

## Hodges wins Meagor Classic for the 9th time

Climbing the stepladder finals from the first match to the last, Mark Hodges captured the title for a record 9th time at the 38th Bill Meagor Peterson Point Classic held recently at Star Lanes.

A member of the Butte and Montana bowling hall of fame, the left handed Hodges also extended his record as the oldest person ever to win the tournament, winning this years top

In the stepladder matches, 4th seed Hodges defeated two-time defending champ Nate Gelling 192-186. The next match was the closest as Hodges tied 3rd seed Todd Edelen 193-193, forcing a two frame tiebreaker which was won by Hodges 47pins to 29 pins. Hodges then got past 2nd seed Denton Martinich 216-183. The 3rd place finish was the best for Martinich in his young career. In the championship match, Hodges rolled away from top seed Brian Robbins from Anaconda, 265-201. Robbins best career finish included the high series of the tournament, a 689 which was played on very competitive oil conditions.

Thirty-three of the Butte Associations top bowlers toed the line at this year's scratch event. The remaining list of the top 18 qualifiers and their point totals follows.

6. Keith Meagor	55.10
7. Pat O'Rourke Jr.	54.40
8. Brenda Shaffer	53.45
9. Dion Sommers	53.45
10. Tony Woodward	53.38
11. Bill Keller	53.14
12. Franky Butori	53.09
13. Harry Shaffer	51.14
14. Jim McKenzie	49.13
15. Derek Burch	48.40
16. Brandon O'Connell	48.07
17. Travis Bragg	42.07
18. Wayne Marchie	46.07

The winners of this year's skin's game were Harry Shaffer in the upper division with the lower half being captured by Neil Midtlyng.

The count down challenge was very competitive with Bill Keller winning the title on his last shot, 10-9 over runner up Derek Burch. Five bowlers shared the consolation prize.

*Submitted by*

Walt Parrett

Tournament Manager