

Laprade Tops All Bowlers

The Canadian Lakehead Tenpin Bowling Association held their 45th Annual Championships on the Family Day Weekend. Three events, of three games plus handicap, were rolled in singles, doubles and team. Five of the Champions are first time titlist.



The All-Events title, which includes the nine games plus handicap, was won by Lionel Laprade who rolled a 627 in singles, 652 in doubles and a 704 in the team event, plus his handicap of 261, for a 2244 total. Laprade will be awarded the "*PETER FUCHEK MEMORIAL PLAQUE*" for this accomplishment. Curtis Laye was the runner up with a 2117 (1838+279) followed by James Shperuk with a 2086 (1914+171).

Laprade's scratch score of 1983, a 220 average for the nine games, also won him the "*GEORGE DRABEK MEMORIAL PLAQUE*". James Shperuk placed second with a 1914 total (652, 653, 609) followed by Curtis Laye with a 1838 on series of 612, 591 and 635.



In the singles event, Karen O'Brien's 234, in the last game gave her the singles crown and her first Association title. Her 544 total plus 174 pins handicap (718) was one pin better than runnerup, Kari Laurikainen's 717 (609+108) and four pins better than third place finisher, Lionel Laprade's 714 (627+87). Five other bowlers were within a spare of winning the event; James Shperuk 710, Chris McCullough and Di Nakonechny 709 and Curtis Laye with a 705. The high game in the singles event was rolled by Doug Kukko with a 248.



In the doubles event, the brother and sister team of Di (629) and Ian Nakonechny (695) rolled a 1324 scratch double for the three games, plus their 132 pins handicap to edge out the double team of Brian McLean (647) and James Shperuk (652) by 17 pins, 1299+138. Third place went to the team of Linda Cella and Maureen Menhart with a 1413 (1122+291). The high game in doubles was rolled by Nicole Walker with a 279, that eventually was the tournaments high game. This was each of the Nakonechny's first Association championship title. Ian is a product of the youth program and is in his first year as an adult bowler.

The 2009 Team Champions are Paul Wojciechowski 509, Elisabeth Ferraro 464, Bill Golphy 557 and Kari Laurikainen 556 plus their 657 pins handicap for a 2743. All are first time titlist with the exception of Laurikainen.

Second place went to the CRC team of Brian McLean (603), Ivan Neimi (555), Chris McCullough (587) and Jim Dolce (578), plus their 414 pins handicap was 6 pins shy of the championship, but 10 pins positive over the Thunder Country Travel team of Gary Weiss (543), Doug Kukko (511), Jeff Foster (618) and Lionel Laprade's 704 plus their 351 pins handicap.