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GREATER IOWA SCHOLARSHIP BOWLING TOUR

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**SPECIAL THANKS TO TROPHY KING
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SOLONKA RETURNS TO WINNER'S CIRCLE FOR 2nd TIME

NELSON EDGES COUREY IN DRAMATIC THRILLER

SOLONKA CLAIMS 2nd GISBT CHAMPIONSHIP

The wait is over. Dakota Solonka is now a 2-time GISBT champion! The 2-hander from Indianapolis, Indiana commandeered control of this year's season-opener early in qualifying, and never looked back. The 21 year-old last tasted victory back in March 2018. Since that win, there have been a number of close calls, including a pair of runner-up finishes, along with 5 other finals appearances. This time out, he was taking no chances, as he rolled into the finals with a 65-pin advantage, and steadily increased that. He rolled into the position round toting an insurmountable 158-pin lead, with his final winning margin being 80 pins.

Solonka pulled away from the field several times, only to have his lead sliced to less than 100 pins, but each time he responded with an impressive game to pad his lead. Of the last 18 boy's champions, 9 – exactly half – have been 2-handed players, continuing to demonstrate how popular the 2-handed style has become in recent years. He prevailed on a very demanding 40 foot lane pattern that posed a stern challenge to this month's competitors. Just 5 players on the boy's side averaged more than 200 during their qualifying round, and the cut to match play fell at -63 this month.

This was Solonka's 9th career match play finals appearance. The champion averaged 217.75 for his 16 games, while also collecting the \$350 winner's share of the purse. That helped him boost his career earnings on tour to \$2,150. Congratulations, Dakota!

75 COMPETITORS SHOE UP IN SEASON OPENER

A total of 75 (46 boys and 29 girls) players entered the 2020-2021 season opener; this season represents the GISBT's 29th edition. This tally included 19 players making their debut in Greater Iowa Scholarship Bowling Tour competition. It was refreshing to see more than a half-dozen players in the 11-14 age range join the tour as well. Since 1992, our tour has provided a competitive atmosphere on which the most promising young players test their skill and learn the game. Welcome to all of our new tour members!

3-TIME CHAMP SIKKEMA SECURES RUNNER-UP

Seth Sikkema was looking for tour title #4, but instead settled for a runner-up showing, which netted him a \$250 payday along the way. The hard-throwing righty from Fulton, Illinois was appearing in the 14th match play finals of his career.

Sikkema rolled the highest position round game – a 229, which was one of just 2 200 games during the final game of the afternoon. The \$250 runner-up check helped boost his career earnings just shy of the \$4,000 mark; he's now earned \$3,926 on tour.

MINER PLACES 3rd

Jayson Miner celebrated his 50th GISBT appearance with another solid performance. The lanky right-hander from Silvis, Illinois rolled into the 10th finals of his career, and finished with a 3rd place finish; he earned a \$200 scholarship for his finish.

Miner averaged nearly 210 for his 8 games – the highest match play total among the 8 finalists – to surge from 6th place into 3rd. And despite rolling to a 214-181 over the eventual champ, he dropped into 3rd place.

PAST WINNER MILLER FINISHES 4th

Evan Miller was this month's 4th place finisher. The Sioux Falls, South Dakota native was one of 3 past champions in this month's boy's finals field; he took home a \$175 scholarship for his day's work. It was the 6th finals appearance of his tour career.

DENTON CLAIMS 5th

Zack Denton was back in the finals for a 3rd time. The right-handed stroker from Waverly, Iowa finished 5th this time out; he took home a \$150 payday for his efforts.

KRAFT TAKES 6th IN TOUR DEBUT

Jacob Kraft made his tour debut a successful one, as he wound up in 6th place. The Casper, Wyoming native took home a \$130 scholarship for his performance. The hard-throwing right-hander appears to have a bright future on the lanes.

GOLLHOFER BACK IN FINALS, TAKES 7th

Adam Gollhofer returned to the finals for the 2nd time in his promising career, and he wound up in 7th place, winning a \$120 scholarship. The talented 2-hander from Omaha, Nebraska was making his match play return for the first time since a 3rd place showing nearly 2 years ago in Muscatine in September 2018.

