Derry Timberwolves shine on the alleys

WINDHAM — The Derry Recreation Timberwolves Special Olympic team competed in the 2008 State Bowling tournament on Oct. 18 at Park Place Lanes in Windham.

Twenty-five athletes between the ages of 21 and 59 years, along with six coaches, participated in the tournament this year.

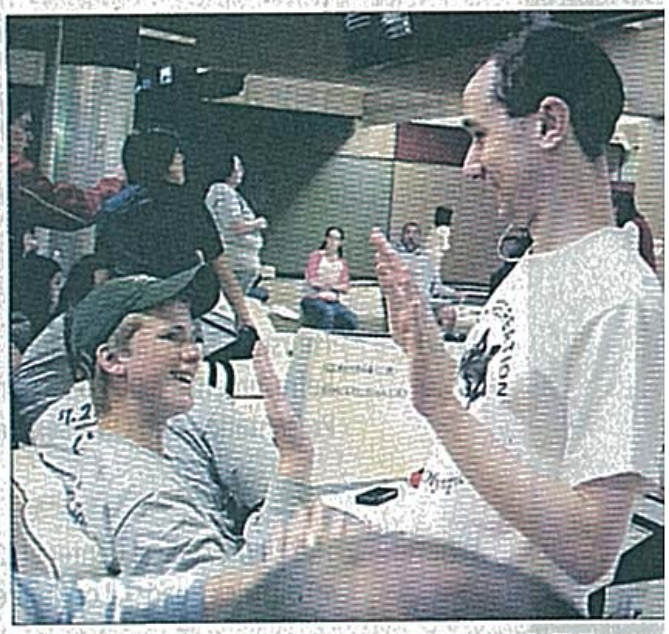
The Timberwolves were honored with the opportunity for a veteran athlete, Virginia Falabella, to perform the Athlete Oath, officially kicking off the tournament. Falabella led the other competing athletes in the traditional oath of "Let me win, but if I cannot win, Let me be brave in the attempt."

Each athlete bowled three strings, with the total of all three strings combined creating the final score. Many Timberwolf athletes came home with gold, silver and bronze medals.

Congratulations to the following athletes for a job well done at the tournament: Carolyn Avola, Clint Barry, Curtis Boles, DJ Burgess, Julia Carmody, Kenny Copeland, Virginia Falabella, Erika Goldsby, Becky Heinrick, Donald Metcalf, Kerry Morency, Dan Petrin, Adam Rapson, Shawn Regan, Christine Rieger, Darren Roberts, Courtney Sarantis, Jessica Spencer, Nate Thulin, James Towle, Derek Truscello, Gail Wilson and Kevin Wright.

Next, the Timberwolves will be practicing for the Regional Basketball tournament and Regional

Jessica Spencer, right, is excited about her spare as she bowls with the Derry Timberwolves in a Special Olympics State Tournament.



Dan Petrin of Derry, right, of the Derry Timberwolves, is pleased with his spare a gets a high-five from volunteer Morgan Spencer of Manchester.