

Northwest Senior Masters

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SENIOR TOUR



Tom Anderson

Walt Lundgren

TOM ANDERSON WINS SENIOR MASTERS FOR CAREER MAJOR # 3

The Northwest Senior Tour held its Senior Masters, the season's first major, on February 15-16 at Triangle Bowl in Longview, Washington. A field of 45 bowlers competed in 8 games of qualifying, hoping to earn one of the sixteen berths to Sunday's finals. There they would square off in head-to-head, two-game matches, set in a double-elimination bracket.

Vancouver's Rohn Morton fired the high game of the tournament in round four, his 290 giving the P.B.A. veteran the lead at the halfway mark of qualifying with a 247 per game average on total pinfall of 990. Mike Karch, the reigning Player of the Year, sat in second place. His back-to-back 250's gave the Washington right-hander a 940 total for a per game average of 235.

Portland's Jim Winklepleck followed in third place with a total of 934- good for a 233 per game pace. Bremerton's Lonnie Sharkey led all left-handers with a 931 total and an average of 230 per game. N.W.S.T. all-star Trent Zabelle rounded out the top five, opening the tournament with a 268 game en route to a four-game total of 913.

Washington bowlers dominated the top of the leader board through round six. Rohn Morton maintained his hold on first place, averaging 242 on total pinfall of 1452. Jim Winklepleck was the only Oregon player to crack the top five, moving into second place with a 1441 total and a 240 per game average.

Olympia's Mitch Vernon made a strong and steady climb in the standings, moving up to third with a 1388 total and a 231 per game average. Mike Karch slipped to fourth place despite an impressive average of 231 on total pinfall of 1386. Frank DeRemer posted the high game of round six, his 279 advancing the Washington right-hander into the top five with a 1384 total and a 230 per game pace.

Jim Winklepleck jumped into the lead at the end of round seven. His game of 248 gave the Oregon right-hander a 1689 total and a per game average of 241. Rohn Morton struggled through a game of 196 to fall to second place with a 1648 total and a 235 average per game.

Two N.W.S.T. veterans broke into the top five for the first time. Vancouver's Steve Michaliszyn climbed into third place with back-to-back 240's for a 1629 total and a 232 per game average. Oregon right-hander Walt Lundgren used a 256 game to move into fourth, leading all super senior-plus competitors with a 230 average and total pinfall of 1612. Mike Karch settled in the top five with a 1611 total.

Washington bowlers anchored the next three positions on the leader board. Frank DeRemer slipped one spot to sixth place with a 1607 total. Mitch Vernon sat one pin

back in seventh. Tom Anderson led all tournament southpaws, holding down eighth place with 1593 in total pins and a 227 per game average.

Super senior Bob Sturdevant climbed to ninth with a 225 average on total pins of 1579. Portland right-hander Steve Menning fired the round's high game of 269 to jump from fifteenth to tenth with a 1555 total- good for a 222 per game pace.

Right-handers controlled the remaining six berths in the standings. Oregon's Trent Zabelle sat in eleventh place with a 1549 total, followed by Longview's Kurt Bogner in twelfth with total pins of 1543. St. Helen's Stan Lorimor and Seaside's Steve Ford remained in contention for the fourth consecutive round. Lorimor held onto thirteenth place with 1537 in total pins, followed by Ford's fourteenth-place average of 217 on pinfall of 1525.

P.B.A. Hall of Famer Ernie Schlegel continued his late charge, improving 11 spots in the last four rounds to claim fifteenth place with a 1500 total. Bellevue's Jeff Knapp and Beaverton's Ron Martinson were tied for the sixteenth and final berth to match play, both averaging 211 per game on total pinfall of 1481.

Game eight came and went with the top 16 bowlers from the previous round qualifying for Sunday's finals. Jim Winklepleck averaged 255 over his last five games to secure the tournament's number one seed, outdistancing the field with a 1945 total and a sizzling 243 per game average. Rohn Morton remained in second place with an 1871 total and a per game average of 233. Lacey's Frank DeRemer closed with a game of 243 to improve to third place with a 231 per game average on total pinfall of 1853.

Steve Michaliszyn dropped back to fourth place with an 1842 total, while Bob Sturdevant fired a clutch game of 245 to jump into the top five with an 1824 total and a 228 per game pace. Kurt Bogner posted the round's high game of 278, moving the Triangle Bowl right-hander from twelfth to sixth with 1821 in total pins.

