

Santa Clara County USBC

By: Jeff Evenson

The Santa Clara County USBC held its Queens and Masters Tournament in June at Morgan Hill Bowl. We want to thank Tim Brown and his staff at Morgan Hill Bowl for a great job hosting this event. It has been a few years since the Masters portion has been held, with the new merged Santa Clara County USBC, both the Queens and Masters was held at the same time. We had 39 Master entries and 10 Queens entries, lower than we had anticipated, but it was still a great event. The Queens qualified 3 for the finals, while the Masters qualified 9 bowlers, plus the last Masters Champion, John Curtis who was automatically seeded into the Semi Finals. The Semi Finals were two games total pin fall, which cut the field to 8 bowlers, who were then seeded into 2 game total pin, single elimination matches. When it was all over, Jill Creamer was our Queens Champion and Ty Dawson was our Masters Champion. Congratulations to our champions and thank you to all that participated. The Queens and Masters event will be held again in June 2009, and we look forward to a bigger and better event.

For the Month of October, we have two events scheduled. First is our Seniors No-Tap tournament, October 25th at Cambrian bowl. Second is the Princess and Prince Tournament, October 26th also at Cambrian Bowl. The Princess and Prince Tournament is a handicap tournament for Women and Men with averages of 175 and below. For more information or an entry form for these and all our upcoming events, bowler information, secretary's information, tournament results, and whole lot more visit our newly updated website at www.sccusbc.com.

Final Standings:

Queens: Jill Creamer – Champion, Elizabeth Dawson, Cyndee Sutherland.

Masters: Ty Dawson – Champion, Skip Pavone, Dave Wijtman, Chet Steengrafe, Tim Brown, Jerry Case, John Curtis, Shawn Escalante, Seam Mamlock, Matt Radin.

2008 Masters Champion, Jason Heggemeier



First time Masters participant, Jason Heggemeier from Castaic went undefeated into the championship match and lost his first match of the weekend to John Sowell from Vista, winner of the Loser's bracket. Forcing one last final match, Jason came out on top winning the 2008 Masters title, a check for \$900 and will receive a free entry into the 2009 USBC National Masters event as well as berths into the next two California State Masters events.

Over \$12,000 was awarded in prize money to the 63 finalists and we had a turnout of 123 total entrants from the Open Championship qualifying and the Last Chance qualifier. Kevin Gannon from Lakewood earned the \$100 high game bonus and the \$100 two-game high series bonus in the finals with a 300 game and 556 series. Other high game honor scores in the finals: Lyle Rollins 299, Michelle Silver 297 & 296 and Skip Pavone 289. Larry Dickens from Redding averaged 240.39 for 18 games taking over the lead for the all-time Masters high average in the finals making his mark in the record books.

The Friday night Last Chance qualifier had 56 total entries. 35 berths were filled from that squad as there were 3 additional openings from the Open Championship qualifying to fill. Dewaine West from Temecula lead the qualifier shooting 300 and a 1,512 six game series and Sergio Lopez rounded out the cut with a 1,181 series.

Special THANKS to our sponsors: Storm Bowling, Vise Grips and Elitebowling.com. We were able to generate just under \$1000 from our fundraising raffle to distribute to both the Queens and Masters Championships for this year. Also, thanks to Forest Lanes for hosting this year's event.

You can download the prize list as well as the bracket matches online at www.CalUSBC.com. We will also have 2009 entries available this fall – the 2009 Master's event will be held in Stockton (September).



Anna Blecksmith, Dennis McConnell and Krischna Howard.

Blecksmith Blasts To WWPB Winner's Circle

By: Lori Yamasaki

The Western Women Premier Bowlers returned to the mid-California city of Fresno after a long hiatus thanks to AMF Sierra Lanes General Manager, Dennis McConnell. Enlisting the help of Mr. Kelly Carr of the Fresno Sports Council – together they floored another memorable weekend event for the ladies.

Most memorable for Anna Blecksmith! "I'm proud

of me". That was her mantra over the course of the weekend in Fresno. Anna charged through Saturday's eight games of qualifying. "I really wanted to stay relaxed and have fun", she recalled. Using The One drilled by Bowlers Depot at Mira Mesa, Anna was very pleased to have qualified for Sunday's match play finals. "I knew I had to stay focused over the course of the whole weekend", Anna stated in talking about the stiff competition. "I knew I was bowling well, but I never watched the number", she continued. Making a charge from seventh to first in match play games four through seven, Anna was only 21 pins ahead of Krischna Howard and Laura Lee Daniel with just the position round match play game remaining. Taking "one shot at a time", Anna fired a solid game defeating Laura Lee Daniel. However, Krischna was striking a lot one pair away. Krischna needed the first strike in the 10th frame, but an eight count gave Anna the victory.

Anna concluded with her thanks to her husband, Brian, "...for letting me play the game anytime I want, I love him for that and so much more and to my family for always rooting me on from afar". She continued, "Thanks to my girls - my sisters, for hanging in there with me through it all; always encouraging me, never doubting me; always laughing; I'm just sorry they are not all here to see it and share this with me". Lastly, she added her thanks to the WWPB. "I'm glad we still have events to bowl, even though there aren't as many, I still love to come out

and see everyone", Anna said.

Along with our thanks to Dennis and his wonderful staff at AMF Sierra Lanes and the Fresno Sports Council/Fresno Convention and Visitors Bureau, the WWPB would like to acknowledge Ric Hamlin and Brunswick as well as Juan Fonseca for their generosity and continued support.

Upon our departure, Dennis added that he enjoyed hosting the WWPB and we all look forward to returning to Fresno next year. The next WWPB event will be September 28 at Pickwick Bowl and we will round out the year with our annual Mission Hills Mixed Doubles tournament November 22-23.

1. Anna Blecksmith San Diego, CA\$1000
2. Krischna Howard Hawthorne, CA 600
3. Laura Lee Daniel Corona, CA..... 400
4. Laurie Soto Castaic, CA 350
5. Michelle Silver Los Angeles, CA 325
6. Katrina Fujikami Whittier, CA..... 300
7. Jennelle Jellsey Fullerton, CA 275
8. Arisha Piper Pico Riviera, CA 250
9. June Shimoda Fresno, CA 125