

KARCH/SURINA/WINKLEPLECK WIN NWST 40-50-60 TRIO SWISS

On Saturday, May 4, Milwaukie Bowl was host to the eighth annual Coor's Light 40-50-60 Trio Swiss, the twelfth event of the 2012-2013 Northwest Senior Tour season. A full field of 16 teams competed in an 8-game position round format, with points awarded for individual and team match-play wins. In addition, bonus points were earned for individual games of 235 and above, as well as team scores of 705 or higher.

At the end of the day's competition, the team with the top point total would claim the tournament championship. This unique bonus-point format allowed teams to jump from also-rans into contention with one or two high-scoring games.

The River City team of Joey Borgaro, Bill McNelly, and Kevin Henderson claimed the lead after the opening three rounds, carrying it through the halfway stage of the tournament. With a total of 29 points, the Corvallis-area trio held a 5-point lead over defending champions, Too Much Ball. The second-place team was led by reigning Portland Masters champion, Blaine Weninger, charging out of the gate with a four-game total of 964.

Tied for third-place with 23.5 points was Solid 8, comprised of N.W.S.T. titleholders Jeff Knapp, Jon Gustafson, and Mike Kelly. Highlighting their performance was Jeff Knapp's perfect game in round two, the only 300 of the tournament. The Beaverton Auto Body squad of Jeff Drake, Roger Talley, and Dan McElligott held a share of third, with right-hander Drake leading the way with a 240 per game average.

Washington's J & L Tree Service settled into the fifth and final cashing position, having shot a team score of 763 in game one, high for the tournament. Tom Anderson supported teammates Bob Bjorke and Jack Adams with a blistering 1030 series and 257 per game pace for his opening four games.

River City maintained their lead through round five, defeating Too Much Ball, 663-637, raising their overall point total to 33. Washington's ???What?? posted a 685-660 victory over J & L Tree Service to collect 8 points. Their 29 total points vaulted P.B.A. veterans Mike Karch, Matt Surina, and Jim Winklepleck from sixth to second.

Solid 8 and Beaverton Auto Body fought to a 663-663 tie, allowing Solid 8 to move up to third place in the standings. Their 27.5 points placed them a half-point ahead of Too Much Ball. Left-hander Dan McElligott's clutch 248 salvaged 3 points for Beaverton Auto Body, keeping them in the top five with a 26.5 team total.

Game six ended with River City in the lead for the fourth consecutive round, but only by 56 total pins over ???What??. The two teams were tied atop the leader board with 35 total points, a result of Mike Karch and Jim Winklepleck posting matching scores of 246, earning the Washington team a 677-625 victory. Bill McNelly saved 2 points for the River City right-handers with a 235-185 win over Matt Surina.

Making the biggest jump of the round was another all-Washington squad--Oh God, Part 2. Southpaw Ronnie Noel earned 2 points with a 256 game, followed by Mitch Vernon's 245, and Steve Boesel's 226, resulting in an 8-point win over Beaverton Auto Body, 727-650. With 33 total points, the trio of N.W.S.T. titleists climbed from sixth place to third. Beaverton Auto Body held on to their fifth-place position.

In an unusually low-scoring match, third-seeded Solid 8 ground out a 617-561 victory over fourth-seeded Too Much Ball. Despite their sweep of the defending champions, Solid 8 dropped one spot to fourth. Too Much Ball fell out of the top five with the loss.

Round seven began with 11 of the 16-team field still within reach of a top-five finish, with 6 of those teams in the hunt for the tournament title. Mike Karch carried ???What?? in their match versus River City, unleashing an eight-bagger in frames 3-10 to post a score of 269. Teammate Matt Surina closed with a five-bagger to steal a 203-200 win over super senior Bill McNelly.

Karch, Surina, and Winklepleck collected 6 points with their 677-597 victory, moving their team to the top of the leader board with 41 points. Kevin Henderson earned the only point for River City with a 217-190 win over Winklepleck, dropping the Oregon squad to third place, 5 points behind the new leaders.

Steve Boesel and Mitch Vernon collected crucial match-play points in Oh God, Part Two's victory over Solid 8, 648-622. Boesel's 223-194 defeat of Jeff Knapp, and Vernon's 234-223 win over Mike Kelly moved the Washington trio into second place with 37 total points. Solid 8's only point came from super senior Jon Gustafson, a 205-191 victor over Ronnie Noel, causing them to plummet to sixth place with a 33.5 point total.

Right-hander Roger Talley fired a 255 to capture 2 bonus points, helping Beaverton Auto Body cruise to a 678-614 victory over The Timinators. With 35.5 team points, Talley, Drake, and McElligott improved to fourth in the standings. Too Much Ball rebounded from their round six shutout to outdistance Norman's Pig Farm, 677-601. A 246 by super senior Mike Martin and a 259 by O.B.A. titleholder Blaine Weninger helped the Oregon team capture 7 match points, advancing them from seventh to fifth with 34 total points.

In the tournament's final round, ???What?? capped their late charge to the top of the leader board with a dominating performance against Oh God, Part Two. Mike Karch, leading candidate for Player of the Year honors, set the pace for his teammates. Stringing his first ten strikes, the right-hander overpowered Steve Boesel, 288-204.

Matt Surina's six-bagger in frames 3-8 secured a 248-203 win over Ronnie Noel. Anchor Jim Winklepleck completed the sweep with a 223-190 victory over Mitch Vernon. With their decisive 759-597 victory, ???What?? captured the Coor's Light 40-50-60 Trio Swiss championship with a final total of 50 points. For Karch, the tournament title was his second of the season and for his N.W.S.T. career. The team title was Matt Surina's

fourth career win and first since 2003. The Milwaukie victory was also Jim Winklepleck's second N.W.S.T. crown this year, and ninth overall, tying the Portland right-hander with Bill Starnes for eighth place among the N.W.S.T.'s all-time leaders in career titles.