Oregon and Washington bowlers divided up the remaining qualifying berths. Mitch Vernon stayed in seventh place with an 1807 total, while Mike Karch and Walt Lundgren tied for eighth with 1804 in total pins. All three bowlers averaged 225 for their eight games. Steve Menning rounded out the top ten with a 224 average on total pins of 1794.

Bonney Lake's Tom Anderson was the only left-hander to qualify for match play, earning the eleventh seed with a 1774 total and a 221 per game average. Trent Zabelle followed in twelfth with 1763 in total pins, while Steve Ford averaged 218 per game to settle in thirteenth with a 1751 total.

Stan Lorimor, Ernie Schlegel, and Jeff Knapp wrapped up the remaining spots in Sunday's finals. Lorimor finished in fourteenth place with 1750 in total pins, with Schlegel three pins behind in fifteenth. Knapp claimed the sixteenth seed with an average of 213 on total pinfall of 1706.

The field of finalists returned Sunday for a grueling day of two-game matches. First round contests were seeded, with bowlers one through eight paired against their counterparts qualifying nine through sixteen.

Top seed Jim Winklepleck struggled early in his opening match versus Jeff Knapp, falling behind by 38 pins after game one. A valiant comeback in game two fell just short, as a tenth-frame open gave Knapp the 400-393 victory.

A featured opening-round contest pitted second-seed Rohn Morton against fellow P.B.A. titleholder Ernie Schlegel. Morton struck on eleven of his first twelve shots, with Schlegel matching him almost strike for strike. At the end of game one, Morton held a 12 pin lead, 267-255.

Morton's seventh-frame split in game two turned the tide to his opponent's favor, as Schlegel combined a double in frames 3-4 and a three-bagger in frames 6-8 to post a 478-465 win.

Frank DeRemer and Steve Michaliszyn stopped the losing streak of top seeds. DeRemer posted a 428-381 victory over Stan Lorimor, while Michaliszyn fired a 236 in game one to outdistance Steve Ford, 436-369.

Oregon versus Washington rivalries were on display in three other first-round contests. Long Beach right-hander Bob Sturdevant closed game two with an eight-bagger to edge Trent Zabelle, 466-445. Steve Menning posted a solid 452-324 victory over a struggling Mitch Vernon.

Albany's Walt Lundgren chalked up another win for Oregon bowlers, defeating Mike Karch, 435-424. In the remaining match of round one, Tom Anderson overcame a 37 pin first-game deficit, closing game two with a four-bagger to edge fellow Washingtonian Kurt Bogner, 427-426.

Facing elimination in losers' bracket play, Mike Karch fired games of 248 and 270 to oust top seed Jim Winklepleck, 518-400. Steve Ford broke open a close match with a game-two score of 263 to oust fellow Oregonian Trent Zabelle, 441-410.

Rohn Morton rebounded from his first-round loss, using a 278 score to overwhelm Mitch Vernon, 490-402. Kurt Bogner fired an opening game of 247 to fend off Oregon's Stan Lorimor, 451-428.

In round-two winners' bracket action, all but one contest went down to the final frame. Walt Lundgren closed game one with a four-bagger to cruise to a 413-346 victory over Jeff Knapp. Steve Michaliszyn stumbled with back-to-back splits in frames 7-8 of game two. His opponent, Bob Sturdevant, took full advantage, posting a double in frames 8-9 to squeak out a 380-377 win.

Ernie Schlegel posted a five-bagger at the close of game one en route to a narrow victory over Steve Menning, 395-387. Washington rivals Tom Anderson and Frank DeRemer battled frame-for-frame, with Anderson taking a game-one lead, 246-235. Opens by Anderson in frames one and six gave the lead back to DeRemer, but the lefty recovered with a game-ending four-bagger to secure a 450-436 victory.

The battle to remain in championship contention continued into the next round. Frank DeRemer broke open a close match with a late four-bagger to defeat Mike Karch, 466-404. Oregon right-hander Steve Menning fired a 249 game to dispatch Steve Ford, 419-365.

Rohn Morton jumped to an early 40 pin lead in his match with Steve Michaliszyn, then holding on for a 454-437 win. A first-game score of 235 proved to be the difference in Kurt Bogner's 435-418 defeat of Jeff Knapp.

