

## **TIM MYERS EARNS NINTH CAREER N.W.S.T. TITLE IN MOLALLA**

On December 15, the Northwest Senior Tour visited Molalla Bowl in Molalla, Oregon, for the fifth event of the 2013-2014 season. The Molalla Senior Open drew 42 bowlers from Oregon, Washington, and northern California.

Washington's Mike Karch posted a 289 in game two to help the right-hander take the third-round lead with a 725 series. Washington right-handers also followed in second and third, led by Tony Ferguson's 724 and Kurt Bogner's 708 series.

Oregon bowlers rounded out the top five. Beaverton's Ron Martinson used a 279 in game two to post a 696, followed by Milwaukie's Tim Myers with a 686 in total pins.

Kurt Bogner fired a 264 to take the fourth-round lead with a 972 total and a 243 per game average. Mike Karch fell back to second with a 952 total. A game of 268 moved Portland's Jon Tang into third with a 232 average on total pins of 928.

Ron Martinson remained in fourth place with a 924 total. Tom Burke broke into the top five, tying Tony Ferguson for fifth with a total pinfall of 915 and a 228 per game average. Vancouver's Rohn Morton led all super seniors with an eighth-place total of 882, good for a 220 per game pace.

Kurt Bogner increased his lead to 31 pins over Mike Karch at the end of round five. The Longview right-hander was the only bowler to break the 1200 barrier, firing a 257 for a five-game total of 1229 and a 245 per game average. Karch's 1198 total and 239 average placed him 42 pins ahead of N.W.S.T. all-star Tim Myers, sitting in third with a 231 per game average.

Tom Burke moved up to fourth place with an 1150 total and a 230 per game pace. Eugene's Mike Ewing jumped into the top five, posting the round's high game of 267 to lead all left-handers in the field with a 229 average on pinfall of 1148.

Oregon right-hander Johnny More moved into eleventh place to lead all super seniors in the field, averaging 223 on total pins of 1115. Albany's Walt Lundgren was the top super senior-plus bowler, establishing the cutline in fourteenth place with a 1081 total and a per game average of 216.

As the final round of qualifying unfolded, the top 6 competitors were on a safe path to the finals. But 22 other bowlers were within 50 pins of the qualifying number, putting the final 8 berths to match play up for grabs. However, when the sixth round was in the books, only 2 new faces had earned their way into match play.

Kurt Bogner struggled through a 198 game, but still earned the honor of top qualifier with an impressive 237 average on total pinfall of 1427. Mike Karch held onto second place with a 1392 total and a 232 per game pace. Ron Martinson climbed to third, firing a solid 234 for a 1381 total and per game average of 230.

Kathy Tribbey posted the high game of the final round, her 255 moving the Cornelius right-hander from ninth to fourth with a 1374 total. Tribbey's 229 per game average placed her 10 pins ahead of Tom Burke, the Beaverton right-hander rounding out the top five with a 1364 total.

N.W.S.T. veterans Steve Michaliszyn and Jon Tang moved into a sixth-place tie, posting games of 235 and 236 for a 1359 total and 226 per game average. Tim Myers followed in eighth place with 1353 in total pinfall. A game of 192 dropped Mike Ewing to ninth with total pins of 1353 and a 225 average. Brush Prairie's Tony Ferguson remained in tenth place with 1329 in total pinfall.

Portland's Johnny More held steady in eleventh place to lead all super seniors with a 1328 total and a 221 per game average. A final-round charge by St. Helens' Stan Lorimor and Vancouver's Bob Porter enabled the veteran right-handers to break through to the finals.

Lorimor's 235 moved him from seventeenth into twelfth-place tie with Tigard's Mike Nogle at 1296 in total pins. Porter, the reigning Senior Masters champion, rolled a clutch 248 game to earn the fourteenth and final berth to match play with a 1295 total and a per game average of 215.

N.W.S.T. titleholders Jon Gustafson, Bill Starnes, and Rohn Morton claimed the final tournament checks. Astoria's Gustafson earned one of two cashes for high super senior outside the finals, finishing in fifteenth-place. Starnes tied Gustafson to enable the Corvallis right-hander to collect the sole super senior-plus check with a 1291 total and a 215 per game average. Morton's 212 average and 1277 total placed him in eighteenth to claim the other super senior payout.