With the tournament champion decided, the spotlight shifted to three matches that would decide which teams earned a top-five paycheck. Beaverton Auto Body was the only team to sweep their opponent, grabbing 7 points en route to a 656-620 victory over River City. Anchor Dan McElligott's seven-bagger in frames 3-9 earned a hard-fought 255-247 win over Kevin Henderson, securing 42.5 total points and a second-place finish for he and teammates Jeff Drake and Roger Talley.

The showdown between the fifth and sixth-seeded teams, Too Much Ball and Solid 8, proved to be the most exciting of the final round. Jeff Knapp, Solid 8's leadoff man, struck on ten of his first eleven shots to defeat Tim Myers, 278-244. TMB recovered with Mike Martin's 237-212 win over Jon Gustafson. With Solid 8 holding a slim 9 pin lead, the match would be decided by each team's anchorman.

Solid 8's Mike Kelly and Too Much Ball's Blaine Weninger remained tied through the first five frames. Weninger failed to convert the 2-4-8 in the sixth, but Kelly returned the favor with an open frame in the eighth. With Weninger sitting on a double in the eighth and ninth frames, Kelly posted a strike in the ninth and on his first ball in the tenth. His score of 212 gave Solid 8 a team total of 702.

That meant three points and third place depended on Weninger striking on his first ball in the tenth frame. Uncharacteristically, the P.B.A. veteran failed to deliver, leaving the 4-6-7 split to finish with a score of 200. As a result of Solid 8's 702-681 victory, Knapp, Gustafson, and Kelly captured third place with 39.5 total points.

While that drama was unfolding, The Timinators, quietly made a move to crack the top five at the expense of J & L Tree Service. Mike Polinsky led the charge with a near-perfect 290-201 win over Bob Bjorke. Left-hander John West's 234-176 defeat of Tom Anderson helped secure 7 match points in The Timinators 736-642 victory.

As a result of 4 teams being tied with 37 points, total pins would determine who received the fourth and fifth-place checks. The Timinators final game heroics earned the Milwaukie Bowl trio fourth place with a 5451 total, 66 pins ahead of their nearest competitor. However, only 19 pins separated the remaining 3 teams. Despite their final round loss to the tournament champions, Oh God, Part Two held on to fifth place with a 5385 total. Too Much Ball and River City were left on the outside looking in with total pins of 5378 and 5366, respectively.

In top individual performances, Mike Karch outdistanced the field. Averaging 264 over his final four games, the Edgewood, Washington, bowler finished with a 2026 total and an overall average of 253. Ron Martinson trailed in second with a 238 average on total pins of 1985. Completing the top-five average leaders were Oregon City's Mike Polinsky at 237, Washington lefty Tom Anderson at 235, and Bellevue's Jeff Knapp at 234.

Knapp recorded the only perfect game of the tournament, his 300 coming in round two. Mike Polinsky's 290 was next high, followed by Karch's 288, Steve Susbauer's 286, and teammates Bob Porter and Stoney Brown with games of 279. The high team game of the tournament was posted by a trio of N.W.S.T. titleholders from Washington state. Bob Bjorke led with a game of 278, followed by Jack Adams' 226, and anchor Tom Anderson's 259. The 763 total earned high game out-of-the-money for their J & L Tree Service squad.

In the race for Player of the Year honors, his Trio Swiss title gave Mike Karch a commanding lead over Vancouver's Bob Porter. Milwaukie's Tim Myers and Portland's Trent Zabelle remained in third and fourth place. Jon Gustafson used his team's third-place finish to take over the fifth and final all-star position. With only the Tour Championship left on the season schedule, Hillsboro's Lori Eskew and Philomath's Bill McNelly remain within striking distance of all-star status, sitting in sixth and seventh place. Gustafson and McNelly will also use the Tour Championship to determine the top super senior on tour.

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The final event of the 2012-2013 season is the Northwest Senior Tour's second major. The Budweiser Tour Championship is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, May 18-19, at Wilsonville Lanes in Wilsonville, Oregon.



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FINAL STANDINGS

POS	TEAM	PTS	TOTAL
1	??WHAT???? (Karch, Winklepleck, Surina)	50.0	5514
2	BEAVERTON AUTO BODY (McElligott, Drake, Talley)	42.5	5373
3	SOLID 8 (Knapp, Kelly, Gustafson)	39.5	5404
4	THE TIMINATORS (Polinsky, More, West)	37.0	5451
5	OH GOD, PART 2 (Boesel, Vernon, Noel)	37.0	5385
6	TOO MUCH BALL (Myes, Martin, Weninger)	37.0	5378
7	RIVER CITY (McNelly, Borgara, Henderson)	37.0	5366
8	J & L TREE SERVICE (Adams, Bjorke, Anderson)	35.0	5410
9	NORMAN'S PIG FARM (Starnes, Teeters, Zabelle)	31.0	5209
10	MILWAUKIE BOWL (Abney, Hudson, Susbauer)	31.0	5177
11	PURE SEED (Hebner, Martinson, Neumann)	30.0	5207
12	LBC (Sturdevant, Lee, Padden)	30.0	5180
13	EVERYTHING HURTS (Eskew, Lundgren, Blair)	27.0	4932
14	RON'S AUTO & RV (Ferguson, Tate, McGinnis)	22.0	5033
15	FORGEY SPORTS (Porter, Brown, Fantini)	21.0	5110
16	OUTCASTS (Kiss, Dewald, Brinkmann)	19.0	4958



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