

## **KARCH CLAIMS VANCOUVER USA OPEN FOR FIRST N.W.S.T. TITLE**

The Northwest Senior Tour opened the new year on January 20, in Hazel Dell, Washington. A field of 54 bowlers, the largest in over four N.W.S.T seasons, took to the approaches at Husted's Hazel Dell Lanes with their sights set on capturing the championship of the Vancouver USA Open.

It didn't take long for the super seniors to give notice to the under-60 crowd that they would be a force to be reckoned with. Larry Lindberg of Lake Tapps, Washington, opened the tournament with a perfect 300 game. Philomath, Oregon, right-hander Bill McNelly soon followed, firing his perfect game in round two.

Washington right-hander Mike Karch led the early stages of qualifying, firing a 289 for a four-game total of 1007 and a 251 per game average. Portland's Larry Gahan followed a 180 in the opening round with a three-game total of 826 to total 1006, good for second place.

Larry Lindberg was the remaining bowler to break through the 1000 barrier, sitting in third place with 1003 in total pinfall. A 278 game in round four propelled Sherwood, Oregon's, Terry Johnson into fourth place with a 971 total.

Trent Zabelle and Steve Michaliszyn, both N.W.S.T. titleholders, rounded out the top six. Zabelle's 968 series and 242 per game average placed him in fifth, 8 pins ahead of Michaliszyn's 960 total.

Entering the homestretch of qualifying, Mike Karch extended his lead over right-hander Terry Johnson. His five-game total of 1254 and 250 per game average placed him 25 pins ahead of Johnson's 1229 total and 245 per game pace.

Larry Gahan fell one spot to third place, averaging 245 with a 1221 total. Portland's Dave Oliver jumped into fourth place with a round-five game of 267, leading all super seniors with a 244 per game average and 1213 in total pinfall.

Portland's Jon Tang moved into fifth place, shooting a game of 255 to total 1203 and a 240 per game average. Hazel Dell Lanes' David Manecke, competing in his first N.W.S.T. event, rounded out the top six with 1202 in pinfall, matching Tang's 240 average.

Super seniors continued their strong showing with Tom Mills, Johnny More, Bob Sturdevant, and Tom Humphreys joining Oliver and Lindberg in the top eighteen. Right-hander Humphreys established the cut-line target, sitting in eighteenth place with an 1128 total, a 225 per game average.

Nearly half the field was within 45 pins of the cut-line, above or below, entering the sixth and final round of qualifying. The pressure to bowl a solid game was apparent, and how the bowlers responded would determine their fate.

Edgewood, Washington's, Mike Karch put an exclamation point on his dominating performance, shooting a perfect 300 game. His 1554 total and 259 per game average claimed "top qualifier" honors by 62 pins over Dave Oliver. The Oregon super senior was equally dominant, shooting a final round 279 for a 1492 total and a 248 per game pace.

Jon Tang completed a strong rally, shooting a final game of 258 to qualify third with a 1461 total and 243 per game average. Oregon right-hander Terry Johnson earned the fourth seed with a total pinfall of 1446, good for a 241 average.

Vancouver right-hander Bob Porter cruised into match play, firing a clutch 264 to claim fifth at 1432 in total pins and a 238 per game pace. Oregon's Larry Gahan, another N.W.S.T. rookie, captured sixth place, duplicating Porter's 238 average with a 1429 total.

Brush Prairie right-hander David Manecke made the most of his first N.W.S.T. start, qualifying in seventh place at + 219 and a 236 per game average. Joining Manecke in the top ten was the right-handed trio of Roger LeClair, Johnny More, and Tim Pierce. LeClair led the Portland-area bowlers, holding down the eighth seed at 1411, followed by More with a 1403 total. Pierce's outstanding 276 in the final game of qualifying moved him from also-ran to a solid tenth seed with a 1398 total.

Oregon City right-hander Mike Polinsky led the next tier of finalists, qualifying in eleventh place with 1392 in total pins. Veteran right-handers Steve Michaliszyn, Joey Borgaro, and Trent Zabelle followed in order at + 191, + 187, and + 179, respectfully.

Super senior Jon Gustafson made the most significant move of round six. The 2011 champion of this event posted a game of 269 to leap from twenty-ninth to fifteenth, totaling 1368 for a 228 per game average.

Larry Lindberg cooled off from his perfect start but still qualified in sixteenth with a 1365 total. Washington right-hander Jim Mruk was another bowler averse to final round pressure, firing a solid 247 to climb 7 spots to finish as the seventeenth seed.

