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## **Jennifer Swanson and Kelly Fox win WASA titles in New Jersey; Barbara Skokan wins the WASA Senior Open**

Jennifer Swanson, Shelton, CT and Kelly Fox, Burke, VA were each winners of WASA tournaments held in New Jersey the weekend of September 6-7.

Returning to Brunswick Lakewood for the Roto-Grip Open, Jennifer led the starting field with a nine-game qualifying total of 2,015. Denise Reichenbach of Milton, PA took an early lead into the six-game match play finals. However, after five games, Jennifer, averaging 243, had a 118-pin lead going into the final game position round. Her 246-207 win over second place finisher Joy Esterson, Annapolis, MD, earned Jennifer a check for \$525, her ninth career title and third this season. Denise Reichenbach rolled a 258 final game, moving her into a tie for second place.

Other finalists include Sheila Allen (Peekskill, NY), Michelle Spratford (Hopelawn, NJ) and Dawn Fay (Manassas, VA).

This year's event was once again sponsored by Roto-Grip and Mr. Hank Boomershine and hosted by Mr. Gary Weiner, Director of Operations and General Manager Veronica Messiano for Brunswick Corporation.

Held in conjunction with the Roto-Grip-WASA Open, the sixth senior event of the year was won by Barbara Skokan of Perth Amboy, NJ. Averaging 200 for six games (1,200), Barbara won her 4<sup>th</sup> career senior event by a margin of 24 pins over second place finisher, Sherri Cox of Brick, NJ (1,176). Paula Schwalm, Chalfont, PA, finished third (1,166), Linda Rose, N. Arlington, NJ, fourth, (1,154), Bobbi Lis of Linden, NJ, fifth (1,143), and Linda Goodling of Willow Creek, PA finished sixth (1,135). Barbara earned \$225 while Sherri settled for second place and a check for \$175.00

On Sunday, WASA returned to Howell Lanes and it was Jennifer Swanson, once again, seeded #1 with a 2,159 qualifying nine-game total. The top eight finalists advanced to a two-game total series, single elimination match play finals. Jennifer survived the first round of match play, along with Lies'l DiRocco, Boonton, NJ, Dawn Fay, Manassas, VA and Kelly Fox, Burke, VA. In the semi-final round after tying the first with game with a 209, Jennifer edged out Lies'l by 21 pins 269-248 to advance to the final position round. In the other semi-final match, Kelly beat Dawn 474-424 to advance against Jennifer.

Both finalists, finding it difficult to carry, were separated by only four pins, with Jennifer taking the first game 205-201. Even through the first four frames of Game 2, Kelly struck in frames 5-7 to take a 20-pin lead going into the ninth frame. Needing only a mark in the 10<sup>th</sup> frame after Jennifer failed to strike out, Kelly not only marked, but struck out to beat Jennifer 237-206. Winning her first title and a check for \$550, Kelly also earns a spot into the WASA Tournament of Champions in December. Jennifer took home the second-place prize for \$350.

Other finalists were Stacey Bokina, Peconic, NY, Christine Mockenhaupt, Pompton Lakes, NJ, Trisha Renshaw, Wilmington, DE, and Cristina Kortright, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

WASA returns Saturday and Sunday, October 4-5 to Bowler's Club and Redwood Lanes in Albany, NY. Both events are sponsored by Columbia 300, and a scheduled senior stop is once again sponsored by High Roller of New Jersey.

*In the organization's 32<sup>nd</sup> season, WASA membership is open to all WIBC sanctioned bowlers who have an established minimum average of 170. For additional information, log on to WASA's Web site, [wasabowling.com](http://wasabowling.com), or contact Sharon Nasta, Executive Director, 16 Ward Avenue, Toms River, NJ 08755.*