

Tim Hoke wins 11th Annual St. Paul Senior Masters

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Tim Hoke won the 11th Annual St. Paul Senior Masters Tournament on Sunday, October 5th at Stars and Strikes in Wyoming, Minnesota.

33 senior bowlers participated in this year's tournament. Each bowler bowled a 6 game qualifying block in the morning, with the top 16 moving on to the match play portion of the tournament in the afternoon. Match Play consisted of 1 game matches – double elimination format.

Tim, seeded 9th in the Match-Game portion of the tournament averaged 235 for 6 games through the winners bracket. That one loss was by Mike Schmid (who was seeded 16th) who came through the losers bracket after losing to Tim in the second game of qualifying. Mike Schmid lost only twice averaging 220.56 over nine games of qualifying. Mike defeated Tim in second to last game 224-213 and then Tim prevailed 215-198.

Mike Schmid defeated Roger Blad 269-214 in the final of the Loser's Bracket to have a chance against Tim.

The average to make the top 16 was 219.83 and the High Qualifier was John Eiss with a 251.17 average for 6 games.

For his efforts, Tim received a check for \$310, a plaque donated by Mike's Pro Shop, a Champions Jacket and a paid entry into the USBC Senior Masters.

Next years tournament will be held Sunday, October 4, 2009 at a place yet to be determined. The tournament is open to all St. Paul Sanctioned bowlers, 50 years of age and over. Contact Matt Lang of the St. Paul United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Association at 651-415-2828 for further information or if there are any other comments about the tournament whether good or bad. Information is always helpful.

Do not forget the 38th Annual Masters Tournament to be bowled on November 1st and 2nd at Midway Pro Bowl on University Avenue in St. Paul. This tournament will have a Sports Shot. Get your entry in early as there is a limit on entries.