

Split Pin Rollers Dominate



SD State USBC Women's State Bowling Tournament

"No tricks, gimmicks, special equipment, special pills or special potions, all it takes is desire and will." For proof of these words spoken by Richard Simmons, just look to Jordan Drotzman, Crystal Honner, Marie Weverstad or Ashley Zurcher. These lucky ladies won the 74th Annual SD State USBC (United States Bowling Congress) Women's State Bowling Tournament recently held in Mitchell, South Dakota. Grouped together by sheer happenstance, they are affiliated with the same bowling league but not on the same teams.

The Split Pin Rollers, as they were known as for the tournament "bowled-over" 262 other teams for the coveted first place spot. The tournament was lengthy, spreading over 2 to 3 months to allow all teams their chance to bowl. Each team bowled nine games over their scheduled weekend. Bowling games included: by team, by singles and then by doubles. Results weren't known until everyone had their chance. The Split Pin Rollers took first place with 2,708 pins, just seven pins ahead of the runner up with 2,701 pins.

All four bowlers belong to the mixed league at the Yankton Bowl and Family Fun Center. Jordan Drotzmann is in her first year of league bowling. Though she's been bowling several times before, mainly for fun, she was recruited into joining the mixed doubles league by the Yankton Bowl's owner, Jim Palmer. She bowls on the league with her husband Jake, and has a highest game of 200 and highest series of 481.

Crystal Honner is also in her first year of league bowling, often bowling for fun with her friend and co-worker, Jordan Drotzmann. Honner was also recruited into joining the mixed doubles league by the Yankton bowling alley's owner, Jim. She

bowls on the league with boyfriend Mark Povondra and has a highest game of 176 and highest series of 471.

Marie Weverstad is not unfamiliar with bowling, her husband Ryan has been part of a men's league for some time and is a pretty serious bowler. Weverstad's husband convinced her to join the mixed doubles league with him. Her highest game is a 196 and highest series is a 513.

Ashley Zurcher is also familiar with the sport, her husband

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