Super senior Jim Mills struggled through a final game of 180 but hung on to earn the eighteenth and final berth into match play with a pinfall of 1361-- a per game average of 226. Olympia's Dick Taylor, a founding member of the Northwest Senior Tour, captured the super senior-plus check, shooting 694 over his final three games to finish with 1280 in total pins and a per game average of 213.

Match play opened with qualifying leader Mike Karch extending his lead to 83 pins, defeating Washington's Tom Mills, 237-173. Sunset Bowl's Jon Tang moved into second on the strength of an opening six-bagger, outdistancing Larry Lindberg, 247-177.

Terry Johnson overcame a first-frame open with a string of six strikes, using his 236-193 win over Jon Gustafson to climb one spot into third place. Washougal's David Manecke's closing six-bagger secured a convincing 243-184 victory over Steve Michaliszyn to move him into fourth.

Bob Porter rose to fifth by defeating Trent Zabelle, 214-207. Dave Oliver's 190-183 loss to Hillsboro's Jim Mruk dropped the N.W.S.T. titleist to sixth place in the standings.

Clackamas rivals Johnny More and Roger LeClair remained in the upper half of the leader board. More climbed to seventh place by defeating Tim Pierce, 226-188, while LeClair held onto eighth with a 214-199 win over fellow right-hander Mike Polinsky.

Completing the top ten after the first game of match play were Albany, Oregon's, Joey Borgaro and Larry Gahan. Borgaro used a closing four-bagger to defeat Gahan, 236-195, and claim ninth place. With the loss, Gahan dropped to tenth.

Game two of match play opened with Mike Karch looking to build an insurmountable lead. A majority of the remaining finalists were tightly bunched, adding significance to the 30 bonus points that came with a head-to-head victory.

Jon Tang stopped Karch's momentum, closing with a clutch five-bagger to shut out the tournament leader, 207-204. Tang's win closed the distance between them to only 50 pins.

Terry Johnson and David Manecke squared off in a match that went down to the last frame. Johnson's conversion of a tenth-frame 10-pin gave him a 227-223 victory, keeping him in third place and within striking distance of the lead. Manecke fell to fifth with the loss.

Bob Porter and Dave Oliver both opened in the tenth frame, resulting in a 184-184 tie. As a result, Roger LeClair moved into fourth place on the strength of his 256-204 defeat of Johnny More. Porter and Oliver fell one spot to sixth and seventh, while More fell to ninth in the standings.

In a rematch of their first round contest, Larry Gahan turned the tables on Joey Borgaro, staying clean and using a mid-game turkey to register a 212-199 win. Gahan improved to eighth, with Borgaro clinging to the top ten's final spot.

Tim Pierce and Jon Gustafson set their sights on breaking into the upper half of the leader board with crucial second-round wins. Pierce defeated fellow Milwaukie Bowl competitor Mike Polinsky, 227-203, to climb to eighth place. Gustafson's 248-226 victory over Steve Michaliszyn placed him 4 pins behind Pierce and only 13 pins from tenth.

The round three rematch between Mike Karch and Jon Tang added to the tournament drama. Both bowlers struggled to string strikes, though each posted clean games. Tang's double in frames 7-8 proved to be the difference, winning 208-194 to pull within 6 pins of Karch.

Four-time N.W.S.T. titleholder Roger LeClair posted a five-bagger in the middle frames to stop Terry Johnson, 244-222. The win moved LeClair into second, just 4 pins behind Karch and 2 pins in front of the third-place Tang.

Washington's Bob Porter fired the round's high game in defeating David Manecke, 246-215. The bowlers flipped their positions in the standings, setting up a rematch between the fifth and sixth place competitors.

Larry Gahan's opening three-bagger proved to be the difference in his 217-206 win over David Oliver. Gahan rose to seventh with the victory, while Oliver dropped to tenth.

Joey Borgaro improved his position, climbing to eighth with a 216-192 victory over N.W.S.T. titleist Johnny More. Tim Pierce collected a 216-170 win over Astoria's Jon Gustafson, enabling the Oregon right-hander to reenter the top ten in ninth place.

Highlighting remaining third-round matches was a clash of N.W.S.T. champions, with Steve Michalyszyn's tenth-frame punchout securing a 239-227 victory over Trent Zabelle. Washington super senior Larry Lindberg outdistanced Mike Polinsky, 223-189, while Oregon's Jim Mruk claimed a 210-186 win over Washington's Tom Mills.

The final game of the tournament featured a four-man battle for the title. Leader Mike Karch opened an early lead on Roger LeClair, posting a five-bagger in frames 2-6.

