

JON GUSTAFSON CAPTURES N.W.S.T. SEASON OPENER

The twenty-fourth season of the Northwest Senior Tour opened on August 25 at Beaverton's Sunset Lanes. Sponsored by Custom Fit Pro Shop, the event attracted a regional field of 51 bowlers, with the states of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho represented.

Washington super senior, Bob BJORKE, started qualifying in record-setting fashion, firing back-to-back 300 games. BJORKE's performance matched the 1998 effort of Jerry Ledbetter, the Puyallup right-hander posting his perfect games at Ocean Shore's Shore Bowl in 1998. Washougal's David Manecke added to the perfection, firing a 300 game of his own in round one.

BJORKE, cooled off in round three, his 211 giving the Lakewood right-hander the qualifying lead at the halfway point with an 811 series. Oregon's Tim Myers posted three 250 games to place him in second with a 773 total.

Washington right-hander, Larry Borghi, fired identical games of 268 in rounds one and three for a third-place total of 772. Tacoma rookie Scott Schimming settled in fourth place, shooting the round's high game of 287 for total pinfall of 767.

The fourth-round lead was claimed by Tim Myers, firing a 248 for a four-game total of 1021 and a per game average of 255. Bob BJORKE slipped to second place, his 1017 total and 254 average placing him 14 pins ahead of Tacoma's Larry Borghi.

Portland's Jim Winklepleck posted games of 268 and 269 in rounds three and four to jump into fourth place with a 998 total and a 249 per game pace. Milwaukie right-hander Mike Polinsky held onto his fifth-place position, adding a game of 236 to his third round 277 for total pinfall of 984 and a 246 average.

Entering the final two rounds of qualifying, state bragging rights were up for grabs as the top 16 on the leader board were almost evenly divided between Oregon and Washington bowlers. Milwaukie's Tim Myers increased his first-place lead to 40 pins, firing a score of 244 for a five-game total of 1265 and a 253 per game average.

Larry Borghi moved into second with a per game pace of 245 and 1225 in total pins. Portland rookie Steve Menning appeared in the top five for the first time, his 1223 total and 244 per game average placing him in third. Jim Winklepleck sat in fourth place, trailing Menning by 11 pins with a 242 per game average and 1212 in total pinfall.

Mike Polinsky remained in fifth place for the third consecutive round with a 1209 total and 241 per game average. Vancouver's Bob Porter jumped from fifteenth into the top six on the strength of a 278 game, giving the right-hander an 1195 total and a per game average of 239.

Early leader Bob BJORKE dropped to seventh place in the standings, but still led all super seniors in the field with a 236 average on pinfall of 1184. Another Washington super senior, Larry Lindberg, established the sixteenth-place cut line with an 1134 total.

Jeff Knapp's near-perfect 299 moved the Bellevue right-hander into eighteenth place and only 7 pins behind Lindberg. A total of 23 bowlers were within 50 pins of the cut line, above or below, with one game left in qualifying.

Tim Myers stayed atop the leader board to earn the honor of leading qualifier, firing a final game of 236 for a 1501 total and a 250 per game average. Fellow Oregonian Jim Winklepleck jumped from fourth to second on the strength of a closing 278, totaling 1490 for a 248 per game pace.

Larry Borghi led all Washington bowlers with a third-place total of 1454 and a 242 average. Jon Gustafson, reigning Super Senior Player of the Year, settled in fourth place with a 235 per game average and 1415 in total pinfall.

Tigard's Al Ferguson fired the tournament's second 299 game to rocket from twentieth place to fifth with a 1414 total. Oregon's Mike Polinsky finished in sixth place with a 235 average and pinfall of 1410.

Jeff Knapp completed a remarkable come-from-behind charge, following his round five 299 with a 279 score to capture the seventh seed with a 1408 total. Knapp sat in a distant thirty-third place after the first three games of qualifying. Bob BJORKE rounded out the top eight with a 1404 total and a 234 per game average.

The remaining qualifiers were led by Bob Porter with 1400 in total pins. Oregon right-handers Steve Menning and Mike Nogle followed in tenth and eleventh places with 1396 and 1378 totals.

Washington right-handers secured four of the five remaining berths to the finals. Olympia's Mitch Vernon placed twelfth with a 1368 total while Scott Schimming followed in thirteenth with 1364 in total pins.

Portland's Trent Zabelle, Longview's Kurt Bogner, and Vancouver's Steve Michaliszyn tied with a 227 average and pinfall of 1363. Zabelle was awarded the higher seed on the basis of the higher final-game tiebreaker. His 229 game placed him ahead of Bogner's 222, and Michaliszyn's 204.

