			\$100	
Super Senior +							
	Bob Harns	Irrigon, OR	1299			\$100	
	[SS: 60-67 SS+: 68+]						

Honor Scores: Steve Michaliszyn 300

STEVE KISS WINS AT LINN LANES FOR FIFTH N.W.S.T TITLE

The weekend of March 15-16 saw the Northwest Senior Tour travel south into the Willamette Valley, visiting Lebanon, Oregon, for the Linn Lanes Senior Classic and the season's final 650 Swiss Trio. Saturday's team competition fell just one entry short of a full squad, with 17 teams competing for a top-five finish and the accompanying check. Sunday's featured singles event drew a field of 37 bowlers.

The unique bonus point system used in all N.W.S.T. Swiss Trios created a highly competitive environment. Large momentum swings were the norm as each competitor vied for the extra points earned for individual games of 235 and above, 255 and above, as well as team totals of 705 or higher. As usual, each bowler received a point for defeating their opponent in head-to-head match play, with two points awarded for a team victory.

Three N.W.S.T. champions, their team labeled with the appropriate moniker of "Lefty's Rule", captured first-place with 37 total points. Washington's Ronnie Noel led the way with a 243 per game average, followed by teammates Frank Dietz, Jr. and Doug Nowlin with averages of 232 and 230, respectively. The team's win was not surprising, considering each had collected one of their N.W.S.T. titles at Linn Lanes- Nowlin in 2008, Noel in 2011, and Dietz, Jr. in 2012.

Mike Ewing carried his "I-5 Bandits" trio of James Hylton and Ryan Besaw to a second-place finish with 34 points. Ewing topped all bowlers in the tournament with a sizzling six-game average of 252. The Eugene left-hander was another N.W.S.T. champion with success at Linn Lanes, winning one of his four titles at the center in 2010.

Carrying the team name of "Thanks Walt", an homage to the leader in career titles on the Northwest Senior Tour, Olympia's Mitch Vernon averaged 223 to help team members Walt Lundgren and Mike Karch claim third-place with 27 total points. Vancouver's Steve Michaliszyn posted a 1372 total and a 228 per game average to help his "3 Steve's" teammates of Steve Soto and Rick Hattenhauer secure fourth place in the standings.

Lebanon right-hander Butch Jordan averaged 234 to lead his "Tom's Gang" squad of Tom Vaughn and Kelly Hyatt to a fifth-place payout. Their 24.5 total points edged the Linn Lanes team of "Two Baldies and a Cranker" by one-half point. As consolation, Jeff Burnette's 256 in the tournament's final game helped his "Two Baldies" teammates Steve Pechar and Mal Acosta post a 691 total to collect the check for high team game out-of-the-money.

In other noteworthy individual performances, Mike Ewing posted the tournament's high game with a near-perfect 299, followed by Roger Tremblay's 297. Ronnie Noel rolled a game of 290, while right-handers Ryan Besaw and Mitch Vernon added scores of 289

and 279 to round out the top five. As noted earlier, Ewing was the overall scoring leader with a six-game total of 1512. Ronnie Noel followed in second with 1460 in total pins. Right-hander Tracy Teeters matched Butch Jordan's 234 average, edging him by a pin to claim third place. Frank Dietz, Jr. completed the top five with total pinfall of 1397.

Sunday's regular tour event began with Ronnie Noel posting an opening three-game series of 750 to take a 2 pin lead over fellow Washingtonian Mitch Vernon. Oregon right-hander Steve Kiss used a game-two score of 288 to settle in third place, leading all super seniors with a 738 total. Oregon left-handers Mike Ewing and Frank Dietz rounded out the top five with 730 and 718 totals. Eastern Oregon's Bob Harns led all super senior-plus bowlers, holding down ninth place with a solid 701 total.

Noel and Vernon remained at the top of the leader board through round four, averaging 246 and 244 on totals of 984 and 979, respectively. Mike Ewing improved to third with a 243 average and 974 in total pins. Super senior Frank Dietz climbed to fourth after firing a game of 245 for a 963 total. Idaho's Joey Borgaro posted the round's high game of 266 to jump into the top five with a 239 per game average and total pinfall of 959.

Ronnie Noel opened up a 54 pin lead at the end of round five, firing a 266 score for a 1250 total and a red-hot 250 per game average. Mitch Vernon continued to stake his claim to second place, averaging 239 for a 1196 total. Mike Ewing maintained his third-place position with a 1189 total and a 237 per game average.

Steve Kiss reentered the top five, using a score of 247 to secure fourth place with 1175 in total pins. Tigard right-hander Mike Nogle followed in fifth with an 1166 total, good for an average of 233 per game. Astoria super senior Jon Gustafson established the twelfth-place cutline with a 220 per game average and total pinfall of 1101.