GUZZLE ROUNDS OUT MATCH PLAY FIELD WITH 8th PLACE FINISH

Mitchel Guzzle began the day with a 279 – the highest individual game of the entire tournament – and he used that hot start to propel himself into his 2nd career match play finals. He eventually would finish 8th, taking home a \$110 paycheck in the process.

This month's high game out of the money was awarded to Albert Liggins. The right-hander from Charleston, South Carolina rolled a 246 in his qualifying round that earned him the \$55 scholarship.

BOYS MATCH PLAY FINALS

#	BOWLER	Qual Tot	GM 1	GM 2	GM 3	GM 4	GM 5	GM 6	GM 7	GM 8	FIN TOT	Bon	Total	\$\$\$
1	DAKOTA SOLONKA	1768	211	163	195	214	259	182	169	181	1574	150	3492	350
2	SETH SIKKEMA	1615	190	266	158	215	163	222	204	229	1647	150	3412	250
3	JAYSON MINER	1570	190	202	248	181	244	200	200	214	1679	150	3399	200
4	EVAN MILLER	1604	220	198	193	226	185	170	196	183	1571	120	3295	175
5	ZACK DENTON	1644	216	149	142	159	199	168	211	158	1402	120	3166	150
6	JACOB KRAFT	1560	212	184	222	175	173	170	181	159	1476	120	3156	130
7	ADAM GOLLHOFER	1703	183	183	163	176	194	132	175	138	1344	90	3137	120
8	MITCHEL GUZZLE	1537	168	179	166	156	209	195	223	148	1444	60	3041	110

NEXT EVENT AT C.R.B.C. ON SEPTEMBER 27th

Our next event on the 2020-2021 schedule will take place at Cedar Rapids Bowling Center on Sunday, September 27. Please mail your entry fee check ahead of time. Walk-in entries – if there is capacity – will incur a \$3 walk-in fee. Entries are limited to the first 90 paid entries.

The remainder of the 2020-2021 schedule will be announced in the next several weeks.

COVID ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES OUTLINED

We want to thank our bowlers and parents for adhering to our COVID-19 protocols at the season opener. We also want to further outline our stance relating to these policies going forward.

- 1) All spectators and bowlers will be required to wear masks at every event until further notice. Bowlers will be allowed to pull down their mask while on the approach making their deliveries, but will be required to replace their mask once off the approach. Mask must cover nose and mouth entirely.
- 2) Until further notice, only 1 parent can accompany a bowler. If parents have 2 competitors, 2 parents can accompany them. **HOWEVER – A 2ND PARENT CANNOT ACCOMPANY ANOTHER BOWLER.** We want to keep this as fair as possible for all bowlers and all parents. Our tour was founded in 1992, and one of the things that has remained constant over the years is the amazing support from parents, grandparents and other friends, however the pandemic has caused us to have to lessen the number of bowlers in each bowling center.

We realize the disappointment of parents not being allowed to watch their sons/daughters compete, but the because of COVID-19, we must limit the number of spectators in the bowling centers.

If more than 1 parent accompanies a bowler, that bowler's entry may not be accepted for the following month's event. There could occasionally be extenuating circumstances; if you think there could be, please email or call Eric.

We appreciate everyone's understanding during this very challenging pandemic.

BOYS QUALIFYING SCORES

(***) - INDICATES GISBT DEBUT, ## INDICATES PAST GISBT CHAMPION)

(++ INDICATES HIGH SCHOOL OR YOUNGER COMPETITOR)