St. Helen's Stan Lorimor cashed the final check for seventeenth place with a 1361 total and a 226 average. Ernie Schlegel posted a final game of 278 to claim the Super Senior + payout, the P.B.A. Hall of Famer averaging 220 per game with a 1323 total.

Tim Myers established a commanding lead after round one of match play, using a pair of five-baggers to defeat Steve Michaliszyn, 269-234. Second-seed Jim Winklepleck

struggled to sustain his qualifying momentum, falling to Kurt Bogner, 248-191. Winklepleck remained in second despite the loss, but trailed Myers by 119 pins.

Mitch Vernon took advantage of first and fourth frame opens by Al Ferguson, striking on nine of his first ten shots en route to a 268-225 victory. As a result, the Washington bowler jumped from twelfth into a third-place tie with Mike Polinsky, a 226-193 winner over Mike Nogle.

In other contests, Steve Menning upended Jeff Knapp, 234-192, to climb into the top five. Washington's Bob Porter moved up three spots to sixth with a 226-210 win over Bob BJORKE.

Remaining first-round contests saw Jon Gustafson slip to seventh, despite a 210-201 victory over Scott Schimming. N.W.S.T. all-star Trent Zabelle used a seven-bagger to overwhelm Larry Borghi, 260-201, and improve five places to ninth. Borghi fell to eighth with the loss.

Round two began with Tim Myers squaring off against longtime rival Jim Winklepleck, both former N.W.S.T. Players of the Year. Split trouble and the inability to string strikes led to a low-scoring match. Myers prevailed, 198-193, to retain his tournament lead. Winklepleck dropped to eighth place with the loss.

Meanwhile, Jon Gustafson was mounting a charge up the leader board. The N.W.S.T. all-star followed an opening double with a nine-bagger to close out his match with Larry Borghi, 279-242. Gustafson's victory moved him from seventh place into second, shrinking Myers lead to 64 pins. Despite the loss, Borghi improved three places to fifth.

Mike Polinsky overcame two early open frames, finishing with a six-bagger to edge Mitch Vernon, 214-203. Polinsky took sole possession of third place, but trailed the leader by 118 pins. Vernon fell to ninth with the loss.

Al Ferguson made a significant move of his own, using a six-bagger in frames 2-7 to defeat Bob BJORKE, 240-218. The win propelled the Oregon right-hander from eleventh to fourth, while BJORKE sank to thirteenth with the loss.

In other matches, Steve Menning fired three tenth-frame strikes to edge Bob Porter, 204-201. Despite the win, Menning fell one spot to sixth place while Porter dropped to tenth. Trent Zabelle prevailed in a low-scoring match with Kurt Bogner, 200-183. Zabelle improved to seventh with the win.

Round two came to a close with Steve Michaliszyn downing Jeff Knapp, 212-180. Tigard's Mike Nogle opened with a five-bagger to rout Scott Schimming, 256-164.

Round three would prove decisive for bowlers at the top of the leader board. Jon Gustafson continued to chip away at Tim Myers lead, while only 41 pins separated third

place from eighth. Myers used an opening four-bagger to jump out to a 26 pin lead over Gustafson, but the Astoria right-hander recovered to string strikes in frames 6-8.

Myers responded with a double in frames 7-8, but a solid 10-pin in the ninth proved fateful. Gustafson extended his string of to six with strikes in frames 9-11, shutting out Myers in the process. Gustafson's 247-234 victory reduced Myers' overall lead to just 21 pins, setting up a winner-take-all rematch in the tournament's final game.

Mike Polinsky outdistanced Al Ferguson, 212-167, to maintain his hold on third place by a slim 7 pin margin. Steve Menning used a pair of three-baggers to defeat Larry Borghi, 225-210, and climb to fourth.

Mike Nogle put together back-to-back games of 250 with an emphatic 255-193 victory over Steve Michaliszyn. The Tigard right-hander jumped from eleventh place to fifth with the win. Trent Zabelle stayed undefeated in match play with a 224-201 win over fellow Portlander Jim Winklepleck, moving up to sixth on the leader board.

Reigning Senior Masters champion Bob Porter closed with a five-bagger in frames 7-11 to nip Mitch Vernon, 244-227. Porter improved to seventh place with the win. Kurt Bogner posted early and late-game four-baggers to dispatch Bob Bjorke, 258-214. Bogner's victory propelled him from fifteenth to eighth place and only 19 pins behind Porter. A duel between Puget Sound right-handers concluded round three, with Jeff Knapp outscoring Scott Schimming, 222-189.

