

Bowlbayarea's 1st Sr. Event draws 49, Close, Lucas, & Jones are the winners

Bowlbayarea.com's Senior Division got off to a great start as 49 bowlers over the age of 55 took part in our inaugural event held at Concord's Diablo Lanes on April 3rd.

Jan Close, Ray Lucas, & Dennis Jones were our first champions in the women's handicap, men's handicap, & open scratch divisions.

Jones was hot from the start with a 268 game and finished even better by having the tournament's high game, a 279. His four game total of 1018 was the best of the 35 players that entered the scratch division & was worth \$360.

A 264 in the 3rd game propelled Ray Lucas from 4th place to a 57 pin lead. He finished with a sub-par 197, but it was still enough for a 26 pin victory in the handicap division. Defeating the handicap field of 31 bowlers was worth a total of \$250 for Lucas. His 923 scratch total was also good enough for 6th place and another \$80.

The most competitive division was the women's handicap as just 6 pins was the difference between 1st & 2nd places. After 2 games, Jan Close was in 7th place. A 211 game moved her up to 4th. An even better game (221) took her to the top spot with a 902 handicap total & a \$125 win. Dorothy Erne finished in second place for \$67.

James Miller had a good day by finishing in 2nd in the scratch division for \$260 & 3rd in the handicap for \$120. A 270 finale pushed him up 5 spots in the scratch & 4 spots in the handicap division.

The other "double casher" was Michael Clark. Clark finished in 4th (\$140) in the scratch & 5th (\$65) in the handicap.

Dennis Roberts finished in 2nd place in the handicap division for \$170. His best game of the day was the opener, 277.

Charles French moved up 10 spots with his 259 in game 4 to finish 4th in the handicap division for \$90.

We'd like to thank all 49 bowlers who came out to participate in our 1st Senior division event. We're looking at the weekend of May 15-16 for the next Senior Tournament.