

in the pocket/W.W. Edgar

LYLE GIBBS, one of the real old timers among the league officials in the Greater Detroit Bowling Association, died during the past week.

For more than 25 years, he served as the secretary of the Post Office League until his retirement and move to the Holiday Motel Home Park.

A great lover of bowling to the last, he has decreed that instead of floral tributes, memorials be made in his name to the furtherance of junior bowling in the area. He was 77 years old.

BOB JAWOR, who was one of the hottest bowlers in the area during the closing weeks of the season, has been named rookie of the year by the All-Star Classics. He finished the season with a 219.49 average.

LARRY FRANZ is setting a fast pace in the summer leagues at Bel-Aire.

Competing in the men's trio league — a four game circuit — he rolled a 268 for high game last week. He also rolled back-to-back counts of 224 for a 627 in the Kings and Queens loop.

In the Trio competition, Doug Gendron was top man with a 222 game in an 852 series. His main rival was Mike Lacy, who rolled a 264 in 844.

THERE WAS a real close finish in the men's league at Westland Bowl where Harold Johnston inserted a 258 game in a 556 series to beat Jerry Lindley by six pins.

Despite their high scores, they had to

yield to Bob Charrette for scoring honors. He had a high single of 238 in 511. In the ladies league at Westland, Bea Stocchi was high with a 233 in 545, and Kathy Placencia was next in line with an odd series of 608. It was odd because she had a 278 in one of her games.

The final statistics for the area's top leagues have been posted, and Dick Beattie, the southpaw who had done most of his early bowling at Westland Bowl, earned the role of the most consistent knicker in the metropolitan district.

During the tournament season, he won the Masters and the All Events, along with the Michigan Major Association championship.

In the league averages, he was most consistent with 212.32 in the Tuesday classic at Thunderbowl and 213.55 in the Thursday Classic at Orchard Lanes.

While it doesn't appear in the records, Beattie also set something of a record by totting six bowling balls with him to every major tournament. In the Masters at Bowlero, he practiced with the six of them until he found the one that helped him win the title.

ONE OF THE puzzling things about bowling is how averages can vary from one establishment to another.

The latest example is furnished by the showing of Mitch Jabczynski of the Bonanza team in the all-star leagues. He topped the averages with 228.43 for 96 games in the Thursday classic that bowls at Orchard Lanes.

Platform tennis

The inaugural Oakland County Parks and Recreation Platform Tennis Tournament will be held June 21-22 at the Waterford Oaks Tennis Complex. Entry is open to the first 32 mixed doubled teams.

Play begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 21. The semifinals will be played at 9 a.m. on Sunday, June 22, and the finals will be held at 3 p.m. on the same day. Prizes will be awarded to the first- and second-place teams.

Cost of the tournament is \$15, which includes lunch on Saturday and balls

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needed for play. Applications, along with payment, should be sent to Oakland County Parks and Recreation Department, 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Pontiac, 48054. Additional information may be obtained by calling Tom Seavey at 858-0915.

Waterford Oaks Tennis Complex, located at 1702 Scott Lake Road, Waterford Township, has four lighted platform tennis courts open to the public. The courts are open all year and clinics will be offered after June 16.

Netters battle for top honors

Presently, most indoor tennis clubs play their respective club championships before large numbers of members take to the outdoor courts and begin playing the area tournaments. This summer there are tournaments scheduled every weekend within an easy drive of where you live.

ONE OF THE clubs holding its women's and men's doubles championships was the Centaur Racquet Club in West Bloomfield. The club has gone undefeated in Suburban Tennis League play for the past two years, so you can imagine the level of play when the members signed up for the tournament. This is the club whose B level players compete on the A team — and the club

still wins. There are probably more than 30 members who could be ranked if they wanted to play tournaments during the summer months.

IN THE MEN'S doubles round of 16 players, the No. 1-seeded team of Dan Conger (Southfield) and Chris Shol (Novi) defeated Fritz Pini (Birmingham) and Len Blum (West Bloomfield) 6-4, 6-1; Mike Lynch (West Bloomfield) and David Stewart (Troy) defeated David Leonard (Birmingham) and John Ryan (West Bloomfield) 6-4, 6-1; Frank Bagdon (Farmington) and Carl Russell (Southfield) defeated Jerry Fenby (West Bloomfield) and Mike Mehas (Walled Lake) 6-1, 7-5.

Tom Harret (Farmington Hills) and Bob Friedman (Huntington Woods) defeated Ray Efler (Farmington Hills) and Dick Mineweaver (West Bloomfield) 6-2, 6-3; Larry Panter (West Bloomfield) and Fred Jones (West Bloomfield) defeated Manny Garcia (Franklin) 7-6, 6-4; George Grisdale (Farmington Hills) and David Mitchell (Bloomfield Hills) defeated Jack Gilmour (Bloomfield Hills) and Peter Beardmore (West Bloomfield) 7-6, 6-3; John Henn (Milford) and Eric Garber (West Bloomfield) defeated Morey Rosenbaum (West Bloomfield) and Bob Boshoven (Northville) 6-2, 6-3; and the No. 2-seeded team of Mirca Morariu and Chuck Imhoff, both of Birmingham, defeated John Lindsay (Walled Lake) and Jeff Greenberg (West Bloomfield) 6-1, 6-3.

IN THE QUARTERFINALS, Conger-Shol defeated Lynch-Stewart 5-1, 7-5; Bagdon-Russell defeated Harret-Friedman, 6-4, 6-1; Grisdale-Mitchell defeated Panter-Jones 6-4, 6-2; and Morariu-Imhoff defeated Henn-Garber 6-4, 6-3.

In the semifinals, Conger-Shol defeated Bagdon-Russell 7-5, 6-4; Morariu-Imhoff defeated Grisdale-Mitchell 5-3, 6-1.

Conger-Shol defeated Morariu-Imhoff in three sets, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3, to win the championship.

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