

In The Pocket



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If early returns are any indication, the Detroit bowlers will successfully carry their share of the burden in raising money to construct the National

Hall of Fame and Museum.

For the past week each bowler was asked to contribute two dollars to the cause. Inasmuch as there are close to

300,000 sanctioned bowlers in the Detroit area, the local contribution could well go above the half million mark.

The bowling world will be looking forward to Detroit's drive because the Motor City has the largest men's and women's groups and could be the pace setter for the entire nation.

ASIDE FROM BEING one of the outstanding bowling association secretaries in the country, Tom McKay is establishing quite a reputation as a bowler.

His latest assault on the pins in tournament competition might not hit him and his partner—Rick McCaffery—41,000. This duo has taken to lead in the doubles division of the Dick Rau tournament in Flint with a count of 1,400. McKay bowled the highest series of the tournament when he linked games

of 228, 259 and 222 for 719. McCaffery came up with games of 239, 224 and 224 for 687, but lost six pins in the handicap system.

THERE SEEMS to be no stopping the sharpshooters in the Wonderland Classic.

This week, two more members broke the 700 barrier to continue a season tradition that there is at least one 700 count each week.

The top marksmen this week was Ralph Westphal, who started with a 226, came back with 241 and finished with 268 for a 735. The other barrier breaker was Mike Surdyk, who fashioned a 719 on games of 246, 268 and 205.

Meanwhile, the Ryder Ranger team continued its hot streak with counts of 1,014, 1,111 and 1,090 for 3,215.

ANNE THORPE did some fancy shooting in the Ladies Classic at Garden Lanes. She posted 236 in each of her first two games and then, with the chance to roll a big double century count, she slumped to a 157 and had to settle for a 523.

In the men's junior house league, Mike Mackiewicz was high with 657.

INDUCTION CEREMONIES to admit new members to the split conversion club at Mayflower Lanes this week reached a new high when six earned the right to join the group.

Janeene Schaft got in by topping the 3-6-7-10. Carol Nawrocki made it by spilling the 3-4-6-7-3. The others were Ruth Chappell, who upset the 6-7-10, Jeannie Le Master, who swept the 2-4-10, Mary Anne Pakrsky, who did the same with the 3-7-10, and Lynn McGhie, who topped the 2-10.

Meanwhile, Theresa Stone came through with a 105 triplicate, Carol Porter had a 226 in 557 and Don Christie posted a 273.

THE LADIES in the Westland Classic went on a scoring spree and, when the final pin fell, Mary Porter was out in front with games of 224 and 222 in 637.

Next in line came Betty New with 242 in 595, Monica Dugue with 204 in 587, and Marlene Opper, with 210 in 584, Ingrid Earle with 215 and 209 in 562, and Pat Mayles, with 231 in 555.

BY THE MARGIN of a single pin, Betty Koske missed the thrill of bowling a 600 series at Woodland Lanes. With her 156 average, she started with 225, then added games of 191 and 183 for 599.

Umpire clinics set for March

The Metro Detroit Amateur Softball Association (MDASA) is sponsoring two umpire clinics in Oakland County next month.

If you are an umpire, registration with the MDASA promises to be an invaluable investment, since 1978 promises to be the most active year in MDASA umpiring history, says Jeff Farland, MDASA board member.

The first clinics will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 11, at the Howard Dell Community Center in Pontiac; and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 25, at the Southfield Civic Center, Parks and Recreation.

The registration fee of \$15 includes the full day umpiring clinic, required for MDASA certification; consideration for umpiring ASA district, regional, and national tournaments; official rule book; ASA monthly newspaper "The Ball and Strikes;" the MDASA umpire-in-chief bulletin "Play Ball;" and the ASA arm patch, umpire

accident insurance benefit, identification card, and bat ring (for new umpires only).

For further information, contact Farland at 474-6115, ext. 12.

THE MDASA umpire organization, more than 300 strong last year, is made up of men and women who enjoy working tournament games as well as league play. ASA sponsored tournaments include local qualifiers, Metro Detroit championships, and state, national, and regional play.

To increase the chances of being chosen for tournament work, umpires must make an all-out preparation for the upcoming season, Farland says.

"Make sure you attend the area clinics conducted by the MDASA umpiring staff, take the MDASA exam as a rule refresher; look physically sharp, be mentally prepared, and get that umpire uniform, body included, in top condition," he says.

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