

## TPC TOURNAMENT

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This weekend Sherwood Park's TPC tournament brought in 143 participants.

Cutoff for qualifying required an average of 258. Saskatoon's Adam Martin narrowly missed a Q spot by 6 pins. Top spot qualifying went to 3 time TPC champion Geno Ziebarth averaging 298.

There were 99 competitors involved. Almost half (44) entered the Q round multiple times. TPC cumulative average for the top 32 Q scores was 243. The 32 qualifiers produced forty-eight 300 singles.

Dismissing the reality that some of the championship matches played Sunday led to early exits, (matches not requiring a full 3 games) only 3 people hit the 900 mark. Annette Campbell 974, Derek Home 964, and Victor Fobert 940. Ironically all 3 occurred during the first round of 32's.

Several matches came down to the final frames. Most notably Greg Gigliuk gave Evan Lacoursiere a scare during A side 32's losing by 2 points, ironically the 2 pin margin of victory was also produced in the final only this time Lacoursiere was on the deficit side of the equation.

Two other nail biters included top seed Geno Ziebarth edging out a 3 pin victory over Brad Wilton. Victor Fobert won a close 10 pin battle with Adam Weber.

During the Consolation event front runners after 2 games were Iain McRitchie(318,315) and Aaron Arndt (303, 315). There were no 400 singles thrown during qualifying however Mark Graff rolled a 403 during the consolation event. Courtesy of the 403 Graff finished third with an 816 total. Aaron Arndt pulled into second in the consolation via an 820.

At the TPC championship the final thirty-second qualifying spot is reserved for the consolation event winner, for 2012 that honor went to Iain McRitchie.

Given entrants are seeded based on qualifying McRitchie knew match one would involve top seed Ziebarth. Impressively McRitchie cruised through 864-777. Over the course of the weekend McRitchie picked up 5 match wins, losing his last match to arguably 5 pin's hottest young star Jordon Schuss.

The final 4 were part of what easily could be the youngest and most talented final grouping in tour history. In his brief stint playing in the big leagues Schuss (Schuss 20) has collected 3 championships. Schuss knocked at the door at the TPC making it to the final of the B side

Another interesting turn of events involved probably the weariest bowler in the field. Lee Escott made his way all the way from Newfoundland. Escott (age 30) weaved his way into the final of the A side before succumbing to Evan Lacoursiere.

The TPC final pitted 2 young Albertan's. Victor Fobert could be considered the old guy creeping into the early 30's. His opponent was Edmonton's Lacoursiere. Lacoursiere still wet behind the ears is a tender 16 years of age. For all their youth the final was a classic duel. In a match close by any standard the old man (Fobert) literally out dueled the youngster 824-822.