

Washington Youth Bowling Teams Win Gold in Massachusetts

This summer, two youth teams from the Washington area competed in the 17th Annual United States Youth Games in Worcester, Massachusetts: both came home with gold medals.

The boys' team started off in front and after the second set was leading by 35 pins. Bad times fell on the boys in the third set. They dropped to 5th place, 88 pins behind the team from New York City. After lunch and a pep talk from the coaches, the boys caught fire. Led by Tony Walton's 624 set and Trent Horn's 245 game, they rolled a 3,104 series and won the gold medals by over 200 pins.

The girls' team started slowly and had a slim lead of 27 pins after the first set. In the afternoon session on Friday, led by Shari Brothers' 614 set, they moved out to a 371 pin lead and coasted home for the win on Saturday.

Shari Brothers rolled a total of 2,236 pins for the 12 games which won her the individual gold medal and set a new record for the 14- and 15-year-old girls. She has been a member of the girls' team for seven straight years and has won an individual medal for the last six. Her medal collection from participating in the Youth Games includes 8 gold, 3 silver, and 1 bronze. This was Shari's last year of eligibility.

Other individual medal winners were: in the 12- and 13-year-old girls, Kristen Harrison—Silver, Kia Jackson—Bronze; and in the 11-and-under category, Kristen Hanson—Bronze. Individual medal winners in the boys division were: Tony Walton—Silver for the 14- and 15-year-olds; Trent Horn—Bronze for the 12- and 13-year-olds; and in the 11 and under category, Dylan Evans—Silver; and Neal Downing won a 4th place medal. Stacey Gonzalez and Kim Sain were the other girls' team members along with Ricky Wallace and Andrew Post on the boys' team whose pinfall helped win the gold. Each team's trophy was presented to Mayor Barry by the teams and they will be on display in the Washington, D.C. Recreation Department.