







2013 TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

2014

Wilsonville, OR FINAL RESULTS

POS	NAME	HOMETOWN	QUALIFYING	FINALS	BONUS	RECORD	TOTAL	PRIZE
1	Mike Ewing	Eugene, OR	2024	2972	300	10-2-0	5296	\$1,000
2	Tom Andeson	Bonney Lake, WA	1855	2824	240	8-4-0	4919	\$800
3	Mike Karch	Edgewood, WA	1792	2829	270	9-3-0	4891	\$700
4	Mitch Vernon	Olympia, WA	1845	2671	195	6-5-1	4711	\$600
5	Ron Martinson	Beaverton, OR	1896	2602	135	4-7-1	4633	\$550
6	Steve Kiss	Clackamas, OR	1707	2711	180	6-6-0	4598	\$500
7	Jim Winklepleck	Portland, OR	1751	2600	240	8-4-0	4591	\$475
8	Steve Menning	Portland, OR	1835	2535	150	5-7-0	4520	\$450
9	Tim Myers	Milwaukie, OR	1817	2528	135	4-7-1	4480	\$425
10	Ronnie Noel	Graham, WA	1743	2509	150	5-7-0	4402	\$400
11	Jeff Knapp	Bellevue, WA	1860	2411	120	4-8-0	4391	\$375
12	Lee Phipps	Vancouver, WA	1704	2286	45	1-10-1	4035	\$350
(Other Cashers							
13	Mike Nogle	Tigard, OR	1701					\$300
14	Mike Polinsky	Oregon City, OR	1695					\$290
15	Dean Hebner	Vancouver, WA	1688					\$280
16	Dennis Day	Dallas, OR	1662					\$270
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HONOR SCORES

Tom Anderson 300, Mitch Vernon 300









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	Total	+/- 200	Name	-	.1.	.2.	3.	_4-	5.	6	.7.	-8-
1	2024	424	Ewing Mike		278	241	228	236	278	278	227	258
2	1896	296	Martinson Ron		237	225	242	256	215	235	258	228
3	1860	260	Knapp Jeff		161	245	243	269	245	198	268	231
4	1855	255	Anderson Tom		228	262	192	225	213	234	300	201
5	1845	245	Vernon Mitch		199	268	205	258	254	198	263	200
6	1835	235	Menning Steve		155	238	236	235	267	236	211	257
7	1817	217	Myers Tim		178	213	214	211	258	254	233	256
8	1792	192	Karch Mike		198	223	205	225	267	211	237	226
9	1751	151	Winklepleck Jim		169	207	248	223	200	240	249	215
10	1743	143	Noel Ronnie		258	171	234	180	225	221	211	243
11	1707	107	Kiss Steve		247	246	169	206	226	210	200	203
12	1704	104	Phipps Lee		189	201	205	202	220	222	186	279
13	1701	101	Nogle Mike		237	192	181	266	215	214	196	200
14	1695	95	Polinsky Mike		169	212	211	263	214	208	185	233
15	1688	88	Hebner Dean		215	222	174	247	204	186	191	249
16	1662	62	Day Dennis		178	183	265	179	225	172	216	244
17	1655	55	Soto Steve	T 11	209	215	172	237	176	258	177	211
18	1652	52	Morton Rohn	1 н	158	147	245	213	227	226	210	226
19	1648	48	Combs Danny	1 11	160	158	175	214	236	289	203	213
20	1642	42	Zabelle Trent		203	171	168	268	212	204	212	204
21	1640	40	Porter Bob		185	204	233	230	231	197	191	169
22	1630	30	Lorimor Stan	1	171	202	225	204	234	194	216	184
23	1620	20	Gustafson Jon	A Park	205	235	197	222	176	201	193	191
24	1600		Tribbey Kathy	111/1/	214	179	158	235	193	212	213	196
25	1599	-1	Schlegel Ernie	1 2 4	204	200	194	204	223	200	184	190
26	1575	-25	Michaliszyn Steve	F II POL	219	200	113	207	199	231	213	193
27	1563	-37	Johnson Terry	10.70	167	200	193	187	217	217	183	199
28	1531	-69	More Johnny		209	221	180	221	148	191	177	184
29	1509	-91	Pierce Tim		192	189	176	182	221	182	167	200
30	1486	-114	Grenon Larry		224	174	204	180	161	210	165	168
31	1447	-153	Ballou Dale		165	162	182	178	189	165	207	199

MIKE EWING COLLECTS FIRST CAREER MAJOR WITH WIN AT SEASON-ENDING N.W.S.T. TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Wilsonville Lanes in Wilsonville, Oregon, was once again the site of the Northwest Senior Tour's second major of the year. The Tour Championship was held over the May 16-17 weekend, bringing to a close the N.W.S.T.'s twenty-fourth season.