The spotlight of the final round was directed on the contest between Tim Myers and Jon Gustafson. Adding to the drama was the fact that only 45 pins separated the next 7 positions in the standings. Tim Myers took an early 34 pin lead in the title match, posting a double in the first two frames, then staying clean before adding another double in frames 6-7.

Gustafson recovered with doubles of his own in frames 4-5 and 7-8, sandwiched around a game-saving conversion of the 2-7-8 in the sixth. Myers still led after seven frames, but his lead had been reduced to 25 pins.

An eighth frame 10-pin stopped Myers momentum, then another single-pin spare in the ninth opened the door to Jon Gustafson's title chances. The Oregon super senior coolly responded to the pressure, packing strikes in frames 9-11. A flat 10-pin on his final ball gave Gustafson a score of 221, forcing Tim Myers to double in the tenth if he was to collect career title number 9.

Myers first shot found the pocket, but a flat 10-pin remained standing. The result was a gutsy comeback victory for Jon Gustafson, 221-216, earning the Lower Columbia Bowl veteran his second career N.W.S.T. title. Gustafson's perfect 4-0 match-play record placed him 14 pins ahead of runner-up Tim Myers.

Mike Polinsky used a pair of four-baggers to overwhelm fellow Oregonian Steve Menning, 253-198, securing third place with an undefeated record in match play. Menning fell to seventh with the loss.

N.W.S.T. all-star Bob Porter used a turkey in frames 2-4 and a four-bagger in frames 8-11 to post a 243-195 win over Triangle Bowl's Kurt Bogner. Porter earned the fourth-place check with the victory, while Bogner fell to tenth.

Trent Zabelle was the third bowler to post an unblemished record in the finals. The Oregonian remained in the top five with a 217-199 defeat of Mike Nogle. With the loss, Nogle slipped to eighth.

Mitch Vernon broke open a close match with a closing five-bagger to collect a 228-188 victory over Larry Borghi. As a result, Vernon jumped from tenth to claim a solid sixth-place finish. Jim Winklepleck earned ninth place with a 215-183 win over Al Ferguson. The loss dropped Ferguson to thirteenth.

Washington bowlers determined the final four places in the standings. Jeff Knapp improved to twelfth with a 225-204 triumph over Bob BJORKE. The loss moved BJORKE down to fourteenth. Steve Michaliszyn held onto fifteenth place despite a 233-214 loss to Scott Schimming.

The Northwest Senior Tour would like to thank host proprietors Jon Tang and Tom Burke, and the entire staff of Sunset Lanes for their hard work and hospitality. A sincere thank you to Custom Fit Pro Shop for their generous sponsorship of our season-opening event.

Our next tournament is the annual Bi-Mart Open, scheduled for Sunday, September 15, at Emerald Lanes in Eugene, Oregon. Bob Davidson is the defending champion.

NORTHWEST SENIOR TOUR



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Sunset Lanes
Beaverton, OR
August 25, 2013