Kurt Bogner extended his qualifying lead to 74 pins after the first round of match play. The N.W.S.T. rookie posted a four-bagger in frames 2-5 and closed his game with a six-bagger to outdistance Bob Porter 269-215. Tim Myers duplicated Bogner's score with a 269-184 victory over Steve Michaliszyn, climbing from eighth to second with the win.

Edgewood's Mike Karch defeated Mike Nogle in a tight, back-and-forth contest, 228-224. Despite the win, Karch fell back to third place, trailing Myers by only 3 pins. Johnny More was another Milwaukie Bowl competitor to make a significant move up the leader board. He used a six-bagger in frames 4-9 to outdistance Kathy Tribbey, 257-202, and rocket from eleventh to fourth.

Tom Burke settled into the top five with a 219-138 trouncing of Tony Ferguson. The win placed Burke 10 pins ahead of Mike Ewing. The Oregon southpaw closed his game with

a 5-bagger to edge Jon Tang, 233-220. Stan Lorimor concluded the first round of match play with an impressive 268-176 victory over Ron Martinson, jumping from twelfth into seventh-place contention.

In round two, leader Kurt Bogner suffered through a split-plagued game. His opponent, Tim Myers, also cooled off from his game-one pace, but stayed clean to post a 205-168 win. With the loss, Bogner dropped to second place and relinquished the lead for the first time since game four of qualifying.

Despite his victory, Tim Myers fell back to third, as Mike Karch used a 236-194 win over Johnny More to reclaim first place. Karch now held a 22 pin lead over Bogner and 29 over Myers. Stan Lorimor continued his torrid pace, moving into fourth place with a 236-190 defeat of Jon Tang.

Mike Ewing continued to carry the mantle for all tourney left-handers, overpowering Tom Burke, 225-169, to climb into the top five. In remaining matches, Ron Martinson downed Kathy Tribbey, 225-210, to improve to sixth place. Steve Michaliszyn and Bob Porter rebounded from their first-round losses as Michaliszyn breezed by Mike Nogle, 215-131, and Porter outlasted Tony Ferguson, 198-170.

Round three matches turned the title chase into a battle between bowlers with Player of the Year credentials. Mike Karch extended his lead to 39 pins with a decisive 256-193 victory over Kurt Bogner. Tim Myers recaptured second place with a 246-196 win over Stan Lorimor, setting up a winner-take-all showdown with Karch. With their losses, Bogner dropped to fifth place and Lorimor to seventh.

Ron Martinson continued his steady climb in the standings, striking in eight of his first nine frames to pull away from Mike Ewing, 258-223. Martinson moved up to third but trailed the leader by 102 pins. Super senior Johnny More used a six-bagger in frames 5-10 to pull away from Vancouver's Steve Michaliszyn, 249-199. More rose to fourth place with the win, trailing Martinson by only 12 pins. Ewing dropped to sixth place with the loss, while Michaliszyn fell to eleventh.

Highlighting remaining round-three contests, Oregon's Tom Burke took advantage of a ninth-frame split by Kathy Tribbey, punching out in the tenth for a razor-thin 227-223 victory. Burke and Tribbey switched positions as a result, setting up a ninth versus tenth-place rematch in the final round.

Jon Tang secured his first match-play win with a 244-202 defeat of Bob Porter. The Oregon right-hander improved three spots to eighth with the victory, while Porter remained in twelfth. Oregon's Mike Nogle held steady in thirteenth place, downing Tony Ferguson, 213-189.

The spotlight of tournament's final round focused on the championship match between Mike Karch and Tim Myers. An opening six-bagger gave Myers a 30 pin lead, while a three-bagger in frames 2-4 kept Karch within striking distance. A double by Karch in

frames 6-7 drew him closer, as Myers followed a nine-count spare in the seventh with an eighth-frame strike. Karch kept his fading title hopes alive with a strike in his foundation ninth.