Four bowlers had their sights set on remaining undefeated as the next round unfolded. Walt Lundgren survived a low-scoring contest against fellow right-hander Bob Sturdevant, advancing with a 372-320 victory. Tom Anderson rolled games of 258 and 235 to overpower Ernie Schlegel, 493-420.

With the field reduced to eight bowlers, the fight for survival continued in losers' bracket play. N.W.S.T. titleist Frank DeRemer regrouped from a 16 pin deficit to prevail over Steve Menning, 432-408. Kurt Bogner fell short in his comeback attempt versus Rohn Morton. Needing a double in his final frame, the Longview right-hander left a 2-pin on his first ball to fall to Morton, 455-440. With their losses, Bogner and Menning finished in seventh and eighth place, respectively.

Waiting for DeRemer and Morton in the next round were Bob Sturdevant and Ernie Schlegel. Both DeRemer and Sturdevant struggled to build any momentum, exchanging leads throughout their match. DeRemer's chance for the win evaporated when he left a 2-4-8 on his first ball in the tenth, leaving Sturdevant with a razor-thin 381-380 victory. DeRemer claimed fifth place with the loss.

In a rematch of their round-one confrontation, Rohn Morton ended his first game with a string of seven strikes and never looked back, overwhelming Ernie Schlegel, 483-367. With the loss, Schlegel collected the sixth-place check.

The spotlight now shifted to the contest between Walt Lundgren and Tom Anderson, the two remaining undefeated bowlers. Anderson recovered from two opens in his first three frames to post a five-bagger in frames 5-9 to establish a 22 pin lead, 216-194.

Anderson then slammed the door on Lundgren's comeback attempt, stringing an opening seven-bagger en route to a game of 279 and a 495-387 win. Anderson and Lundgren now moved to the sidelines to await their next opponents.

The match between Washington super seniors Rohn Morton and Bob Sturdevant was decidedly anti-climactic. After an opening spare, Sturdevant proceeded to fire nine strikes in a row, posting a score of 279 to take a commanding 90 pin lead. Morton recovered in game two with a score of 246, but Sturdevant was still one pin better at 247. The 526-435 victory advanced Sturdevant to the losers' bracket final. Rohn Morton, the 2009 champion of this event, settled for a fourth-place finish with the loss.

Bob Sturdevant would now face Walt Lundgren for the opportunity to challenge Tom Anderson for the Senior Masters crown. Lundgren, the career leader with 21 N.W.S.T. titles, started quickly with a double in frames 1-2 and a three-bagger in frames 5-7. Sturdevant responded with a three-bagger of his own in frames 1-3.

However, the tide turned decisively as Sturdevant stumbled into split trouble, posting opens in five of his next six frames. Lundgren stayed clean through game one to take a sizable lead, 225-153.

With Sturdevant continuing to struggle, Lundgren sealed the win with a five-bagger at the start of game two. Lundgren's 462-321 victory moved him into the championship match, while Bob Sturdevant ended his impressive tournament run in third place.

Tom Anderson, waiting in the wings for two consecutive matches, now had the opportunity to earn his first Senior Masters title. Walt Lundgren was in search of his second, having won his first at Fairlanes Bowl in 2002.

Lundgren charged out of the starting gate with a six-bagger in frames 2-7. But a 5-count washout in the eighth, coupled with a tenth-frame open, stopped his momentum dead in its tracks. The result was a slim 3 pin lead for Lundgren at the end of game one, 219-216.

Though Lundgren stayed clean through the opening four frames of game two, Anderson pounced on the opportunity handed to him. The 2012 Player of the Year posted a three-bagger in frames 1-3 to take the lead for the first time in the match, holding onto a 14 pin advantage.

Lundgren stayed alive with a three-bagger in frames 5-7, but that would be his final string of strikes. Anderson responded by high-flushing a five-bagger in frames 5-9 for a game of 254, capturing the 2014 Senior Masters with a 470-434 victory. With the loss, Walt Lundgren settled for a well-earned second-place finish.

For Tom Anderson, the tournament win was his third major championship and seventh career N.W.S.T. title. The scoring leaders for the two-day event were a quartet of Washington bowlers. Rohn Morton lead all finalists with a 233 per game average for his 20 tournament games. Champion Tom Anderson followed with a 16-game average of 228. Kurt Bogner and Frank DeRemer rounded out the top four with averages of 223 and 221, respectively.

