

## Undefeated Wolfe takes Nor Cal Match Games XVII Title & \$1550

Brett Wolfe made the long trip from Arizona a profitable one as he went 8-0 in match play to top a huge field of 76 bowlers to win the 17<sup>th</sup> Northern California Match Games held on January 3, 2010 at Cloverleaf Family Bowl.

Wolfe didn't lose during the tournament, but had a few close calls. An opening match 249-242 decision over Dave Wijtman went down to the 10<sup>th</sup> frame. Brett took over the tournament lead for good after game 2, which means he turned back the challenge of the #2 bowler of the event 6 times. Two of those matches; he won with games under 220. A 237-195 win over former champion, Jeff Frankos completed Brett's 8-0 record.

In his 1<sup>st</sup> NCMG appearance, Brian Villatuya went 7-1 and earned \$1070 for second place. A member of the San Jose State University bowling team, Brian would probably agree that he was in the right place at the right time. Brian won 3 matches with games under 200 and his opponents averaged 183 in his 7 wins.

After bowling a 156 game to start the tournament, Chris Preble found himself in 74<sup>th</sup> place. The Fresno State University bowling coach made some pretty good adjustments. He totaled 802 for the next 3 games, didn't have a game under 225 for the rest of the tournament, and his only other loss was to Wolfe in game 7. Preble defeated Greg Thompson, Jr. 235-220 in game 8 to jump from 5<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> and win \$800.

Low to cash was Lee Patterson. The former champion had a 5-3 record and a pinfall of 1706. Charlie Estaban (268) & Mark McCreary (267) were the winners of the high game 8 of the non-cashers for \$135 & \$70.

*Charting the Champ...defeated Wijtman 249-242, d. Nate Johnson 300-206, d. Marty Deh 217-199, d. Thompson, Jr. 213-201, d. Ivan Miyasato 232-205, d. DJ Mertz 234-195, d. Preble 257-237, d. Frankos 237-195*

NCMG 17 Notes....The Pre-Tournament Sweeper drew 22 entries and was won by Shawn Escanlante's 257-290/547 and low to cash was 467...There were two 300's, one by Wolfe and the other by Joe Goldstein, Sr....Wolfe's 1939 & Preble's 1893 were the two highest pinfall totals of the day... Don Sutherland had the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest pin total (1863), but won only 4 matches and did not cash...After 4 games, Joe Petrovich was in 55<sup>th</sup> place. Joe won his last 4 games and shot 874 to jump all the way to 18<sup>th</sup>....In game 8, Patterson jumped 13 spots, from 32<sup>nd</sup> to the last cash with a 240 winning game....Rory Peterson was the only other bowler to have the lead in the event...in games 6-8, Chris Pitts won with 248-257-216 to jump from 21<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Sidepot Winners

Game	Place	Name	Score	Amount
1	1 <sup>st</sup>	Rory Peterson	279	\$120.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Don Sutherland	268	\$60.00
2	1 <sup>st</sup>	Brett Wolfe	300	\$120.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Joe Petrovich	277	\$60.00
3	1 <sup>st</sup> Tie	Tony Tsui	279	\$90.00
	1 <sup>st</sup> Tie	Kioni Sodaria	279	\$90.00
4	1 <sup>st</sup>	Joe Goldstein, Sr.	300	\$120.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Don Sutherland	279	\$60.00
5	1 <sup>st</sup> Tie	Tony Tsui	266	\$90.00
	1 <sup>st</sup> Tie	Mike Richards	266	\$90.00
6	1 <sup>st</sup>	Leondard Lopez	279	\$120.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tie	Steven Ting	268	\$30.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tie	Austin Kircher	268	\$30.00
7	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jeff Frankos	279	\$120.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tie	Chris Pitts	257	\$30.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tie	Brett Wolfe	257	\$30.00
8	1 <sup>st</sup>	Kioni Sodaria	299	\$120.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chuck Tillson	278	\$60.00