

Tom Korth wins 1st Annual Minnesota Senior Masters

Tom Korth of Mankato defeated Tim Hoke of Isanti to win the 1st annual Minnesota Senior Masters tournament on January 6th, 2008 at Matties Lanes in So St Paul. Korth was undefeated and waited while Hoke came through the loser's bracket and had to beat Korth twice in the double elimination single game match play format. Korth wasn't going to give Hoke 2 chances as he doubled in the 10th frame to shut him out and won 226-222 to claim the first Minnesota Senior Masters' title and a paid entry into the USBC Senior Masters tournament in Tucson in June 2008. Korth will not be able to go and Hoke will represent Minnesota at the tournament.

36 bowlers started the day bowling 6 games of qualifying. The top 16 advanced to the double elimination single game match play. Korth and Hoke won their first 3 matches and squared off in the winner's bracket final. Korth downed Hoke 237-179 to send him into the losers' bracket to take on John Eiss of Mound. In a very close match, Hoke downed Eiss 236-232 to get another chance at Korth. In the semifinal of the losers' bracket Eiss took on Prior Lake's Hal Abrams with Eiss easily advancing 278-170.

The average to make the top 16 was 211.6. John Eiss was also the High Qualifier with a total pin-fall of 1437 (239.5 avg) followed by Hal Abrams 1401 (233.5 avg) and Bruce Smith of Plymouth with a score of 1398 (233 avg) for the 6 games of qualifying.

Tom Korth also claimed the On Track Senior Masters Triple Crown. He was 6th in the St Paul Senior Masters and also won the Minneapolis Senior Masters for a mere total of 8 points. He pockets the \$250 from On Track Pro Shops for the bowler with the best finishes in the 3 Masters' tournaments.

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