QUAL	BOWLER	HOMETOWN	TOTAL	AVERAGE	POINTS
1	DAKOTA SOLONKA ##	INDIANAPOLIS IN	1,768	221.00	160
++2	ADAM GOLLHOFER	OMAHA NE	1,703	212.87	84
3	ZACK DENTON	WAVERLY IA	1,644	205.50	106
4	SETH SIKKEMA ##	FULTON IL	1,615	201.87	144
5	EVAN MILLER ##	SIOUX FALLS SD	1,604	200.50	117
6	JAYSON MINER	SILVIS IL	1,570	196.25	128
7	*** JACOB KRAFT	CASPER WY	1,560	195.00	95
8	MITCHEL GUZZLE	ROCK FALLS IL	1,537	192.12	73
9	ALTON BARBER (\$80)	BETTENDORF IA	1,514	189.25	62
10	BLAKE EDDY ## (\$70)	ORIENT IA	1,509	188.62	61
11	ALEX DIERCKS (\$65)	CEDAR RAPIDS IA	1,487	187.12	60
12	MAX ROERS ## (\$60)	MAPLE GROVE MN	1,477	184.62	69

BOYS QUALIFYING SCORES (continued)

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QUAL	BOWLER	HOMETOWN	TOTAL	AVERAGE	POINTS
13	CARTER SEIBERT	ELDRIDGE IA	1,465	183.12	48
14	LUCAS KRAMER	MARSHALLTOWN IA	1,447	180.87	47
15	***JACE GOEDEL	ST FRANCIS MN	1,426	178.25	46
16	DALE WEAVER	CEDAR RAPIDS IA	1,421	177.62	45
17	ALBERT LIGGINS	CHARLESTON SC	1,405	175.62	44
18	TANNER MASON	KNOXVILLE IA	1,388	173.50	43
19	AVERY WOLF	SKOKIE IL	1,386	173.25	42
20	***NOAH GRANBY	SPRING LAKE PARK MN	1,382	172.75	41
++21	RYAN VENEM	CEDAR FALLS IA	1,373	171.62	40
++22	***CONNOR RISSI (\$55)	CEDAR RAPIDS IA	1,367	170.87	39
23	IAN TIBBOTT	MANCHESTER IA	1,365	170.62	38
++24	CALEB GILLMORE	MONTICELLO IA	1,354	169.25	37
25	JACOB FISHER	IOWA CITY IA	1,334	166.75	36
++26	***NICHOLAS PAPPAS JR	OMAHA NE	1,302	162.75	35
27	BROCK LARSON	ELDRIDGE IA	1,280	160.00	34
++28	SKYLER VONG	JOHNSTON IA	1,274	159.25	33
++29	***DAWSON KOHL	DUBUQUE IA	1,273	159.12	32
++30	***JACOB BIANCHI	ALTOONA IA	1,259	157.37	31
31	***MATTHEW MOORE	BETHALTO IL	1,248	156.00	30
32	CHARLIE HART	CEDAR RAPIDS IA	1,244	155.50	28.5
32	***ETHAN HEAVISIDE	BETHALTO IL	1,244	155.50	28.5
++34	***ETHAN ZIEGLOWSKY	WASHINGTON IA	1,232	154.00	27
++35	DYLAN IRVIN	IOWA CITY IA	1,231	153.87	26
++36	***AIDAN KOHL	DUBUQUE IA	1,225	153.12	25
37	NATHAN HARRELSON	VINTON IA	1,220	152.50	24
++38	BRAYDON SONGER	OTTUMWA IA	1,208	151.00	23
++39	MATTHEW EDLER	CEDAR FALLS IA	1,201	150.12	22
40	HOLDEN HUFFMAN	SIGOURNEY IA	1,196	149.50	21
++41	***NILE FRANZ	IOWA CITY IA	1,195	149.37	20
++42	CLAYTON MORRIS	OTTUMWA IA	1,194	149.25	19
++43	CAMREY CAVAN	DES MOINES IA	1,164	145.50	18
44	THOMAS CUTSFORTH	OTTUMWA IA	1,148	143.50	17
++45	***RUSH STEEN	CEDAR FALLS IA	1,008	126.00	16
++46	***CARSTON GUESS	IOWA CITY IA	998	124.75	15

BOWLER OF THE YEAR NELSON NABS TITLE # 3

NELSON NABS TOUR WIN # 3

In opening ceremonies, Addy Nelson was presented with her 2019-2020 Bowler of the Year plaque. After a slow start, the right-handed stroker found her stride and charged into the GISBT Winner's Circle for the 3rd time in her tour career.

