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Local Bowlers Medal at Special Olympics Regional Tournament

Wood Dale, Illinois. July 30, 2008— Local bowlers will be honored at **1:30pm on Saturday, August 2**, for their athletic achievements in the recent **Special Olympics Regional Bowling Tournament**. The special presentation will take place at **Wood Dale Bowl**, 155 W. Irving Park Road, with Commissioner Dorothy Lange of the Wood Dale Park District and Wood Dale Bowl owner Mike Melone recognizing: Wood Dale resident **Tim Bransky** (Bronze), Villa Park residents **Robyn Knox** (Gold), **Michael Burns** (Silver) and **James Woods** (Bronze), Lombard resident **Carissa Welter** (Gold), Butterfield Park District resident **Sheri Carter** (Bronze), and **Gary Anderson** of Roselle (Silver).

The seven bowlers are long-time participants of NEDSRA's Special Olympics Bowling Team program which meets weekly with more than 30 local bowlers participating each season. Based on their spring scores, the seven medalists qualified for the June 1st Regional Special Olympics Tournament with the goal of advancing to the State Special Olympics in Peoria this December. **Gold medalists Robyn Knox and Carissa (Cari) Welter qualified for the upcoming Sectional Tournament in October, which is the next step toward qualifying for State.**

NEDSRA serves children and adults with disabilities in conjunction with Addison Park District, Bensenville Park District, Butterfield Park District, Village of Glendale Heights, Itasca Park District, Lombard Park District, Medinah Park District, Oakbrook Terrace Park District, Village of Schiller Park, Village of Villa Park, and Wood Dale Park District. Special Olympics and Unified Bowling programs for adults and children are offered through the **Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association (NEDSRA)** based in Addison.

For more information about NEDSRA programs for people with disabilities, visit our website at www.nedsra.org or call 630-620-4500 and ask for a program manager.

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