

In The Pocket

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The grand old game of bowling, the second oldest sport known to man, would be undergoing some of the most radical changes in its long history if the suggestions now making the rounds were adopted by the American Bowling Congress.

These changes not only would alter the handicap rules but would include the rating of the various establishments with respect to lane conditions, and the banning of smoking in the bowling areas.

One of the latest demands is to alter the method of honoring high scores. It has

been suggested that the record book should be divided into two parts—preparator and plastic pin days and postpin days.

It is claimed that in the old days the bowlers rolled against wooden pins that often did not meet specifications and lacked the life now shown by the plastic models. The same is true with the switch from the old rubber and wooden ball to the new models made of special material. This may be a good idea, but it costs on the ABC to approve it.

On hearing of the suggestion, one of the local ABC officials remarked, "Next they'll want separate divisions for bowlers who used the two-finger ball and those who take five steps. There would be no end to the demands."

THE NEXT suggestion was made with the idea of listing the houses on the manner in which the lanes are maintained. There would be one class where the lanes were "blocked" from one side to the other. This would be given a "C" rating. Next would come the lanes that are blocked in the middle. This would be given a "B" rating and the "A" rating would be reserved for those lanes that aren't blocked.

This may fall on deaf ears as the proprietors don't like their establishments rated and the pros would prefer the "B" lanes. And as far as smoking goes, most of the newer establishments have air conditioning and the air changes every half hour or less. So smoking would be no problem.

The ABC is noted for caution in making making any changes and it is a good bet that some of the suggestions for changes will be taken seriously for some years to come. If they are made, they will not be made to take effect at the same time. The ABC doesn't work that way.

DETROIT BOWLERS still are picking up honors in all sections of the land. The latest are Mrs. Lilian Jacob, retired president of the Detroit Women's Bowling Association, and Connie Powers, long-time member of the WIBC champion Colonial Branch team.

They have been named charter members, along with Martin Ladewig, in the Michigan Women's Bowling Association Hall of Fame. They will be inducted in June at festivities in Bethel, Mich.

The Allier Manufacturing team won the championship in the open competition that ended last week at Country Lakes.

Aside from winning the title, the team's captain, Steve Laine, fired a 700 series as the high count for the season.

WITH ONLY one more month to go in the women's state tournament being bowled at Grand Rapids, Cora Fiebig, the Detroit bowling queen, still is holding down first place in the actual singles with 683 and the actual all events with 1,867.

Elvira Toyner and Kathy Haining are leading the actual doubles with 1,191.

Trojans find late-inning hitting punch

Clarencville, with a 12-run outburst in the sixth inning, last week broke up a tight softball duel with Woodhaven and reared to a 20-5 victory. The Trojans' win clinched at least a share of the Metro West League championship.

Clarencville batted 16 of its 16 hits in the sixth inning in one of the most concentrated offensive assaults in the area this spring.

Diane McCammon belted four hits during the game including a home run on the first pitch of the battle. Laura Parker, Kase Klarnik, Anita Laska, Lynn Anstich and Maureen Morrison all smashed two hits.

McCammon pitched the entire game for the Trojans and seemed to overcome much of the wildness she had displayed in previous outings, said Clarencville coach Karen Oliva.

In earlier action, the Trojans were bounced in a no-league game by Detroit Lutheran West 9-7.



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