

11th Annual St. Paul Mixed Team Challenge

The Limited Average Mixed Team Challenge was held on December 9th at Midway Pro Bowl in St. Paul. This tournament is all Baker Format style of bowling where the first bowler bowls the 1st and 6th frames, the second bowler bowls the 2nd and 7th frames and so forth. This year we had 32 teams in the tournament (32 lane center). The top prize of \$600.00 for first place was not the only thing the teams were shooting for as we ran brackets during qualifying rounds and Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals were awarded for First, Second and Third respectively. Thanks to all who participated in brackets we were able to have some nice payouts to our teams and were also able to cover our expenses.

During qualifying competition the highest game bowled was a 262 by MPI in Game 7. Of the 32 teams, in the 10 games of qualifying, the lowest game was a 122 bowled in the 5th game. Kelly's Team lead the qualifying round with an average of 213.5 in 10 games. The average to cash was 189.6 and the average to advance to match play was 196.6. Also during qualifying there was a prize of \$125.00 for the first team to bowl a 300. Since that feat was not accomplished, we held a drawing for the non-cashing teams. The \$125.00 went to 3 x 2.

At the end of match play, the team of MPI was in first place, Can It Be was in second and Kelly's Team was in third.

In the stepladder finals, Kelly's Team bowled games of 169 and 168 for a total of 337 and Can It Be bowled games of 203 and 180 for a total of 383 and advanced to the final championship match. In the finals, MPI bowled games of 154 and 193 for a total of 347 and Can It Be bowled games of 149 and 246 for a total of 395 to win the 11th Annual St. Paul Mixed Team Challenge.

At this time we would like to congratulate the team members of Can It Be: George McKay, Cathy McKay, Walter Robbins, Sharon Robbins and Thomas Staab for their victory.

Thank you to all the bowlers who participated. Additionally, we would also like to thank Midway Pro Bowl, Mikes Pro Shop, On Track Pro Shop, Pearson's Candy and the Bowling Proprietors Association for their assistance in making this tournament a success.

The 10th annual St. Paul Mixed Team Challenge is being planned for December 14, 2008 at a Bowling Center TBD and will be open to the first 32 paid entries.

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