

GARBER WINS AGAIN AFTER 18 YEARS? 1st MULTIPLE CHAMPION?

We did have a Garber win the Modesto City Master's tournament again but it was Will Garber, not Wayne Garber who had won it back in 2001. In fact, it could have been Ray Lussier (San Jose) who was "that close" to becoming our 1st multiple champion in 23 years. Ray had been on a roll in our Masters tournament having won it in 2017 at McHenry Bowl and finishing 3rd at Yosemite Lanes last year. However, Will was not to be denied. Will emerged as the champion of the winner's bracket as he defeated Michael Pixley (Modesto) (449-420) sending Michael to the loser's bracket. He would have to face Ray Lussier again to determine who would be the winner of the loser's bracket. Michael had defeated Ray earlier when they met each other in the winner's bracket (535-477). Once there, Ray won four straight matches to now face the bowler who sent him there four rounds earlier. Ray wanted redemption and soundly defeated Michael (512-401). Now the championship match was set. Will needed to win one more match, but it wouldn't be easy as Ray looked dominant winning his last five matches by over 400 pins. He would have to defeat Will twice as Will won his first four matches and remained undefeated in the winner's bracket. The first match was close (439-416), Ray winning it by a much smaller margin than he had been. In their second match Will gained a 44 pin lead after the 1st game (268-224). But Ray battled back finishing with a 257. Will was in good shape making his spares late in the game and staying clean. He would just need a mark in the tenth to seal the deal; an open frame in the tenth could be a tie. He did just that, throwing a perfect strike in the 10th and finished with a 235 defeating Ray (503-481) and definitely earning the championship emerging as our 23rd Annual **Brunswick** Modesto Masters champion. Will received a first place prize of \$3,050.00.

This year's tournament had added money of \$3,117.00 thanks to Brunswick and our other sponsors - Cal-West Roofing, Bowling Outfitters-Modesto, McHenry Bowl, Yosemite Lanes, Mark Baker Bowling and the Modesto USBC Association.

Our high qualifier this year was Dennis Horan from Oakley with a seven game total of 1843 or a 263.2 average. This year's winner – Will from Modesto qualified 4th with 1750 or a 250.0 average. Ray from San Jose qualified 6th with 1739 or a 248.4 average and received a total of \$1,557 for his 2nd place efforts. Michael from Modesto qualified 3rd with 1784 or a 254.8 average and finished 3rd for \$1,050. Rounding out the top four was Rich Custer from Oakdale who qualified 2nd with 1798 or a 256.8 average earning a respectable \$805.

It took a seven game score of 1628 (24th place) or a 232.5 average to make it to match play and a score of 1621 (27th place) or a 231.5 average to receive the final check from the main prize fund. Local bowlers grabbed 8 of the 27 checks and all of them competed in match play.

Local bowlers competing in match play (other than Will, Michael and Rich) were Brandon Bates of Modesto, Dave Bolles of Modesto, Lanndyn Carnate of Modesto, Jason Walton of Turlock and Scott Boyle of Salida. Brandon qualified 10th with 1684 (240.5 avg.) and finished in the round of 17th-24th for \$200. Dave qualified 11th with 1681 (240.1 avg.) and finished in the round of 13th-16th for \$275. Lanndyn qualified 13th with 1658 (236.8 avg.) and finished in the round of 13th-16th for \$275. Jason qualified 17th with 1651 (235.8 avg.) and finished in the round of 17th -24th for \$200. Scott qualified 24th with 1628 (232.5 avg.) and finished in the round of 9th-12th for \$355.

For the eighth year in a row a new incentive was in place for the top local league bowler out of the cash from the main prize fund. Wayne Garber of Ceres (finished 31st with 1604) and received that award of \$135. In addition, there was a \$10 optional insurance pool for bowlers the age of 50 and over. It paid out 3 spots this year. Bowlers receiving money from the insurance pool were Jim Gordin of Modesto \$80 with a score of 1591, Jeff Warner of Riverbank \$80 with a score of 1546 and John Gould of Yuba City \$80 with a score of 1535. This was the 13th year “seniors” could put up \$10 in addition to the standard entry fee for insurance. It pays 1 spot for every 8 entries for the “insurance” bowlers. There were a total of 24 eligible bowlers opting to pay the extra amount for “insurance”.

This year there were a total of 110 entries coming from all parts of Northern and Southern California, including Oregon. Total sponsorships from **Brunswick** and the local businesses were \$3,117 and along with the prize fund from the entries, the main prize fund paid out \$13,457.

There were many high scores on Saturday and Sunday. They included 9-300's, and 4-800 series. The 300 games on Saturday were bowled by Michael Pixley, Shawn Hughey of Anderson, Will Garber, Robert Beaver of Modesto, Nick Kelley of Modesto, Paul Herrera of San Jose, Jeffrey Keyes of Stockton and Rich Custer of Oakdale. On Sunday 1-300 game was rolled by Joe Petrovich of Tracy in his first game of match play. On Saturday qualifying, Ron Case of Oakley started with games of 290, 299 and 218 for an 807. Brandon Bates rolled 236, 300 and 279 for an 805 and Will started his squad with 224, 300 and 279 for an 803. Dennis Horan decided to use games 4-6 rolling 279, 267 and 279 for an 825.

Congratulations to all the bowlers who cashed and thank you to all bowlers who participated. Special thanks go out to Kevin Tabron from Brunswick and all of our local sponsors. Most of all thank you to all of the helpers who worked the tournament and assisted in the ball raffles.

Next year's tournament will be held on March 28 and 29, 2020 at Yosemite Lanes.
Jim Gordin

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23rd Annual Brunswick
Modesto Masters Prize Fund

1 st	Will Garber	Modesto	\$3,050
2 nd	Ray Lussier	San Jose	1,557
3 rd	Michael Pixley	Modesto	1,050
4 th	Rich Custer	Oakdale	805
5-6 th	Chris Hilman	Union City	590
	Tyger Miller	Klammath Falls, Or.	590
7-8 th	Anthony Thompson	Corning	505
	Christopher Davidson	Fresno	455
9-12 th	Ron Case	Oakley	405
	Scott Boyle	Salida	355
	Derryck Mertz	Richmond	355
	Brandon Kring	North Highlands	355
13-16 th	Dennis Horan	Oakley	325
	Dave Bolles	Modesto	275
	Lanndyn Carnate	Modesto	275
	Joe Petrovich	Tracy	275
17-24 th	Warren Nelson	Hemet	250
	Jason Walton	Turlock	200
	Brandon Bates	Modesto	200
	Scott Hansel	Stockton	200
	Jason Bloomer	Lemoore	200
	Shawn Hughey	Anderson	200
	Shane Harteau	Pinole	200
	Dave Rubin	Castro Valley	200
25 th -27 th	Craig Miller	Tracy	150
	Todd Tadiello	Pacheco	150
	Kevin Amodo	Stockton	150
Local out of cash- Wayne Garber		Modesto	135
Total			\$13,457