The Northwest Senior Tour would like to thank our hosts, Triangle Bowl proprietors Kurt Bogner, Beau Little, and the entire staff for their weekend of hard work and hospitality. The next tournament on the N.W.S.T. schedule is the Linn Lanes Senior Classic, sponsored by Dick's Pro Shop and Hammer Bowling. The featured singles event takes place on Sunday, March 16, at Linn Lanes in Lebanon, Oregon. The bowling center will also host our final 650 Swiss Trio of the year on Saturday, March 15.

Saturday 1:00 pm

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Squad Results

	Total	Name	Lane	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-	-7-	-8-
1	1945	Jim Winklepleck	29	264	215	189	266	243	264	248	256
2	1871	Rohn Morton	10	224	246	230	290	227	235	196	223
3	1853	Frank DeRemer	25	163	234	236	242	230	279	223	246
4	1842	Steve Michaliszyn	21	194	254	194	258	236	246	247	213
5	1824	Bob Sturdevant	20	223	226	268	169	217	248	228	245
6	1821	Kurt Bogner	19	163	204	209	226	248	235	258	278
7	1807	Mitch Vernon	24	223	247	222	212	236	248	218	201
8	1804	Mike Karch	9	195	233	254	258	234	212	225	193
9	1804	Walt Lundgren	22	181	235	243	247	214	236	256	192
10	1794	Steve Menning	26	194	232	210	212	224	214	269	239
11	1774	Tom Anderson	19	221	216	192	255	255	225	229	181
12	1763	Trent Zabelle	16	268	207	211	227	226	224	186	214
13	1751	Steve Ford	27	215	185	248	216	233	193	235	226
14	1750	Stan Lorimor	28	217	222	204	243	188	239	224	213
15	1747	Ernie Schlegel	22	189	194	192	238	217	256	214	247
16	1706	Jeff Knapp	21	186	225	214	173	222	237	224	225
17	1692	Mike Polinsky	20	248	223	237	176	193	182	184	249
18	1688	Mike Nogle	29	178	206	158	249	220	201	233	243
19	1673	Kathy Tribbey	11	185	234	202	236	224	199	171	222
20	1662	Mike Kelly	30	179	178	166	252	277	174	191	245
21	1658	Steve Force	28	188	203	237	196	208	210	192	224
22	1657	Lonnie Sharkey	32	267	209	231	214	214	205	124	193
23	1654	Steve Kiss	15	180	206	205	243	171	218	204	227
24	1651	Scott Schimming	15	227	188	233	192	161	228	217	205
25	1649	Ron Martinson	17	210	212	258	226	187	202	186	168
26	1645	Danny Combs	17	179	204	227	215	191	218	214	197
27	1626	John Meiris	23	269	171	204	217	206	165	191	203
28	1624	David Manecke	13	164	162	171	215	256	202	255	199
29	1623	Bob Porter	31	196	225	177	194	249	182	223	177
30	1609	Jay Spellman	12	189	169	206	258	181	195	200	211
31	1607	Steve Soto	23	206	257	194	214	165	216	198	157
32	1596	Dave Oliver	18	195	190	172	216	210	198	169	246
33	1594	Dennis Day	25	212	224	227	201	147	225	190	168
34	1593	Jon Gustafson	13	174	198	196	178	242	196	204	205
35	1590	Johnny More	14	206	188	205	205	237	216	155	178
36	1590	Lee Phipps	27	194	208	140	189	231	224	200	204
37	1588	Mike Ewing	31	154	228	216	159	214	221	182	214
38	1585	Mark Franklin	24	192	165	210	180	219	211	173	235
39	1551	Dave MacLaren	30	148	226	195	165	206	213	224	174
40	1517	Dean Hebner	26	183	200	147	185	201	187	196	218
41	1503	Dale Fowler	32	176	158	214	223	181	215	152	184
42	1432	Larry Grenon	11	167	199	202	188	159	177	177	163
43	1386	Dan Rawsthorne	16	155	147	173	156	220	179	176	180
44	1366	Tony Ferguson	9	198	162	149	192	187	167	173	138
45	1328	Larry Gahan	18	144	153	162	181	166	168	186	168

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