The right-hander from Gregory, South Dakota gained momentum over the final 3 games of match play by posting games of 257, 216 and 204 on the demanding lane pattern. She surged from behind in the championship match by rolling her final 4 strikes to defeat runner-up Cassidy Courey 204-181 to claim the championship.

The champ averaged 196.14 for her 14 games. She took home a \$275 scholarship and the championship plaque. Congratulations, Addy!

COUREY CLAIMS RUNNER-UP FINISH

Cassidy Courey has continued her role as one of the tour's very best players with another strong showing in the season opener. The Brooklyn Center, Minnesota native finished with a runner-up showing, and hauling in the accompanying \$175 scholarship. The 4-time tour winner grabbed the lead early in the finals, and clung to a slim 1-pin advantage heading into the decisive position round. She led with just 2 frames remaining, but the eventual champ's clutch 4-bagger overtook her, which relegated her into the runner-up role.

Courey was appearing in the 22nd match play finals of her stellar career.

PALMER FINISHES 3rd IN TOUR FAREWELL, REACHES FINALS # 27

For Bailey Palmer, the season opener held mixed feelings. The talented tour star was sentimentally appearing in her 70th and final GISBT event; this enabled her to become just the 12th player in tour history to reach the 70 tournament plateau. However, the Ottumwa, Iowa resident was also trying to capture the 5th title of her stellar career, and in the end, she would come up short in that quest, finishing in 3rd place.

Palmer, a 5-time tour winner, was the only player in the girl's division to finish plus in qualifying; she tallied her 8-game total at +42, which earned her the high qualifier medal. She was still in contention until her final 2 games, before sliding into 3rd place. Appearing in her 27th match play finals, the Ottumwa, Iowa native earned a \$150 scholarship, which helped push her final career earnings on tour past the \$5,000 mark – becoming just the 9th player in girl's division history to reach that plateau. The right-hander closed out her career with \$5,002 in tour winnings.

DUVER FINISHES 4th ON RECORD BREAKING DAY

Hanna Duver was yet another player enjoying a monumental day. The right-hander from Indianola, Iowa rolled to a 4th place finish – her 33rd appearance in the match play finals, and that garnered her a \$130 payday.

DUVER FIRST TOUR PLAYER TO ROLL IN 80 TOURNAMENTS

The highlight to Duver's day, however, was revealed in opening announcements, as the longtime tour participant became the first bowler in the 29-season history of the GISBT to reach 80 events. The 3-time tour winner made her debut on tour more than a decade ago – in March 2010, and has been a mainstay in GISBT competition ever since. By appearing in tournament #80, she broke the tie with – ironically – her older brother Mitchell – who closed the books on his career 2 seasons ago by appearing in 79 tournaments. Congratulations, Hanna!

IN 2nd STRAIGHT FINALS, WARKEL PLACES 5th

Anna Warkel is well positioned to become one of the tour's next stars. The powerful right-hander from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, served notice at the tour's most recent event in March that she was a force when she finished as tournament runner-up. Now, just shy of 6 months later, she returned to form again, posting another strong finish – a 5th place showing that netted her a \$120 payday.

SWANK EARNS 6th

4-time tour winner Christin Swank completed this month's girl's match play finals field; she finished 6th, adding a \$110 scholarship to her account. The Muscatine, Iowa resident was appearing in her 21st GISBT match play finals.

The high game out of the money went to Ashley Sundstrom from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She pocketed a \$55 scholarship by virtue of her 257 game during qualifying.