Doubles by LeClair in frames 2-3 and 6-7 closed the deficit to 10 pins. However, neither bowler could muster a double through the remainder of the match. LeClair's last chance to do so ended with a ringing 4-pin on his first ball in the tenth frame, giving Karch the 226-216 victory.

The spotlight now shifted to Jon Tang and Terry Johnson, still battling one another on the lanes, each with a chance to overtake Karch for the championship. Johnson's title hopes ended when he was unable to string strikes through the first five frames. Tang, however, was positioned to sneak by the leader if he could go off the sheet in the ninth and tenth frames.

Tang's ninth frame shot came up light in the pocket, leaving a stubborn 7-pin standing and dashing the Portland right-hander's hopes for his first title. As a result, Mike Karch captured the tournament championship by 6 pins over runner-up Jon Tang.

Karch led all bowlers in scoring with a tournament average of 241 over ten games. Jon Tang's 226-206 win over Terry Johnson earned him the distinction of being the only bowler to post victories in all four match play games.

Roger LeClair's loss to Karch dropped him one spot to third place. Bob Porter's 216-191 victory over David Manecke moved him into a fourth place tie with Terry Johnson. The loss caused Manecke to plummet to tenth.

Portlander Larry Gahan made his first N.W.S.T. final a success, nipping Oregon's Joey Borgaro, 230-227, to claim sixth place. With the loss, Borgaro dropped to ninth. Tim Pierce fired a late five-bagger to defeat Dave Oliver, 247-213, earning him a solid seventh place finish.

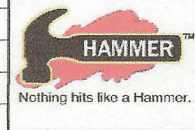
Johnny More used an early four-bagger and strikes in frames 7-9 to nip Steve Michaliszyn, 247-236. More's eighth place finish led all super seniors in the field.

Positions 11-14 were secured by Steve Michaliszyn, super seniors Larry Lindberg and Dave Oliver, and Trent Zabelle. Jim Mruk's 232-159 victory over Jon Gustafson placed him in fifteenth. He was followed by Mike Polinsky, Gustafson, and Tom Mills, respectively.

The Northwest Senior Tour would like to thank proprietor Dave Husted, manager Toni Fantini, and the entire staff of Hazel Dell Lanes for their hard work and hospitality in hosting this annual event. In addition, a sincere thank you to Hammer Bowling for their generous donations of their top-of-the-line bowling balls for all N.W.S.T. raffles.

Our next event will be the season's first major. The N.W.S.T. Senior Masters is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, February 2 and 3, at Triangle Bowl in Longview, Washington.

