

Dasha Kovalova wins the 38th annual Michigan State USBC Queens Tournament at 5 Star Lanes in Sterling Heights



The 38th Annual Michigan State USBC Queens Tournament was held on November 4 and 5 at 5 Star Lanes in Sterling Heights. The 62 entrants, some of the best bowlers in the state, challenged themselves to this yearly “marathon”.

High games of the tournament were bowled by: Stacey Timmer - 277, Victoria Giardina - 277 & 296, and Lisa Doss - 268 & 278.

On Saturday, they rolled two five-game blocks, to have a chance to qualify for the “Sweet 16” on Sunday morning. Lunch was provided by the MSUSBC in between the squads.

Making the cut were: Victoria Giardina, (top qualifier) Jenna Pollak, Stacey Timmer, Dasha Kovalova, Chelsey Klinger, Nicole Wilson, Ashley Denard, Lauren Krywy, Lisa Doss, Denisyha Waller, Latasha Cole, Brianna Andrew, Brandie Reamy-Johnson, Bailey Gipson, Samantha Knight, and Kristin Truszkowski.

Coming back Sunday morning, the bowlers rolled another 4-game block, and then cut was made to 8. Those bowlers moving on were Victoria Giardina, Stacey Timmer, Dasha Kovalova, Jenna Pollock, Chelsey Klinger, Lisa Doss, Ashley Denard and Brandie Reamy-Johnson. Four more games were bowled to qualify for the step ladder finals.

Qualifying for the step ladder finals were:

Victoria Giardina (18 game total 4054)
Stacey Timmer (3969)
Dasha Kovalova, (3912)
Jenna Pollak (3828)

Standing (L-R)

Jenna Pollak, Stacey Timmer,
Victoria Giardina
Sitting
The Queen - Dasha Kovalova



On to the Finals...

In the first round, Stacey defeated Jenna, 267 to 191. A couple of splits marked the difference in this round.

In the 2nd round, with a very close call, Dasha defeated Stacey, 227 to 226. Stacey ended with 5 in a row, and Dasha had to strike out to beat her by that one pin

In the final round, Victoria had a few issues with that miserable 10 pin and Dasha continued her excellent bowling, claiming the Queen’s crown, rolling a 237 to Victoria’s 169 game. Dasha also took home the \$2000.00 check for first place.

It was a great tournament, and we thank all the entrants. Hope to see you next year; and bring a friend.

Special thanks to 5 Star Lanes and their staff for taking such good care of us.

Tournament committee:

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