GIRLS MATCH PLAY FINALS

#	BOWLER	Qual Total	GM 1	GM 2	GM 3	GM 4	GM 5	GM 6	FIN TOT	Bon	Grand Total	\$\$\$
1	ADDY NELSON	1509	148	231	181	257	216	204	1237	120	2866	\$ 275
2	CASSIDY COUREY	1528	174	211	233	176	191	181	1166	120	2814	175
3	BAILEY PALMER	1642	175	182	171	180	173	163	1044	90	2776	150
4	HANNA DUVER	1470	185	204	193	181	189	161	1113	90	2673	125
5	ANNA WARKEL	1547	195	172	199	175	124	155	1020	60	2627	115
6	CHRISTIN SWANK	1462	134	173	187	135	190	188	1007	60	2529	110

GIRLS QUALIFYING SCORES

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1	BAILEY PALMER ##	OTTUMWA IA	1,642	205.25	92
++2	ANNA WARKEL	CEDAR RAPIDS IA	1,547	193.37	69
3	CASSIDY COUREY ##	BROOKLYN CENTER MN	1,528	191.00	108
4	ADDY NELSON ##	GREGORY SD	1,509	188.62	124
5	HANNA DUVER ##	INDIANOLA IA	1,470	183.75	60
6	CHRISTIN SWANK ##	MUSCATINE IA	1,462	182.75	58
7	JENNA WILLIAMS (\$70)	HOMASASSA FL	1,459	182.37	47
++8	KEIRA MAGSAM (\$55)	GRETNA NE	1,450	181.25	36
9	SYDNEY URBEN ##	DORR MI	1,443	180.12	35
10	BRYNNA MADISON	LINCOLN NE	1,439	179.62	34
11	MEGAN HESS ##	GRANGER IA	1,428	178.50	33
12	LAUREN BODMAN	MUSCATINE IA	1,404	175.50	32
++13	RACHEL MOORE	KEOKUK IA	1,395	174.37	31
14	***KAYLA SMITH	SALEM IL	1,386	173.25	30
15	ALEXIS LAKE	WEST JORDAN UT	1,370	171.25	29
16	ASHLEY SUNDSTROM	CEDAR RAPIDS IA	1,369	171.12	28
17	GABI EVANS	WEST LIBERTY IA	1,345	168.12	27
18	SARAH FOX	ELMWOOD PARK IL	1,322	165.25	26
19	WHITTNEY MORSE	MUSCATINE IA	1,274	159.25	25
20	ABBEY FANGMAN	WATERLOO IA	1,271	158.87	24
++21	CHLOE DAY	GALESBURG IL	1,257	157.12	23
22	MEKENA DIERCKS	MARION IA	1,253	156.62	22
23	MARISA SCHNEIDER	WAVERLY IA	1,180	147.50	21
++24	KAYLEY FANGMAN	WATERLOO IA	1,157	144.62	20
25	***ERIN WILLIAMS	ST LOUIS MO	1,127	140.87	19
26	***TAYLOR NORTHUP	BRIGHTON	1,098	137.25	18
++27	***ADDISON KOHL	DUBUQUE IA	1,051	131.37	17
28	***BRALEY BOGART	WATERLOO IA	1,034	129.25	16
29	MEGAN KITZMILLER	CEDAR RAPIDS IA	1,030	128.75	15

SIKKEMA & MINER RECOGNIZED FOR 50th TOUR EVENTS

HANNA DUVER FIRST PLAYER TO COMPETE IN 80 TOURNAMENTS

Seth Sikkema and Jayson Miner were recognized in opening ceremonies at this year's season opener for reaching 50 GISBT events bowled. Sikkema reached the pinnacle at the previous event – held in March, while Miner reached his 50th event this month. The Greater Iowa Scholarship Bowling Tour has conducted 281 tournaments since August 1992, and they became just the 61st and 62nd bowlers to reach 50 tournaments.

Also this month; Hanna Duver rolled in her 80th GISBT event. This establishes a brand new tour record; no other player has reached 80 tournaments during their career.

Meanwhile, Bailey Palmer and Blake Eddy – both appearing in the final GISBT event of their careers – hit significant milestones as well. Palmer was rolling in the 70th event of her fabled career, becoming just the 12th tour member to reach that landmark, while Eddy was competing in his 60th tour stop.

Congratulations to Seth, Jayson, Bailey, Blake and Hanna!

