

WINS MICHIGAN STATE SENIOR MASTERS TOURNAMENT AT CONTINENTAL LANES IN KALAMAZOO



Mika Koivuniemi of Traverse City won the 2024 Michigan State USBC Senior Masters Tournament and the \$2,000.00 first prize at Continental Lanes in Kalamazoo. In the championship round, he defeated Gerald Johnson of Taylor, 414-384.

Koivuniemi reached the championship by defeating Phil Zocharski of Chelsea, 376-334, before being sent to the loser's bracket by Johnson, 426-398. In the loser's bracket, Koivuniemi defeated Clifford Crawford of Marysville, 468-373, Stephen Krywy of Warren 430-338, and Michael Calvin of Warren 429-410.

Back from the loser's bracket, Koivuniemi defeated Johnson 445-361, and then 414-384 in the final title match.

Johnson earned \$1,000 for his second-place finish.

Johnson defeated Crawford 405-394, Koivuniemi 426-398, and Calvin 429-391 before losing Koivuniemi 445-361 and 414-384.



The cut to make it to match-play was +46. After six games of qualifying, the top eight bowlers advanced to the double-elimination match play on Sunday. Koivuniemi led all qualifiers with his six-game total of 1453, an average of 242.1. The eight qualifiers averaged 219.2 in qualifying and 191.8 in match-play.

There was a three-way tie for the high Super Seniors who didn't qualify for match play. Defending Champion Bo Goergen of Sanford, Christopher Clark of Lowell, and Michael Snow of Windsor, ON tied with +41, and each earned \$200.

The Senior Masters Tournament has six games of qualifying on Saturday, then 2-game, double-elimination matches on Sunday.

A bowler must lose two matches to be eliminated.

The final prize list, and brackets, are below.

The Michigan State USBC Senior Masters Tournament is a USBC certified event operated by the Michigan State USBC Bowling Association.

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<u>Places</u>	<u>Bowler</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Prize</u>
1	Mika Koivuniemi	Traverse City	\$2,000
2	Gerald Johnson	Taylor	\$1,000
3	Michael Calvin	Warren	\$750
4	Stephen Krywy	Warren	\$575
5	Clifford Crawford	Marysville	\$400
6	Phil Zocharski	Chelsea	\$400
7	Carleton Chambers	Detroit	\$300
8	Jon Riffle	Portage	\$300
SS	Christopher Clark	Lowell	\$200
SS	Bo Goergen	Sanford	\$200
SS	Michael Snow	Windsor, ON	\$200