QUALIFYING

POS	TOTAL	+/-	NAME	LANE	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	1501	301	Myers, Tim	17A	258	258	257	248	244	236	
2	1490	290	Winklepleck, Jim	26D	213	248	268	269	214	278	
3	1454	254	Borghini, Larry	26C	268	236	268	231	222	229	
4	1415	215	Gustafson, Jon SS	22C	268	214	233	236	227	237	
5	1414	214	Ferguson, Al	24C	257	247	205	175	231	299	
6	1410	210	Polinsky, Mike	12C	225	246	277	236	225	201	
7	1408	208	Knapp, Jeff	20D	222	196	224	188	299	279	
8	1404	204	Bjorke, Bob SS	14C	300	300	211	206	167	220	
9	1400	200	Porter, Bob	30C	207	237	248	225	278	205	
10	1396	196	Menning, Steve	16C	234	235	269	237	248	173	
11	1378	178	Nogle, Mike	17B	246	211	267	226	224	204	
12	1368	168	Vernon, Mitch	11A	257	226	218	253	210	204	
13	1364	164	Schimming, Scott	25B	257	223	287	198	205	194	
14	1363	163	Zabelle, Trent	33B	212	224	228	259	211	229	
15	1363	163	Bogner, Kurt	30D	245	249	188	245	214	222	
16	1363	163	Michaliszyn, Steve	11B	223	246	228	235	227	204	Match
17	1361	161	Lorimor, Stan	28C	209	183	277	205	221	266	Cash
18	1358	158	Karch, Mike	32C	212	247	201	246	258	194	
19	1350	150	Tribbey, Kathy	16D	226	238	224	205	222	235	
20	1346	146	Teeters, Tracy	23B	226	269	213	220	211	207	
21	1340	140	Lindberg, Larry SS	31A	227	222	248	211	228	204	
22	1328	128	Morton, Rohn SS	24D	235	208	232	187	241	225	
23	1325	125	Eskew, Lori	21A	170	234	268	238	204	211	
24	1323	123	Pierce, Tim	19A	224	194	197	187	255	266	
25	1323	123	Schlegel, Ernie SS+	20C	171	248	188	193	245	278	SS+
26	1313	113	Gahan, Larry	23A	198	233	200	255	172	255	
27	1312	112	Noel, Ronnie	13B	190	246	229	218	193	236	
28	1309	109	Gravo, Jerry	21B	235	212	209	239	200	214	
29	1309	109	Martinson, Ron	36D	221	247	209	176	224	232	
30	1304	104	Kiss, Steve	19B	238	216	210	188	184	268	
31	1284	84	Day, Dennis	15A	244	163	216	257	225	179	
32	1284	84	Starnes, Bill SS+	29B	224	247	209	181	233	190	
33	1283	83	Borgaro, Joey	31B	229	203	200	256	224	171	
34	1278	78	Bills, James	29A	234	196	224	194	243	187	
35	1274	74	Ford, Steve SS	33A	191	228	207	267	193	188	
36	1268	68	More, Johnny SS	18D	237	232	187	195	179	238	
37	1263	63	Tang, Jon	35B	182	201	196	259	226	199	
38	1259	59	Barber, Mike	28D	183	181	236	233	224	202	
39	1257	57	Haller, Randy	32D	236	225	216	203	178	199	
40	1255	55	McNelly, Bill SS	22D	207	190	236	244	188	190	
41	1249	49	Tate, Gerry SS+	13A	245	224	190	141	226	223	
42	1236	36	Johnson, Terry	36C	247	195	192	183	244	175	
43	1234	34	DeRemer, Frank	27A	205	211	178	239	222	179	
44	1222	22	Muzzy, Jeff	18C	181	224	182	244	200	191	
45	1212	12	Manecke, David	27B	300	205	189	201	146	171	
46	1200	0	Bal lou, Dale SS+	35A	183	184	222	188	210	213	
47	1199	1	Sanders, Bill	14D	245	210	158	177	257	152	
48	1197	3	Grenon, Larry SS+	34D	187	214	203	213	155	225	
49	1180	20	Hoage, Jeff	15B	157	211	169	211	226	206	
50	1104	96	Anderson, Al SS	34C	178	200	149	215	172	190	
51	1061	139	Mawson, Len	25A	145	222	163	161	178	192	

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Custom Fit Pro Shop Open August 25, 2013
FINAL RESULTS

	Bowler		QUALIFYING	FINALS	BONUS	TOTAL	PRIZE
1	Jon Gustafson SS	Astoria, OR	1415	957	120	2492	\$630
2	Tim Myers	Milwaukie, OR	1501	917	60	2478	\$480
3	Mike Polinsky	Oregon City, OR	1410	905	120	2435	\$430
4	Bob Porter	Vancouver, WA	1400	914	90	2404	\$380
5	Trent Zabelle	Portland, OR	1363	901	120	2384	\$340
6	Mitch Vernon	Olympia, WA	1368	926	60	2354	\$320
7	Steve Menning	Portland, OR	1396	861	90	2347	\$300
8	Mike Nogle	Tigard, OR	1378	902	60	2340	\$280
9	Jim Winklepleck	Portland, OR	1490	800	30	2320	\$260
10	Kurt Bogner	Longview, WA	1363	884	60	2307	\$240
11	Larry Borghi	Tacoma, WA	1454	841	0	2295	\$230
12	Jeff Knapp	Bellevue, WA	1408	819	60	2287	\$220
13	Al Ferguson	Tigard, OR	1414	815	30	2259	\$210
14	Bob Bjorke SS	Lakewood, WA	1404	846	0	2250	\$200
15	Steve Michaliszyn	Vancouver, WA	1363	853	30	2246	\$190
16	Scott Schimming	Tacoma, WA	1364	787	30	2181	\$180
17	Stan Lorimor	St Helens, OR	1361			1361	\$140

Super Senior +

Ernie Schlegel	Vancouver, WA	1323	\$100
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[SS: 60-67 SS+: 68+]

300 GAMES: Bob Bjorke (2), David Manecke

800 SERIES: Bob Bjorke 811