Entered in Saturday's 8-game qualifying round were 31 of 51 eligible bowlers. At stake were the twelve berths to Sunday's match-play finals, as well as checks for those finishing in thirteenth through sixteenth place.

Eugene's Mike Ewing jumped into the tournament lead, using an opening score of 278 to post a four-round total of 983. Ewing's 245 per game average placed him ahead of Beaverton rookie Ron Martinson, sitting in second place with a per game average of 240 on total pinfall of 960.

A trio of Washington bowlers rounded out the top five, led by Olympia's Mitch Vernon with a third-place total of 930 and a 232 per game pace. Bellevue's Jeff Knapp and Bonney Lake lefty Tom Anderson followed with total pins of 918 and 907, respectfully.

Mike Ewing extended his lead at the end of round five, firing his second 278 of the tournament. His 1261 total and 252 per game average placed the southpaw 77 pins ahead of Mitch Vernon. The Washington right-hander moved into second place with a 236 per game average on total pinfall of 1184. Ron Martinson fell back to third with an 1175 total.

Jeff Knapp held onto his fourth-place position with an 1163 total and a 232 per game pace, while Steve Menning entered the top five for the first time in the tournament. Menning's 267 tied for high individual game of the round, giving the Portland right-hander an 1131 total and an average of 226 per game.

Mike Ewing's dominating performance continued through round six as the 2009 Player of the Year posted his third 278 game of the tournament. Ewing's 1539 total and red-hot 256 per game average placed him 129 pins in front of Ron Martinson. The Oregon right-hander reclaimed second place with total pinfall of 1410 and a 235 per game average.

A 198 game dropped Mitch Vernon to third with a 1382 total. Steve Menning continued his climb up the leader board, moving into fourth place with 1367 in total pins and a 227 per game pace. Jeff Knapp remained in the top five despite a 198 game of his own, averaging 226 on total pinfall of 1361.

The top twelve remained unchanged at the end of round seven as each bowler jockeyed to improve their chances of reaching Sunday's finals. Mike Ewing fell off his record-setting pace just slightly, posting a 227 for a seven-game average of 252 on total

pins of 1766. Ron Martinson reduced Ewing's lead to 98 pins by firing a score of 258 for an overall total of 1668 and a 238 per game pace.

Tom Anderson's performance highlighted round seven. Posting the only 300 game of qualifying, the two-time winner of this event moved from sixth to third with a 1654 total. Mitch Vernon fell to fourth place despite posting an impressive 263 score. Vernon's 1645 total placed him 16 pins ahead of Jeff Knapp. The fellow Washington right-hander fired a 268 game to secure his top-five position with a 1629 total and a 232 per game average.

Washington southpaw Ronnie Noel established the cutline with a 1500 total- good for a 214 per game average. Vancouver's Bob Porter and Oregon City right-hander Mike Polinsky sat within striking distance of twelfth place with totals of 1471 and 1462, respectively.

Mike Ewing accomplished the rare feat of holding the tournament lead from start to finish, firing a final game of 258 for a 2024 total and a sizzling 253 per game average. Ron Martinson trailed in second place with an 1896 total for an average of 237 per game. Jeff Knapp moved up to third place with total pinfall of 1860, 5 pins better than Tom Anderson's 1855 total. Mitch Vernon held on for a top-five finish, averaging 230 per game with 1845 in total pins.

Steve Menning and Tim Myers secured the sixth and seventh seeds by firing games of 257 and 256, respectively. Menning averaged 229 on total pinfall of 1835. Myers followed with an 1817 total- good for a 227 per game pace.

Reigning Player of the Year Mike Karch qualified in eighth with a 1792 total. The Washington bowler's 224 per game average placed him ahead of Portland's Jim Winklepleck, sitting in ninth place with a 1751 total. Ronnie Noel rounded out the top ten with 1743 in total pins.

Oregon's Steve Kiss was the only super senior to qualify for match play. The Clackamas right-hander used a 1707 total to settle in eleventh place. Game eight was highlighted by the clutch performance of Lee Phipps. The Vancouver right-hander rolled the round's high score of 279 to vault ten places on the leader board and capture the final berth to match play. Phipps 1704 total and 213 per game average edged Tigard's Mike Nogle by a mere 3 pins.

Nogle collected the thirteenth-place check with the same 213 per game average. Mike Polinsky followed in fourteenth with a 1695 total. Right-handers Dean Hebner and Dennis Day were the last two competitors to cash. Vancouver's Hebner fired a final game of 249 to finish in fifteenth place with a 1688 total and a 211 per game average. Day used a score of 244 to claim sixteenth with a 1662 total and a 207 per game pace.