MOST TOURNAMENTS BOWLED IN GISBT HISTORY

#	EVENTS	BOWLER	FROM	TO
1	80	HANNA DUVER	MAR 2010	AUG 2020
2	79	MITCHELL DUVER	SEP 2008	MAY 2018
3	78	EMILY PAPKE	MAR 2000	MAY 2008
4	77	JAKE STANSBURY	MAR 2001	MAY 2010
4	77	ANDREA MINGEE	DEC 1995	MAY 2004
6	76	JEFF MCCANN	SEP 2007	MAY 2016
7	74	ALEX DENTON	SEP 2009	MAY 2019
8	72	MATT WEGGEN	FEB 1994	MAY 2001
8	72	DREW BALTA	NOV 2005	MAY 2014
10	71	LUCAS PERDIEU	AUG 2009	MAY 2017
10	71	KAYLA CRAWFORD	MAR 2010	MAY 2019
12	70	BAILEY PALMER	NOV 2011	AUG 2020

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TOURNAMENT SCORING SUMMARY**

	QUAL PINS	QUAL GMS	QUAL AVG	FINALS PINS	FINALS GMS	FINALS AVG	TOTAL PINS	TOTAL GMS	TOTAL AVG
BOYS	62,445	368	169.68	12,137	64	189.64	74,582	432	172.64
GIRLS	38,700	232	166.81	6,587	36	182.97	45,287	268	168.98
TOTAL	101,145	600	168.57	18,724	100	187.24	119,869	700	171.24

OPENING CEREMONIES INCLUDE 2019-2020 YEAR-END AWARDS

With the cancellation of last season's Tournament of Champions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all seasonal awards were presented at this year's season opener in Cedar Rapids.

Addy Nelson and Billy Hibbard were crowned Bowler of the Year for last season; it was the first title for both players.

Dan Miner was presented with the 18th Annual Director's Award for his continued service and contributions to the sport of bowling. Miner joins a long list of honorees who've made an outstanding difference during his lengthy career.

All year-end award winners are listed below.

2019–2020 BOYS ALL STAR TEAM

- Billy Hibbard – Mukwonago, WI
(Bowler of the Year)
- Dakota Solonka – Indianapolis, IN
- Seth Sikkema – Fulton, IL
- Avery Wolf – Skokie, IL
- Evan Miller – Sioux Falls, SD

2019–2020 GIRLS ALL STAR TEAM

- Addy Nelson – Gregory, SD
(Bowler of the Year)
- Cassidy Courey – Brooklyn Center, MN
- Megan Hess – Granger, IA
- Bailey Palmer – Ottumwa, IA
- Christin Swank – Muscatine, IA

2019 – 2020 GISBT AWARD WINNERS

- Rising Star Award – Girls – Jenna Williams – Homamossa, Florida
- Rising Star Award – Boys – William Jones – Anooka, Minnesota
- Rookie of the Year – Girls – Addy Nelson – Gregory, South Dakota
- Rookie of the Year – Boys – Cameron Crowe – Orland Park, Illinois
- 18th Annual Director's Award – Dan Miner – Silvis, Illinois

TRIBUTE PAID TO A PAIR OF PALMER & EDDY

In opening ceremonies, certificates were presented to a pair of longtime GISBT competitors. Bailey Palmer and Blake Eddy were competing in the final GISBT event of their successful careers. Both are past champions, with each reaching a significant milestone as well. Eddy was appearing in his 60th tournament, with Palmer notching tournament #70. Congratulations & best of luck to Bailey & Blake!

- **Blake Eddy – 60 events, 494 games, 94,186 pins, 1 tour win, 2 match play finals**
- **Bailey Palmer – 70 events, 720 games, 143,701 pins, 4 tour wins, 27 match play finals**

THANKS TO MAY CITY BOWL

Thanks go out to May City Bowl, owner Tom Trcka, and the entire staff for once again hosting Greater Iowa Scholarship Bowling Tour competition. Thanks for welcoming the Midwest's finest young bowlers again this season! May City Bowl has been a proud supporter of the GISBT since 1994. Thanks so much Tom Trcka & May City Bowl!

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