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## QUALIFYING

POS	TOTAL	+/-	NAME	LANE	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	1554	354	Karch, Mike	09a	258	224	236	289	247	300	
2	1492	292	Oliver, Dave SS	03b	260	225	213	248	267	279	
3	1461	261	Tang, Jon	16c	233	267	213	235	255	258	
4	1446	246	Johnson, Terry	24c	225	235	233	278	258	217	
5	1432	232	Porter, Bob	18c	211	229	254	258	216	264	
6	1429	229	Gahan, Larry	23b	180	268	269	289	215	208	
7	1419	219	Manecke, David	07b	246	232	192	288	244	217	
8	1411	211	LeClair, Roger	02e	227	200	238	270	228	248	
9	1403	203	More, Johnny SS	08c	279	203	202	268	227	224	
10	1398	198	Pierce, Tim	14c	235	242	227	215	203	276	
11	1392	192	Polinsky, Mike	13a	234	237	245	192	258	226	
12	1391	191	Michaliszyn, Steve	06e	231	266	217	246	204	227	
13	1387	187	Borgaro, Joey	19a	227	206	205	288	226	235	
14	1379	179	Zabelle, Trent	07a	227	268	226	247	196	215	
15	1368	168	Gustafson, Jon SS	23a	248	203	246	200	202	269	
16	1365	165	Lindberg, Larry SS	10d	300	186	259	258	184	178	
17	1365	165	Mruk, Jim	24d	203	180	188	279	268	247	
18	1361	161	Mills, Tom SS	21b	234	227	248	235	237	180	MATCH
19	1350	150	Vernon, Mitch	10e	212	226	254	236	214	208	
20	1342	142	Sturdevant, Bob SS	04d	238	187	277	214	224	202	
21	1334	134	Noel, Ronnie	02d	203	216	247	221	231	216	
22	1328	128	Nogle, Mike	22d	235	211	248	220	207	207	
23	1323	123	Day, Dennis	12c	216	205	173	299	225	205	
24	1320	120	Ferguson, Tony	16d	257	235	215	213	187	213	
25	1314	114	McNelly, Bill SS	08d	175	300	245	190	189	215	
26	1312	112	Kiss, Steve	01a	195	205	225	217	244	226	
27	1300	100	Humphrys, Tom SS	11a	200	231	238	255	204	172	
28	1291	91	Eskew, Lori	10c	217	214	195	208	223	234	
29	1288	88	Lorimor, Stan	06c	208	247	215	222	206	190	
30	1284	84	Phipps, Lee	15a	243	245	194	205	205	192	
31	1280	80	Bliquez, Ed	03a	256	249	209	225	183	158	
32	1280	80	Taylor, Dick SS+	22c	204	187	195	213	258	223	SS+
33	1278	78	Logue, Fred	05a	236	203	222	208	217	192	
34	1278	78	Yoder, Mike	05b	221	187	212	185	279	194	
35	1277	77	Tate, Gerry SS+	14e	207	173	224	200	229	244	
36	1269	69	Winklepleck, Jim	06d	229	203	246	181	248	162	
37	1268	68	Hebner, Dean	09b	183	163	221	267	199	235	
38	1263	63	Korth, Bob SS+	22e	212	163	269	208	248	163	
39	1261	61	Fantini, John SS+	04c	212	167	247	234	211	190	
40	1244	44	Nowlin, Doug SS	13b	216	205	216	235	172	200	
41	1244	44	Ferguson, Brian	17a	222	198	185	228	206	205	
42	1236	36	Webb, Dwayne	14d	203	268	171	161	210	223	
43	1231	31	Ballou, Dale	19b	245	213	201	180	200	192	
44	1229	29	Ford, Steve SS	12d	234	215	212	190	200	178	
45	1228	28	Spellman, Jay	01b	194	192	234	231	192	185	
46	1226	26	Burrows Sr, Doug	18d	166	244	166	212	226	212	
47	1218	18	Schlegel, Ernie SS+	18e	207	182	174	266	197	192	
48	1208	8	Silva, Greg	15b	187	198	223	186	205	209	
49	1207	7	Bills, James	17b	144	238	246	201	188	190	
50	1200	0	Grenon, Larry SS+	11b	234	237	189	182	175	183	
51	1194	6	Myers, Tim	21a	187	185	213	172	245	192	
52	1139	61	Lite, Bob SS	20c	162	224	226	185	141	201	
53	986	214	Dean, Nancy	20d	165	225	135	154	140	167	
54	956	244	Hoage, Jeff	02c	139	171	156	178	154	158	

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*Vancouver USA Open*      **FINAL RESULTS**  
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	<b>Bowler</b>		<b>QUALIFYING</b>	<b>FINALS</b>	<b>BONUS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>PRIZE</b>
<b>1</b>	Mike Karch	Edgewood, WA	1554	861	60	2475	\$620
<b>2</b>	Jon Tang	Portland, OR	1461	888	120	2469	\$500
<b>3</b>	Roger LeClair	Clackamas, OR	1411	930	90	2431	\$410
<b>T4</b>	Terry Johnson	Sherwood, OR	1446	891	60	2397	\$335
<b>T4</b>	Bob Porter	Vancouver, WA	1432	860	105	2397	\$335
<b>6</b>	Larry Gahan	Portland, OR	1429	854	90	2373	\$280
<b>7</b>	Tim Pierce	Portland, OR	1398	878	90	2366	\$260
<b>8</b>	Johnny More SS	Portland, OR	1403	869	60	2332	\$250
<b>9</b>	Joey Borgaro	Albany, OR	1387	878	60	2325	\$240
<b>10</b>	David Manecke	Washougal, WA	1419	872	30	2321	\$230
<b>11</b>	Steve Michaliszyn	Vancouver, WA	1391	885	30	2306	\$220
<b>12</b>	Larry Lindberg SS	Lake Tapps, WA	1365	839	90	2294	\$210
<b>13</b>	Dave Oliver SS	Portland, OR	1492	786	15	2293	\$200
<b>14</b>	Trent Zabelle	Portland, OR	1379	844	30	2253	\$190
<b>15</b>	Jim Mruk	Hillsboro, OR	1365	792	90	2247	\$180
<b>16</b>	Mike Polinsky	Oregon City, OR	1392	819	30	2241	\$170
<b>17</b>	Jon Gustafson SS	Astoria, OR	1368	770	30	2168	\$160
<b>18</b>	Tom Mills SS	Brush Prairie, WA	1364	767	0	2131	\$150

**Super Senior + Cash**

Dick Taylor	Olympia, WA	1280	\$100
[SS: 60-67 SS+: 68+]			

**300 GAMES:** Larry Lindberg, Bill McNelly, Mike Karch

**800 SERIES:** Mike Karch 836