WILLIAM KAZMIERSKI WINS $2,000 FIRST PRIZE IN MDUSBC SENIOR MASTERS AT INDIAN LANCES

William Kazmierski of Pinconning beat Mitchell Jabczenski Sr of Novi 456-430 in a two-game title match to win the Metro Detroit USBC (MDUSBC) Senior Masters title at Indian Lanes in Wyandotte and take home the top prize of $2,000. Jabczenski settled for the runner-up check of $1,000.

Kazmierski qualified 20th with a six-game total of 1,253. He remained in the winner’s bracket with triumphs over 1993 Masters champion Terence Dockery of Fraser 526-366, 2015 Senior Masters champion Glenn Pilon of Trenton 397-371, Richard Wayne of Westland 490-422, three-time Senior Masters champion Harold Sullins of Chesterfield 460-426 and 1999 Masters champion Joseph Krajenke of Clinton Township 456-373 to wait for a challenger to emerge from the loser’s bracket. He averaged 224.3 for 18 games of competition.

Jabczenski, the 2009 Michigan State Senior Masters champion, qualified seventh with 1,328. He stayed in the winner’s bracket by defeating Michael McCleskey of Southfield 520-423, Thomas Fauls of Troy 449-385, Jeffrey Kendall of Clawson 407-344 before losing to Krajenke 434-391. In the loser’s bracket he defeated defending champion Troy Stus of South Lyon 449-405, Sullins 435-401 and avenged the earlier loss to Krajenke 465-420 for the chance to win the title. He averaged 221.5 for 22 games.

Krajenke qualified 30th with 1,201. He remained in the winner’s bracket until the end with victories over Kenneth Wyatt of Sterling Heights 424-414, 2018 Michigan State Senior Masters champion Michael Calvin of Warren 517-418, 2017 Senior Masters champion Bradley Gray of Farmington Hills 444-384, Jabczenski 434-391 before falling to Kazmierski 456-373. In the loser’s bracket he lost to Jabczenski 465-420 to end his run. He took home $750 and averaged 211.8.

Sullins finished fourth for $500 after being the top qualifier in the field of 112 with 1,422. In match play he beat Michael Kereluk of Warren 423-412, Edward Mintz of Canton 437-436, Troy Stus 557-431 before losing to Kazmierski 460-426. In the loser’s bracket he triumphed over Gerald Johnson of Taylor 468-448 before being knocked out of the competition by Jabczenski 435-401. He led the competition in average with 229.7.

Johnson finished fifth for $400 and averaged 226.4. Stus finished sixth for $400 and averaged 219.9. Gary Schluchter of Fremont, Ohio ended up seventh for $350, averaging 218.7 and Gray took home $350 for his eighth-place finish, averaging 213.6.

Daniel Mayer Jr. of Waterford won the Super Senior competition for non-qualifiers 60 years of age and older. He defeated Sam Girgenti of St. Clair Shores 192-191 for the title. Mayer won $200 for his efforts and Girgenti walked away with a check for $175.

The entire field averaged 192.8 in qualifying with the top 32 averaging 213. The match play average was 212.5.

Top games of the tournament were 300 by Kazmierski and Sullins, both in match play.

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