

Fall leagues in need of bowlers

THIS IS KICK-OFF time for the fall/winter league season as Labor Day approaches.

Some of the league action already has begun, while many start after the holiday weekend. Although many of the teams are set, there are openings for individuals and whole teams to join many of the bowling leagues around town. With the recent closings of Strikes & Spare in Bloomfield Township and Southlakes, it has become necessary for some bowlers to find a new home.

This also has an effect, as there may be some re-alignments of time slots in order to accommodate more teams in some of the houses where the displaced bowlers have moved. The same scenario happens every year. There are always some leagues that need a few more bowlers and some bowlers looking for a place to go. There are some very competitive classic leagues and senior house leagues where the best shooters can lock horns weekly.

Some of the action in the top leagues is similar to what you can see watching the pro bowlers on television on Saturday afternoons. Caution: Do not join the leagues unless you are really good.

There are daytime leagues for the ladies who are fortunate enough to have the time and the inclination to join a morning or afternoon league. Some bowling centers even have free baby-sitting. There are all kinds of kids bowling, with most houses set up for Saturdays and some offering weekdays after school. The little ones can start out with bumper bowling for ages 2 and go on to bigger and better things like the youth traveling leagues. Some of the inequalities of bowling are the variety of competition at all levels of skill for both sexes.

There are plenty of very good mixed leagues in this area and most will welcome new couples either as regulars or to just come in and tub. Mixed leagues are usually more fun and yet they can still be very competitive. There are some mixed leagues which meet every other week and this makes it easier for those couples who still like to be able to get away for an occasional mini-vacation.

Many organizations have their own bowling leagues. I know of some people who have joined the organization just so they could bowl with them. Many companies have their own leagues. Check it out.



10-pin alley

Al Harrison

This could be your next big promotion. The senior citizens are a very active and significant part of the bowling scene and their numbers are constantly growing as people are living longer and healthier lives.

I would like to think the sport of bowling also has an effect on longevity, as it can help keep the seniors active and competitive. There are some amazing men and women in their 70s and 80s rolling up those scores. There are even organized leagues for the blind, the physically impaired and the retarded. Some of the local communities and the high schools are now starting to get organized for open tournament competition. Last season more than 40 high schools competed in the high school tournament and it will be bigger this season as interest grows.

Woodland Lanes on Plymouth Road in Livonia offers a wide variety of competition with several openings available. For men bowlers, the Monday night junior house starts Sept. 11 with a 9:30 p.m. time slot. The senior house league bowls each Thursday at 9:30 p.m., starting Aug. 31. There are also openings for the women in the Monday 9:30 p.m. Keglerettes, with any average welcome; Tuesday, 9:30 p.m. Alley Cats with four girls to a team; and the Wednesday, 9:30 p.m. Starlights. The mixed league offerings are Wednesday Mixers at 9:30 p.m., two couples to a team; and there is a Sunday, 8:30 p.m. mixed foursome which bowls every other week. There is a family foursome bowling every other Sunday at 1 p.m. with a format of two adults, two children. For further details, call Woodland Lanes at 522-4515.

Beech Lanes on Beech Daly in Redford has openings for the ladies in the Football Widows league which goes into action Monday nights at 8:30 p.m. Beech Lanes is also running a special deal all this week: one free game of bowling to

anyone who comes in, doors open at noon each day. If you are not yet a bowler and want to try, remember, balls and shoes are right there for you. For further information, call Beech Lanes at 531-3800.

The Over-50 mixed league invites you to join its 9:30 a.m. Tuesday league starting Sept. 5 at Plymouth Bowl. To join the established 32-team league, contact Dick Decey at 427-9454.

Super Bowl on Ford Road in Canton has openings in the Monday men's league at 8:30 p.m. This is a five-man team format with team averages at 775-8000. Ladies are invited to come in for a 12:45 Monday Ladies trio league. The ladies Tuesday 9:30 p.m. trio league also has a need for a few bowlers. The mixed leagues have openings on Fridays at 6:30 p.m. with five to a team and Sundays at 3:30 p.m., for foursomes.

Westland Bowl on Wayne Road has openings for two teams in the westside senior house league on Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m., with five-man teams averaging between 950 and 1,025. The Sunday sleepers needs teams for Fridays at 10 a.m. with an 850 to 950 team average, nobody over a 201 average the past three years. The league starts Aug. 27.

