

Jens Dengler, Michael Schneppe capture 10th Strangers Doubles Tournament

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Bowling Beseco in Rümikon, Zurich, Switzerland (Aug. 22-29, 2010)



Jens Dengler, Switzerland, and **Michael Schneppe** (pictured left, l-r), both Germany, teamed to win the 10th Strangers Doubles Tournament Sunday, Aug. 29th at Bowling Beseco in Rümikon, Zurich, Switzerland. In a close title



topped **Nicolas Guillaume** and **Fredéric Janzen** (right, r-l), both Switzerland, 376 to 359, to wrap up the title.

The top 28 out of 64 doubles after 8 games of qualifying including handicap advanced to the semifinal with 50 per cent of the qualifying total being carried forward. After another 4 games, the top 14 qualified for the finals.

In each round of the finals, the two doubles with the lowest one-game total were eliminated while the other teams advanced to the next round until the field was trimmed to two teams, who bowled for the title.

Dengler/Schneppe finished qualifying in second place with 3532 pinfall total, (220.75 average) , just 26 pins behind qualifying leaders **Christian Seidl** and **Nadine Geissler**, both Germany, who chalked up 3558 pins (222.38). Geissler led all 128 players with 1854 individual pinfall total and an average of 231.75. Guillaume/Janzen made the first cut in 17th place with 3194 (198.13).

Schneppe averaged 250 in the semifinals including high games of 279 and 266 to propel his team into the lead. **Helmut Blassauer**, Germany, and **Tanya Cuva**, Switzerland, moved into fourth place behind the field-best 1838 series. Seidl/Geissler dropped to fifth place. Guillaume/Janzen leaped into 12th place behind a 1671 series.

Dengler/Schneppe survived the first elimination round with 385, then fired games of 486, 430, 465, 510 and 420 to set up a title match against Guillaume/Janzen, who had games of 455, 399, 394, 367, 401 and 421 on their way to final.



Both teams rolled their lowest game in the championship match. Dengler was the only player who managed a 200-plus game with 206 and Schneppe added 170 while Janzen had 196 and Guillaume 163.

Finishing in third place were Zurich's **Reto Schellenberg** and **Simon Wildenhayn**, Germany, who missed the finals by one and two pins, 419 to 420 and 421, respectively. Fourth place went to Jürgen Neumann and Thomas Böhner, both Germany.