Sunday's match-play finals began in a position-round format, with the top seeds squaring off in game-one action. The bowlers would face each finalist over their first eleven games, with game twelve being another position-round contest.

Mike Ewing started game one by striking in six of his first seven frames en route to a 237-218 victory over Ron Martinson. For Ewing, this was the beginning of a six-match winning streak, highlighted by a 279-208 win over Jeff Knapp in game four and a 288-221 defeat of Steve Kiss in game six. The left-hander averaged 257 in the process, opening up a 346 pin lead through the halfway point of the finals.

Tom Anderson climbed from fourth to second, averaging 238 per game with four wins in his first six matches. Edgewood right-hander Mike Karch had fought his way from eighth place at the start of the day to third, winning five of six contests while averaging 240 per game. Karch trailed Anderson by only 20 pins.

Mitch Vernon continued to bowl well, firing the only perfect game of the finals in round two. His 300-237 defeat of Tom Anderson helped the N.W.S.T. titleholder improve to fourth place, sitting only 22 pins behind Karch. Rounding out the top five was Steve Menning, averaging 219 per game while posting a 4 win, 2 loss record in head-to-head competition.

Mike Ewing's march to the championship was momentarily slowed in rounds seven and eight, suffering back-to-back losses at the hands of Jim Winklepleck and Mike Karch. A tenth-frame punchout earned Winklepleck a narrow 235-226 victory, while Karch used a three-bagger in frames 8-10 to secure a 256-248 win . Despite the losses, Ewing maintained a 256 pin lead over his nearest challenger.

With Anderson and Karch locked in a duel for second place, Mitch Vernon and Steve Menning remained in their top-five positions. Vernon held onto fourth place, trailing Karch by 145 pins while holding a 97 pin advantage over Menning. Only 48 pins separated fifth through seventh place.

Mike Ewing did not lose again, ending match play on a four-game winning streak to capture his first major and fifth career title. The Oregonian's margin of victory was a record-setting 377 pins, highlighted by a narrow 237-226 victory over Tom Anderson in round ten and an overpowering 258-172 defeat of Mike Karch in the final game of the tournament. Ewing's route to the championship included a 10 win, 2 loss record and a 247 per game average for the twelve games of match play.

Tom Anderson took advantage of Karch's round-twelve loss, making up a 78 pin deficit to capture second place. Anderson's 248-225 victory over Mitch Vernon placed him 28 pins ahead of Karch. The 2012 Player of the Year finished the day with an 8 win, 4 loss record while averaging 235 per game. Karch settled in third, matching Anderson's 235 per game pace while posting a 9 win, 3 loss record.

Vernon ended his tournament run in fourth place, the position he had held since round six. The Puget Sound bowler posted a 6-5-1 record in head-to-head competition while averaging 222 per game. In a battle to secure a top-five finish, Ron Martinson edged Steve Kiss, 237-223. The loss dropped Kiss one spot to sixth.

Jim Winklepleck improved two places from his qualifying position, using a 214-189 victory over Steve Menning to finish in seventh. Menning remained in eighth place with the loss. Milwaukie's Tim Myers garnered ninth place with a 244-206 win over Ronnie Noel. The loss kept the Graham lefty in tenth. Jeff Knapp and Jeff Phipps filled out the leader board with their respective eleventh and twelfth-place finishes.

As the final event of the season, the results of the Tour Championship had a decisive impact on the all-star points list. Mike Karch successfully defended his 2013 Player of the Year award. Karch was the first bowler to earn back-to-back POY's since Frank Dietz, Jr. in the 2007 and 2008 seasons.

Joining Karch as all-stars were Oregon right-handers Tim Myers and Trent Zabelle. This was the third consecutive year for each player to be so honored. Rounding out the five-person squad were Mitch Vernon and Ron Martinson, both collecting their first all-star award.

Clackamas' Steve Kiss finished tenth on the points list to finish as the top super senior on tour. Albany's Walt Lundgren trailed Kiss by only 240 points, leading all super senior-plus bowlers with his twelfth place finish.

The Northwest Senior Tour would like to thank proprietor J.P. Mueller, manager Dan Ruby, Mike Reed, and the entire staff of Wilsonville Lanes for a weekend of hard work and hospitality. A sincere thank you to Charles Ficke III of General Distributors and Coors Light for their generous sponsorship of the Tour Championship. The N.W.S.T. would like to offer a final tip-of-the-hat to all the bowling centers that hosted tournaments during the 2013-14 season.