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St. Paul Masters Chairpersons

Clark Poelzer won the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Paul Masters Tournament on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at Mattie's Lanes (formerly Wells Lanes) in South St. Paul, Minnesota.

85 Bowlers participated in this year's tournament. Each bowler bowled 8 games of qualifying on Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup> with the top 32 returning Sunday morning for 4 more games before arriving at the top 16 for the Match Play Competition. Match Play consisted of 2 game matches with a double elimination format.

Clark Poelzer defeated Daron Hansen 480-451 in the final of the losers Bracket to have a chance against Chad Nelson. Chad was seeded 8<sup>th</sup> in the Match-Game portion of the tournament but he cruised through the winners bracket, going undefeated until Clark defeated Chad 402-381 during the first match with a strong finish to have a chance at the title. Clark won the second match 524-503 to win the title. Clark averaged 232.14 for 14 games in the Match Play Format after averaging 222.25 for the 12 games of qualifying. Chad Nelson averaged 228.41 during his 12 games of Match Play and 219.92 for his 12 games of qualifying.

The average to make the top 16 was 211.92 and the High Qualifier was Matt McNiell with a 232.67 average for 12 games.

Some Noteworthy achievements were High games by Dave Bordson with a 298, Mike Skinner with a 299 and Jeff Kiffmeyer and Chad Nelson with 300's.

For his efforts, Clark received a winner's check for \$600.00, a free entry into the USBC Masters Tournament next year, a plaque donated by Mike's Pro Shop and a Champions Jacket.

Next year's tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008 at a site to be determined in the near future. The tournament is open to all St. Paul Sanctioned bowlers. Contact Matt Lang at the St. Paul USBC Bowling Association at 651-415-2828 for further information. Information is always helpful.

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