

Patty Costello, Jim Robinette Win Metro Proprietors "Invitational"

Patty Costello, who, barring a minor disaster, is bound to be the Woman Bowler of the Year for 1972, had a good half-way stop by winning the MWBPA Invitational in June. Patty now shares a distinction with Margarette Uncles of three wins in the local "dish of difficulty."

Patty left no doubt in anybody's mind that she was out to win it by piling up sets of 819-808-899 for the first three elimination rounds of 4-game sets.

Her 210.5 average for the first 12 games gave her a sizeable lead over the rest of the field, and although she hit a few houses in the next 12 games that didn't exactly suit her style, there was never much of a question who was going to be the winner.

The pretty left-hander from New Carrollton (Md.) posted a final three sets of 717-710-678, but it was enough to get her through

the match game finals and chalk up her third win in four years. She did not enter in 1971.

Patty's winning total was 4631, plus 120 bonus, for 4751.

Jim Robinette, cracking a 10-year jinx that has prevented any man from a double win in the Invitational, took an early lead in the first three sets and went on to win his second trophy from the MWBPA.

Jim piled up a 205.4 average with 6-game sets of 1275-1177-1246. Elmer Breeden came to life in the third set and gave Robinette a run for his money with a 1236, followed by a 1291 in the fourth set. At one point in the match game finals, Elmer actually passed Jim to take the lead, but the final game was the clincher for Robinette who banged out a 232 win over Roland Read while Elmer was losing to Paul Shartzter.

Robinette's winner was 7347, plus 210 bonus, for 7557.

Dottie Williams finished behind Patty with a 4355 total plus a 180 bonus for 4535; Skip Faulds was third 4334, plus 90, for 4424. Irene Harnish was fourth, Mary Robinson was fifth, Peg Tinney was sixth, Clem Vosh was seventh, and Anita Gadbois was eighth.

Elmer Breeden finished behind Robinette with a 7167, plus a 210 bonus, for 7377. Larry O'Neil was third with a 7023, plus 270, for a 7293. In fourth was Ken Jones, in fifth Dave Cohen. Jim Loyd and Paul Shartzter tied for sixth. Roland Read finished eighth; Jim Murphy was ninth, Bobby Hall tenth, Greg Goetz eleventh, and Mike Hahn twelfth.

The Metro Washington Bowling Proprietors Association have announced the Invitational will be run again next June. The dates have yet to be determined, but will be published in the October issue of Bowl.

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INVITATIONAL WINNERS. Patty Costello and Jim Robinette, winners of the Metro Washington Proprietors' Association "Invitational" in June. Robinette has been ranked #1 bowler in this area for five consecutive seasons; Patty, a touring pro from New Carrollton, Md., is almost a sure-fire cinch to be voted Woman Bowler of the Year for 1972. ("Invitational" story on Page 10.)