

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 17th 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 10th 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 1st 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 74th 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 5th to 3rd 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 3rd highest pin total (1863), but won only 4 matches and did not cash...After 4 games, Joe Petrovich was in 55th place. Joe won his last 4 games and shot 874 to jump all the way to 18th....In game 8, Patterson jumped 13 spots, from 32nd 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 21st to 5th.

Sidepot Winners

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