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## Wii bowl to win

### Silver Maples topples Chelsea Retirement Community, Chelsea Senior Center

Everyone remembers the defining sporting event moment of their lives. Like when the 1968 or 1984 Detroit Tigers won the World Series.

Well, Silver Maples residents can now count the 2009 Winter Wii Bowling Tournament as their best ever.

After the Chelsea Retirement Community won the inaugural event last Fall, the Silver (Maples) Strikers were ready for a rematch. Practicing each Wednesday, the teams began to hit their stride as the Jan. 26 event grew closer.

Cheered on by Catherine Evans, who suffered an injury in the weeks leading up to the tournament, the team was led by Betty Petteys, who was averaging 182, and Arlene Harvey, 166. Other members began to surge, including Helen Smith and Meta Kubick.

The day of the tournament dawned bright and clear. New team t-shirts had arrived on time, refreshments were readied, Wii consoles connected.

First to arrive were the Chelsea Senior Center teams, with some repeating members from the Fall event.

And then, the Chelsea Retirement Community bus pulled in with the reigning champions. The Silver Strikers knew they meant business when their fan club arrived waving pom poms.

Not ones to sit idle, the Strikers manned their adoring fans with spinning flower pinwheels. They were ready for battle.

And with the first ball spinning down the alley, the game was on. The team with the highest overall score - with all games combined - would take home the golden trophy.

Chelsea Retirement Community surged early, with their first four bowlers scoring 182, 180, 157 and 127 for a total of 646. The Senior Center responded with a 586, and the Strikers with a 629.

Then the second team stepped up. It was touch and go, each team throwing spare after spare, with a strike here and there.

And then, Silver Striker Helen Smith stepped to the line in the 10th frame. It was no mighty Casey at bat, it was the King of Swing when Helen threw three strikes in a row to clinch the title: 1,296 to 1,225 (CRC) to 1,163 (Senior Center).

Her teammates raced to her side, enveloped her with hugs and screams, much to her surprise - as she didn't even realize what she had done.

And thus ended one of the greatest sporting events ever.

Unless you bowled for the Senior Center and the Chelsea Retirement Community - just waiting for the spring rematch.

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