

# Bowlers pocket high scores during holidays

It's a new year. Many bowlers have been idle for the last two weeks because of the holidays, but a few die-hards continue to bowl.

Out at Gold Crown Lanes in Troy, the women in the Monday Night Classic League have been partying for three weeks now. On Dec. 14, Grace Krupa got in the holiday spirit and rolled 235, 243, and 158 for a 656. She kept the spirit going Dec. 21 by shooting 246, 238 and 168 for a 652.

Anne Paule got in the holiday spirit also, rolling 209, 267, and 179 for a 655. Carol Barger added a little tinsel to the celebration with a 220 game.

By Dec. 28, Pat Hund was ready for New Year's. She shot 245, 189 and 194 for a 628 series. Oma Lamberti joined in with a 235, Janet Smith added a 227 and Lynn Mosley topped it off with a 223 to make the year complete.

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## bowling Red Poulin

Lane's, the Tuesday Night Ladies' Classic also did some celebrating. Gladys Siek as shot a 244 and Mary Lou O'Byrne and Jan Shoenberg each added a 217 to their bag of holiday goodies.

Flex Hegwood stayed pretty consistent, shooting 215, 181 and 210 for a 604 series.

The kids' leagues also were active. In the Saturday Major Division, David Meissner, 16, shot games of 189, 227 and 193 for a 609 series. In the Peanuts League, 8-year-old Phillip Johnston put games of 148, 163 and 133 together for a 444 series.

Kathy Manning, 13, had games of 177, 170 and a 215 for a 562 series in the Family Two-Some League.

as the first annual Holiday Invitational, which matched 84 children aged 7 through 18, with 23 of the top scoring adults in the area.

Each youth bowled three games with different adults in a pro-am type setting. Some high scorers included Steve Howe, 17, with a 247 and 618 series; and Matt Schwarz, 14, with a 224 in a 508 series.

Three brothers took on the adults. Dirk Hong, 10, shot 165 and 172 in a 475. His 15-year-old brother Tristin shot a 212 in a 519, but it was 13-year-old Bret who showed the two what bowling really was, as he knocked down a 604 series with a 236 high game.

Other good scores included: 16-year-old Chuck Roe, 212 in a 564; 17-year-old Glen Lang, 208 in a 543; and 10-year-old Steve McIntyre, with a 200 in

a 438 series.

THREE 11-YEAR-OLDS put together good games: Jon Eschinger (159, 165 and 166 for 489), Shawn Morris (150, 150, and 132 for 432), and Sandra Fleming (154, 133 and 142 for 429).

Also, 10-year-old Colleen Ward rolled a 147, 97, and 103 for a 347 series.

Of course, the adults did pretty well, too. Brian Bierkamp was hot with a 258 and a 256 for a 714 series. Matt Davies started stringing the strikes and ended with a 279 game and added a 231. Clarence Traska had a 256. Doug Spicer had 244. Bill Srock Jr. had a 242. Ken Bankey, a 245, and Ed Burnett and Steve Golding each shot 234 games.

Shirley Carlit was high for the women with a 256.

At Avon Recreation in Avon Township, Tom Seltz had a 258 game in the Monday Men's Trio. Ed Worth had a 246 for a 639 and Ed Idyle had a 647 series.

AT THE SOUTHFIELD Bowl in the Tuesday Night Men's Junior House League, Billington connected with games of 241, 203 and 234 for a 678 series. Bob Scott was hitting consistent

ly with 203, 206, and 203 for a 612.

In the Wednesday Night Ladies League, Ann Bogenschutz rolled a 242 and Sherry Pette had a 222.

The next Mid-Western tournament will take place Feb. 13-14 at West Bloomfield Lanes. Any women interested can participate.

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For me and many other bowlers at North Hill Lanes in Rochester, the new year started on something of a sad note. It meant saying goodbye to a man who has been there as long as I can remember. At age 71 (not looking a day over 55), Les Williams retired after 20 years at North Hill, and God knows how many more years at bowling alleys in Pontiac and Detroit.

I remember Les from my pee-wee days when I would come to the alley to practice. I was half the size of the counter, so Les had to bend over to hand me my sheet. My friendship with Les grew like I did over the years.