A round-six game of 258 earned Graham's Ronnie Noel the number one seed for qualifying, averaging an impressive 251 per game for a 1508 total. Mike Ewing posted the round's high game of 279 to capture second place with a 1468 total and an average of 244 per game. Super seniors were led in qualifying by Clackamas' Steve Kiss, earning the third-place seed with a 1434 total. Frank Dietz, Jr. and Mitch Vernon tied for fourth with total pinfall of 1409.

Oregon right-hander Dennis Day made the biggest jump of the final round, rolling a game of 264 to move from eleventh to sixth place with a 1381 total and a 230 per game average. Reigning Player of the Year Mike Karch followed 1 pin behind in seventh. Oregon right-handers Steve Menning and Mike Nogle tied for eighth with total pinfall of 1353.

Bob Porter and Steve Michaliszyn were outside the cutline at the start of the final round, but the Vancouver right-handers closed with games of 245 and 233 to qualify for match play. Porter earned the tenth-place seed with a 1339 total. Michaliszyn followed in eleventh with 1339 in total pins.

Albany left-hander John Meiris captured the twelfth and last qualifying berth with a 1328 total and a 221 per game average. N.W.S.T. titleholder Jon Gustafson claimed the final super senior check with a thirteenth-place finish, totaling 1321 for a 220 per game average. Bob Harns, bowling in his first N.W.S.T. event, finished in seventeenth place with a 1299 total. His 216 per game average earned the Irrigon right-hander a check as the top super senior-plus bowler in the tournament.

Ronnie Noel maintained his lead through the first round of match play with a 237-207 victory over John Meiris. The round was highlighted by Steve Michalyszyn's perfect game in his 300-258 win over Mike Ewing. Frank Dietz, Jr. posted a 268-248 triumph over Mike Nogle to climb into second place.

This trend of different bowlers firing 260+ games continued through the remaining matches of the tournament, causing wide swings of momentum round-to-round. Jefferson's Frank Dietz, Jr. climbed into first place at the end of round two with a 237-185 victory over Ronnie Noel. The loss dropped Noel to third and out of the lead for the first time since game two of qualifying.

Mike Ewing's 265-179 win over Steve Michalyszyn moved the Oregon lefty into second place. Steve Kiss overwhelmed Dennis Day, 260-214, advancing to fourth and beginning a charge up the leader board that would continue through the remainder of the tournament. Mitch Vernon defeated Mike Nogle, 277-209, to reclaim his fifth-place position.

By the end of round three, 10 of 12 finalists had captured at least one match victory. Noteworthy were Mike Ewing's 247-224 win over Frank Dietz, Jr. and Steve Kiss' 249-203 defeat of Ronnie Noel, setting the stage for a likely winner-take-all confrontation between the top two bowlers in the standings. Despite his loss, the third-place Dietz trailed the leader by only 41 pins, well within striking distance of the title with a big final game.

The Kiss versus Ewing match did, in fact, determine the championship. A string of nine strikes in frames 4-12 gave Steve Kiss a 279-236 victory, earning the Oregon bowler his fifth N.W.S.T. crown. Mike Ewing finished second, leading all competitors in scoring for the weekend as consolation- posting an outstanding 245 per game average for 16 total games bowled.

Frank Dietz' Jr. followed in third place with a 219-189 win over Ronnie Noel. Mitch Vernon fired another huge score to defeat Steve Michalyszyn, 266-189, to improve to fourth. With their losses, Noel dropped back to seventh and Michalyszyn fell to eighth. Portland's Steve Menning overpowered former Senior Masters champion Bob Porter, 276-215, to jump from tenth to fifth.

Washington's Mike Karch fought back for a sixth-place finish, dispatching Dennis Day, 248-209. With their losses, Day and Porter ended the tournament in ninth and tenth

place. In the final match of round four, John Meiris coasted to a 245-196 win over Mike Nogle. Meiris claimed eleventh place with the victory, followed by Nogle in twelfth.

With just 4 tournaments remaining on the N.W.S.T. schedule, the race for Player of the Year and all-star honors remains fluid. Mike Karch used his Linn Lanes performance to move into first place, dropping former leader Trent Zabelle back to second. Oregon City's Mike Polinsky improved one spot to third place.

Oregon rookie Steve Menning and N.W.S.T. titleholder Mitch Vernon cracked the top five, with Menning climbing from sixth to fourth and Vernon improving to fifth. Fresh off his Linn Lanes victory, Steve Kiss moved into seventh-place contention. Albany's Walt Lundgren continues to lead all super senior and super senior-plus bowlers with his tenth-place position.

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