

KARLE'S PERSERVERANCE

Melanie Karle of Modesto showed what she was made of going into the championship game of our 6th Annual Princess Tournament held at McHenry Bowl on February 8, 2025. She narrowly defeated Jennifer Braham of Modesto in the semi-final with a score of 224-219. She did not know that she had won, it was so close. Totally surprised she regained her composure after hearing she advanced to the championship round. Meanwhile, the other semi-final match found Kimberlyn Williams of Antioch defeating Dawn Shelton of Modesto by a handicap score of 213-191. Now the final match is set. Through the first four frames Melanie was having trouble as she was not properly sliding on the approach and could not execute the follow-through properly. She found herself down approximately 30 pins after 4 frames. Things looked dismal for Melanie but after the tournament officials asked for some help from the bowling center, the sliding area on the approach was set to go for the final 6 frames. Melanie slowed herself down and regained her composure, bowling herself back into the match. She kept reducing the margin and found herself within striking distance going into the tenth frame. Melanie would finish first, after she and Kimberlyn each spared in the 10th. Melanie needs a strike on her next shot to shut out Kimberlyn and win by 1 pin. She did just that while Kimberlyn rolled an eight count. Through her perseverance of handling her emotions and staying focused in the match, Melanie came out on top and emerged our champion for the 6th Annual Princess tournament. She received the 1st place prize of \$500.00 and a Tiara for her efforts. Kimberlyn, our runner-up received the 2nd place prize of \$380. Although the handicap scoring pace was low (171-168) it was just as exciting as a high scoring match.

All the participants enjoyed the format and the competition. After 3 games of qualifying, those making the cut could bowl another 4 games with the "survivor" format. The entries in this year's event more than doubled from 18 to 38. We are planning to host the 7th Annual Princess tournament next year at Yosemite Lanes in February 2026. The exact date is to be determined.

CASHERS IN THIS YEAR'S EVENT ARE:

1 st place	Melanie Karle	Atwater	\$500.00
2 nd place	Kimberlyn Williams	Antioch	\$380.00
3 rd -4 th place	Jennifer Braham	Modesto	\$270.00
	Dawn Shelton	Modesto	\$270.00
5 th -8 th place	Ashley Schelske	Sacramento	\$170.00
	Brianna Patzer	Vacaville	\$170.00

9 th -12 th	Kim Blue	Modesto	\$170.00
	Kim Deathriage	Modesto	\$170.00
	Nancy White	Atwater	\$95.00
	Merritt Hill	Modesto	\$95.00
	Paola Arevalo	Stockton	\$95.00
	Nicole Wagner	Winton	\$95.00
Local out of cash	Melissa Nichelson	Modesto	\$60.00