A bowling alley takes on the personality of the people who work there. North Hill will be lacking a little life for awhile.

## skiing

### Barry ZeVan

# New skiers are STAR targets

A new mental dimension has appeared on the skiing horizon this winter. Most skiers are familiar with NASTAR, the NATIONAL Standard Race, developed by a commercial ski publication and a brewery, to give skiers incentive to race against a national pacesetter's best time and improve their own downhill racing skills.

Even non-racers find more adrenalin coursing through their bodies as their bodies weave through the courses charted on local hills almost everywhere that Alpine skiing exists in this country. NASTAR competition is offered around southeast Michigan at Mt. Brighton, Alpine Valley and Pine Knob.

But the new dimension appearing at ski areas across the nation this winter was obviously developed as an adjunct to NASTAR, this time by the PSIA (Professional Ski Instructors of America), headquartered in Boulder, Colo., and another ski publication. But its target participants are new skiers, the ones who need the most encouragement, as anyone who has ever skied can vividly remember. Personally, I was ready to give up after the first 15 minutes!

THE NEW DIMENSION is one added to ski instruction, and it's called STAR Test. It is being offered at 51 PSIA ski schools nationwide. Ron Brown, Pine Knob's ski school director, and one of the founding fathers of the PSIA, told me this week that the area in which he works, near Clarkston, will offer the STAR Test next season.

Because of Ron's precarious health situation this past fall, his hospitalization precluded his ability to do the legwork necessary to get the program started this year. Happily, Brown is back on the slopes now, and STAR Test will be part of Pine Knob's program next season, as stated. Brown did mention that Sugar Loaf near Marcellona, is the only area in the state offering the STAR Test this year.

How does it work? STAR Test challenges skiers with three levels of skiing maneuvers to master. Under the guidance of a certified PSIA instructor, skiing skills are not only evaluated, but skiers receive professional pointers toward improvement. And the test does not take much time from a regular skiing day.

THE REGISTRATION fee is \$3 for one of each test (bronze, silver or gold pins to be awarded for completion of each). The instructor then takes aspirants to the degree of terrain designated for each test on a designated hill, demonstrates the maneuvers upon which the candidate will be evaluated and explains what the instructor will be looking for in each skill performed. Then the candidate tries to emulate what the instructor did.

The candidate will be judged on ability to do what was required. Upon completion of the test, the instructor will offer suggestions and give the candidate an ability rating. If the score is high enough, the candidate may move on to the next level of testing, and so on, until a gold pin is the prize.

The procedure is simple, but it is up to the skier to discover if the skills are easy. STAR Tests three level allow people "to ski from the beginner/ novice stage through the advanced/expert level. And if someone considers themselves an expert, the GOLD STAR Test will determine how a person really rates. It is not impossible, but does require the skier to know how to ski and to ski well with precision and control.

Anyone who's ever been stammered into knots that we can never have enough of the old precision and control game.

## Curling starts Saturday

Curling, a sport which had its beginnings on the frozen lochs of Scotland and has since developed into a popular Canadian pastime, will be displayed in this area Thursday through Saturday as the Detroit Curling Club sponsors the 96th-annual Men's International Bonspiel on the club's indoor ice rink at 5600 Drake Road, West Bloomfield.

The bonspiel, or tournament, is expected to attract 36 teams, most of them Canadian, according to Dave Ruopp, the club's publicity director.

Two four-man teams, called "rinks", stand at one end of the ice lane, or "sheet". Using small brooms, the players attempt to slide polished, 42-pound "stones" onto selected spots on a target

at the opposite end of the ice.

The competition begins at 9 a.m. each day and continues throughout the day, according to Ruopp. No adm.ission will be charged.

In last year's event, Al Warwaruk's rink from Windsor, Ont., defeated the Dick O'Connor rink from Warren in the bonspiel's top class. Both rinks are expected to return for the 1982 tournament.

The Detroit Curling Club, long a fixture on Detroit's near-west side, moved to its present location in West at Bloomfield three years ago. Additional information may be obtained by calling the club at 661-2890.

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