

Scott Pohl wins Minnesota Masters

Scott Pohl of Burnsville defeated Tom Havlish of Fridley to win the 27th annual Minnesota Masters tournament on December 30th, 2006 at Cedarvale Lanes in Eagan. Pohl was undefeated and waited while Havlish came through the loser's bracket and had to beat Pohl twice in the double elimination single game match play format. Pohl won the first game 217-205 to claim his first Minnesota Masters' title and a paid entry into the USBC Masters tournament in Milwaukee in October 2007.

91 bowlers started the day bowling 8 games of qualifying. The top 24 advanced to the double elimination single game match play. Pohl, Havlish and Dave Mitchell of Farmington each won their first 3 matches. Pohl, having the highest 11 game total to that point received a bye while Havlish & Mitchell squared off. Havlish downed Mitchell 203-191 to send Mitchell into the losers' bracket and take on Pohl. A tenth frame open by Havlish and a tenth frame turkey by Pohl sent Havlish into the losers' bracket while Pohl was seeded into the championship match. In the semifinal of the losers' bracket Matt Schleppenbach of St Cloud went up against Mitchell with Schleppenbach winning 219-203. Havlish took care of Schleppenbach in the final of the losers' bracket 237-165 to meet Pohl for the title.

The average to make the top 24 was 202.7 (1622 pins) and the 16th place and last cash was a 201.5 average (1612 pins). High Qualifier was Daron Hansen of Crystal with a total pin-fall of 1770 (221.3 avg) followed by Robert Slayton of Inver Grove Heights with 1753 (219.1avg) and Chad Nelson of Owatonna (2005 champion) with a score of 1752 (219 avg) for the 8 games of qualifying.

Matt McNeil of Chanhassen, who won the Minneapolis & St Paul Masters finished 5th in the Minnesota Masters to claim the On Track Masters Triple Crown champion setting a record with a mere total of 7 points. He pockets the \$500 from On Track Pro Shops for the bowler with the best finishes in the 3 Masters' tournaments.

Oakdale's Terry Schacht won the On Track Masters Senior Triple Crown by winning the Minneapolis Senior Masters, 2nd place in the St Paul Senior Masters and finishing 12th among the Senior bowlers in the Minnesota Masters for a total of 15 points. Terry took home \$250 from On Track Pro Shops for winning the Senior Triple Crown.

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