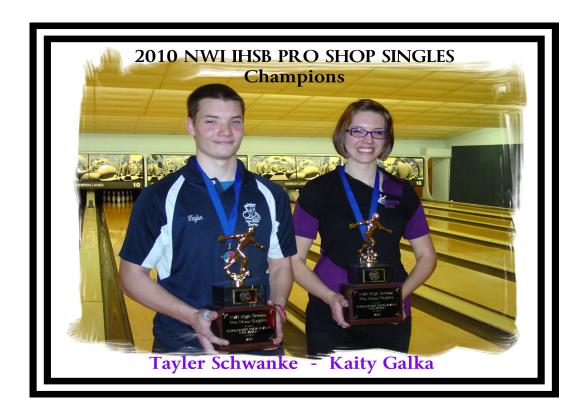
## GALKA CLAIMS 3RD NWI HIGH SCHOOL PRO SHOP SINGLES TITLE SCHWANKE'S BOYS TITLE CAPS SPECTACULAR WEEKEND \$2,050 Distributed in Scholarships

Lake Central's female phenom Kaity Galka dismantled a field of 29 girls to win her third NWI High School Pro Shop Singles Classic championship. Galka took command of the event by leading the four game qualifying block with a total of 758. She then never looked back during the match play portion where she rolled games of 244 - 160 - 203 to compile a 3 - 0 record. Her total of 1,455 easily outdistanced the



the #2 seed and Lake Central teammate Katie Sexton's 1,319 total. The LC pair was joined in the stepladder finals by Highland junior Kayla Riffle (1,298). Riffle rolled by Sexton 167-135 in the semi-finals setting up the title tilt with Galka. The match seesawed back and forth but in the end Galka's experience and will prevailed in a 172-160 victory. Galka collected \$300 in scholarship earnings while Riffle collected \$200. Sexton's 3rd place finish garnered \$125.

Other girls earning scholarships were Morgan Kobitka (Hobart) 4th place \$100, Rachel Waters (Edison) 5th place \$75, Jamie Sherman (Hebron) 6th place \$50, Sarah Clemmons (Hobart) 7th place \$50, and Marissa Yadron (Crown Point) 8th place \$50. Riffle also collected \$50 for winning the "battle of the sexes" match as Galka could not compete.

Both Sexton and Galka represented Galka's Pro Shop, while Riffle teamed with Plaza Lanes Pro Shop.

On the boys side, Taylor Schwanke (Michigan City) capped a near perfect weekend with his first pro shop singles title by defeating Lowell's Matt Milcarek in the championship match 245-169. Schwanke a day earlier helped lead his Michigan City Wolves to their first Indiana High School Bowling state title while also earning third place during the individual portion of the state finals. Schwanke's victory marked yet another comeback performance. The senior started fast but then faltered with a 137 in game 2 of qualifying to find himself well down the standings in the field of 40 boys. However, he was not going to be denied as he clawed his way back to 6th after the 4 game qualifier at 742. He then rolled games of 195 - 205 - 224 to go 2 -1 during match play and move into the third and final stepladder position.

Standing in Schwanke's path were Highland's Matt Staninger and Lowell's Matt Milcarek. Staninger led qualifying

with a remarkable 869 that included a 287 game, but, it was ultimately Milcarek who earned the #1 seed on the strength of a 233 closing game. Schwanke took out Staninger 210 - 201 in the semi's before putting the medal to the pedal in the finals similar to what he and his Wolves teammates did to Rochester a day earlier.

Schwanke collected \$300 while Milcarek earned \$200. Staninger was awarded \$150 for his third place effort. Other boys cashers were Lake Central's Brad Fisher (4th) \$125, Crown Point's Fred Benich (5th) \$100, Boone Grove's Jimmy Kraushaar (6th) \$75, Highland's Kyle Massig (7th) \$50, and Crown Point senior Eric Locher (8th) \$50.

The event was conducted on a 44 foot sport pattern with a 2-1 ratio.

In all, \$2,050 in scholarship monies were distributed thanks in part to the generosity of Indiana Harbor Athletic and Recreation Association, Olympia Lanes, Plaza Lanes, Kofoid's Pro Shop, Right Angle Pro Shop, Final Fit Pro Shop, Grip n Rip Pro Shop, and Galka's Pro Shop.