Myers converted a flat 10-pin in the ninth frame to take a 22 pin lead into his half of the tenth. The Oregon right-hander needed a fill of 28 pins to shut out his cross-border rival for the title. Myers ripped the rack on his first two balls, but his closeout shot failed to turn the corner, leaving the 2-4-5-8.

Myers now faced the fact that his clutch score of 255 would not be enough if Karch could turn the tables, filling his tenth frame with 28 pins. But Karch's first ball failed to hold pocket, leaving a five-count split and a final score of 216. As a result, Tim Myers captured the Molalla Senior Open by a mere 30 pins over runner up Mike Karch, the difference being Myers perfect 4-0 match-play record. The title was Tim Myers ninth career championship.

Ron Martinson added another strong showing to his rookie season on tour, securing third place with a closing five-bagger to overtake Johnny More, 239-226. Mike Ewing overcame splits in frames 2-3 with a four-bagger in frames 8-11 to shut out Kurt Bogner, 205-189. The win moved Ewing into fourth place by a 4 pin margin over More, while Bogner dropped to ninth with the loss.

Kathy Tribbey recorded her first match-play victory, using an opening six-bagger to fend off Tom Burke, 257-243. Tribbey jumped from tenth to sixth place with the win, and Burke improved to eighth in spite of the loss. Jon Tang coasted to a 214-148 victory over Stan Lorimor to finish in seventh place.

In the remaining matches of the tournament, Steve Michaliszyn earned a tenth-place tie with Stan Lorimor despite a narrow 220-217 loss to Bob Porter. The win for Porter secured the Washington right-hander a twelfth-place check. Mike Nogle sandwiched a seven-bagger between second and tenth-frame opens to post a 232-166 victory over Tony Ferguson. Despite the outcome, Nogle and Ferguson stayed in thirteenth and fourteenth place.

The Northwest Senior Tour would like to thank proprietor Shawn Copeland and the entire Molalla Bowl staff for their hard work and hospitality in hosting this event. The N.W.S.T. will inaugurate the new year on Sunday, January 19, with our annual Vancouver U.S.A. Senior Open at Husted's Hazel Dell Lanes. In addition, the second 650 Swiss Trio of the season will be held at the bowling center on Saturday, January 18.

Sunday 9:00 am

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**MOLALLA BOWL Molalla, OR**

