

Nothing like waiting til the very end to bring on the fireworks!

Going into the final squad of the 4th annual Greater Calumet Senior Singles championships Monday, Kenny Parks in Class A and Larry Heldt in Class B were hoping to hang on to their leads on the challenging Kenwood Lanes condition. Parks, of Hammond, also held the lead on the optional scratch leader board with a 668 bowled Oct. 19 and held a share of the high scratch game prize with Don Rodkin at 256.

In a matter of minutes Monday, Parks lost his lead in Class A not once, but twice. (All tournament results are unofficial.)

Bowling on lanes 7-8, 2008 GCABA Senior Bowler of the Year Tom Lombardo finished his last game with a 254 and 685 series to go around Parks, a GCABA Hall of Famer, for the optional scratch lead. Lombardo, of Dyer, held the Class A lead (for bowlers 50-59 averaging 201 or more) until Parks knocked him out on Oct. 19.

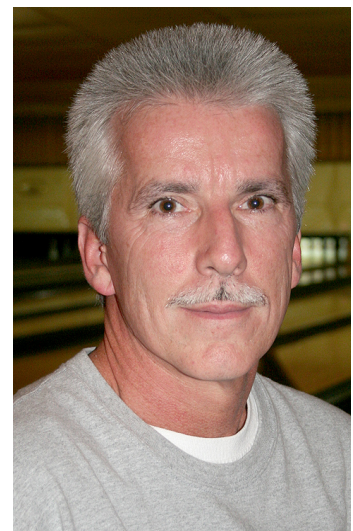


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Bowling on the same pair of lanes as Parks, Jeff Horn, 50, of Highland, tossed a 670 scratch series. After adding in his handicap, the 203-average Kenwood bowler's score rose to 715 and the Class A crown.

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Bowling with Lombardo, Mike Ferro, 59, used his last game to record a 259, knocking both Parks and Rodkin out of the lead for the tournament's high scratch game event.



In Class B, Gene LaBarge, of Griffith, became the tourney's only two-time champion after rolling a 561 actual series and adding in his 86 pins of handicap for a 647. He knocked Kenwood bowler Heldt's 630 series from the top spot. LaBarge, a 168-average bowler, won the Class B division for bowlers 50-59 with averages of 200 or less in the tourney's first year, 2006.



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Claiming the top prize in Class C (bowlers 60 and older who average 201 or more) was Jerry Michalak Sr., of Crown Point. He rolled a 682 series on Oct. 19.

The first-place winner in Class D (bowlers 60 and older with averages of 200 or less) was Walter Reczek Jr., of East Chicago. Reczek's late father, Walter "Shorty" Reczek, is a member of the GCABA Hall of Fame.

The tournament winners will be honored Dec. 6 at the GCABA's 23rd Annual Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet at the Dynasty in Hammond.