The Battle of the Sexes at a Tuesday 9:30 p.m. time slot needs men's and women's teams, four on a team. The men and women bowl against each other every other week, separate standings for men and women. The Wednesday 9:30 men's league can use more bowlers to compete for a \$5,000 prize, four on a team. Each player must have averaged under 195 the past season.

The Thursday 175 & Under league bowls at 8:30 p.m. with four on a team. The Monday night bowlerettes needs teams and individuals for a 8:30 p.m. time slot — inquire at Westland Bowl for more details. The Thursday night Pinsters is a ladies league with a 9:30 p.m.

time slot and four bowlers per team. There are openings for more bowlers in the Monday morning men's league with four on a team starting at 10 a.m.; the Tuesday Morning Coffee and Donuts at 9:15 a.m., the Wednesday a.m. trio at 9:30 a.m.; Dave's Darlings, Wednesdays at 12:45 p.m.; and the Monday senior citizens league with a 1:30 p.m. starting time. There are openings in the Las Vegas League Thursdays at 9:30 p.m. and Sundays at 9 p.m. All bowlers, mixed, four on a team. For information on Super Bowl Leagues, call 459-6070.

Mayflower Lanes on Plymouth Road in Redford has some openings on the Tuesday men's league at 6 p.m. with four-man teams from 590 to 700 in average; and the Thursday men's league, starting at 6:30 with five-man teams averaging from 870 to 950. The Sunday mixed league bowls at 6 p.m. and has openings for all levels of ability with a wide-range in age groupings. The Tuesday men's league started with lots of good bowling already with Hector Ortega leading the way with a 244 game and 9th series. Dave Shoemaker rolled a 245 game and Tom Mills a 222 with a 610 series.

Congratulations to area bowlers who recently have made news nationally. Jeri Toner of Redford came in third in the recent pro-am during the ladies pro bowlers tour at Satellite Bowl. Jeri rolled 173-256-228 in the no-top format, but got no help at all from the pros. Jeri has improved with the help of Lou Brightman. Craig Demco, of Westland, won the \$2,000 prize for coming in first in the Domino's Pizza Mid-States Masters held in Pontiac. Demco recorded a four-game series of 265-244-227-158 to win the double-elimination format. Canton's Tony Stipek, Jr., carried a 201.3 average in winning the men's division. In doing so, Stipek qualified for the Tm USA, 1990, along with nine others nationwide. Stipek is the only Michigan resident on the team.

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Red. St. Mary's at Cawecove, 7 p.m.
Liv. Stevenson at Redford Union, 7:30 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Garden City, 7:30 p.m.
Belling Hts. at Liv. Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
Highland Pk. at Westland Glen, 7:30 p.m.
Ply. Canton at Moreau, 7:30 p.m.
Farm. Harrison at Sag. Arthur Hts., 7:30 p.m.
Farmington at West Bloomfield, 7:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at Del. Country Day, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 2
Liv. Franklin at Lansing Eastern, 1 p.m.
Catholic Rooney at Liv. Westland, 1 p.m.
N. Farmington at S'Weld Lathrup, 2 p.m.
(Nickell Classic at Pont. Silverdome)
Bah. Borgess vs. O.U. St. Mary's, 3 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Detroit Osborn, 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Aug. 29
First Powers at Ply. Salem, 7:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at G.P. Star of Sea, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 30
A.A. Huron at Liv. Westland, 7:30 p.m.
Liv. Churchill at Centerville (Ohio), 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 31
Liv. Churchill at Liv. Westland, 5 p.m.
Redford Temple at Garden City, 5 p.m.
River Rouge at Garden City, 7 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER
Tuesday, Aug. 29
Redford CC at Don. Edin Ford, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 30
Redford Temple at Ypsilanti, 4 p.m.
Farm. Harrison at Redford Union, 4 p.m.
Ply. Salem at Upton, 5:30 p.m.
Farmington at West Bloomfield, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 31
Okemos at Redford CC (Bel. CA.), 4 p.m.
Red. Temple at Ypsilanti Cup, 4 and 6 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 1
Red. Thurston at Farm. Harrison, 5:30 p.m.
West Bloomfield at N. Farmington, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 2
(GEP Invitational)
Postage Central at Ply. Canton, 10 a.m.
Grand Blanc at Ply. Salem, 10 a.m.
Canton at Liv. Westland, 10 a.m.
Liv. Churchill at Centerville (Ohio), 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 3
Liv. Churchill at Centerville (Ohio), 12:30 p.m.

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