*Squad Results*

|    | <b>Total</b> | <b>Name</b>       | <b>Lane</b> | <b>-1-</b> | <b>-2-</b> | <b>-3-</b> | <b>-4-</b> | <b>-5-</b> | <b>-6-</b> |
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| 1  | <b>1427</b>  | Kurt Bogner       | 12          | 256        | 215        | 237        | 264        | 257        | 198        |
| 2  | <b>1392</b>  | Mike Karch        | 4           | 220        | 289        | 216        | 227        | 246        | 194        |
| 3  | <b>1381</b>  | Ron Martinson     | 13          | 200        | 279        | 217        | 228        | 223        | 234        |
| 4  | <b>1374</b>  | Kathy Tribbey     | 13          | 213        | 223        | 215        | 231        | 237        | 255        |
| 5  | <b>1364</b>  | Tom Burke         | 11          | 279        | 202        | 198        | 236        | 235        | 214        |
| 6  | <b>1359</b>  | Steve Michaliszyn | 8           | 214        | 186        | 245        | 222        | 257        | 235        |
| 7  | <b>1359</b>  | Jon Tang          | 8           | 245        | 213        | 202        | 268        | 195        | 236        |
| 8  | <b>1353</b>  | Tim Myers         | 11          | 268        | 214        | 204        | 225        | 245        | 197        |
| 9  | <b>1340</b>  | Mike Ewing        | 16          | 253        | 217        | 196        | 215        | 267        | 192        |
| 10 | <b>1329</b>  | Tony Ferguson     | 12          | 254        | 247        | 223        | 191        | 202        | 212        |
| 11 | <b>1328</b>  | Johnny More SS    | 14          | 240        | 216        | 226        | 196        | 237        | 213        |
| 12 | <b>1296</b>  | Stan Lorimor      | 7           | 248        | 198        | 209        | 203        | 203        | 235        |
| 13 | <b>1296</b>  | Mike Nogle        | 10          | 194        | 234        | 229        | 216        | 230        | 193        |
| 14 | <b>1295</b>  | Bob Porter        | 6           | 185        | 222        | 227        | 236        | 177        | 248        |
| 15 | <b>1291</b>  | Jon Gustafson SS  | 15          | 222        | 227        | 223        | 201        | 191        | 227        |
| 16 | <b>1291</b>  | Bill Starnes SS+  | 16          | 225        | 173        | 247        | 195        | 204        | 247        |
| 17 | <b>1281</b>  | Dave Manecke      | 9           | 185        | 236        | 255        | 198        | 214        | 193        |
| 18 | <b>1277</b>  | Rohn Morton SS    | 3           | 203        | 199        | 279        | 211        | 183        | 202        |
| 19 | <b>1273</b>  | Walt Lundgren SS+ | 6           | 217        | 184        | 224        | 254        | 202        | 192        |
| 20 | <b>1264</b>  | Bob Korth SS+     | 10          | 246        | 170        | 236        | 205        | 182        | 225        |
| 21 | <b>1258</b>  | Steve Kiss SS     | 3           | 170        | 214        | 193        | 234        | 224        | 223        |
| 22 | <b>1255</b>  | Dale Ballou SS    | 5           | 256        | 180        | 197        | 226        | 200        | 196        |
| 23 | <b>1253</b>  | Steve Menning     | 3           | 173        | 246        | 183        | 203        | 247        | 201        |
| 24 | <b>1249</b>  | Trent Zabelle     | 2           | 237        | 215        | 195        | 193        | 173        | 236        |
| 25 | <b>1248</b>  | John Meiris       | 9           | 213        | 181        | 225        | 174        | 243        | 212        |
| 26 | <b>1244</b>  | Larry Borghi      | 14          | 223        | 186        | 213        | 187        | 220        | 215        |
| 27 | <b>1239</b>  | Tom Anderson      | 2           | 202        | 195        | 238        | 209        | 203        | 192        |
| 28 | <b>1221</b>  | Dennis Day        | 5           | 195        | 195        | 224        | 179        | 205        | 223        |
| 29 | <b>1218</b>  | Dennis Powell     | 7           | 192        | 220        | 205        | 180        | 213        | 208        |
| 30 | <b>1204</b>  | Bob Reed          | 11          | 188        | 233        | 204        | 204        | 207        | 168        |
| 31 | <b>1189</b>  | Lori Eskew        | 15          | 225        | 167        | 192        | 194        | 212        | 199        |
| 32 | <b>1185</b>  | Tom Humphrys SS   | 2           | 220        | 227        | 227        | 192        | 173        | 146        |
| 33 | <b>1182</b>  | Al Anderson SS    | 5           | 229        | 214        | 190        | 227        | 174        | 148        |
| 34 | <b>1181</b>  | Dean Hebner       | 1           | 172        | 221        | 188        | 178        | 191        | 231        |
| 35 | <b>1163</b>  | Terry Johnson     | 4           | 174        | 210        | 224        | 215        | 170        | 170        |
| 36 | <b>1156</b>  | Bob Sturdevant SS | 10          | 238        | 239        | 170        | 147        | 161        | 201        |
| 37 | <b>1154</b>  | Mike Barber       | 8           | 172        | 182        | 168        | 214        | 217        | 201        |
| 38 | <b>1153</b>  | Mitch Vernon      | 7           | 170        | 220        | 174        | 222        | 225        | 142        |
| 39 | <b>1144</b>  | Scott Schimming   | 13          | 188        | 225        | 191        | 194        | 145        | 201        |
| 40 | <b>1140</b>  | Larry Grenon SS+  | 15          | 202        | 186        | 205        | 179        | 187        | 181        |
| 41 | <b>1139</b>  | Steve Soto        | 1           | 213        | 165        | 172        | 216        | 171        | 202        |
| 42 | <b>1107</b>  | Ken Eby SS        | 6           | 168        | 204        | 245        | 136        | 165        | 189        |

