

Elsey has top time in Farm. Hills race

The weather was cold and windy Sunday, but 75 runners participated in the Third Annual 10-Kilometer Run Through The Hills and the 1.6-kilometer Fun Run at Heritage Park in Farmington.

The 10K run wound through the streets of Farmington Hills and the Oakland Community College-Orchard Ridge campus before finishing in Heritage Park.

The quickest time was turned in by Terry Elsey, who ran 32:42 and topped the men's 30-39 bracket, which produced the top three times. Alan Van Meter was second in 33:39 and Dave Stewart third in 37:22.

David Peterson finished first in the men's 19-29 category and fourth overall with a time of 37:28. David Pelly (44:37) was second in the bracket.

Ron Rader topped the men's 40-49 division with a time of 44:43. Erv Love (44:48) followed in a close second, and Joe Smadzninski (47:47) was third.

The best women's time was turned in by LeeAnne White, whose time of 45:58 won the 19-29 division. Elizabeth Morrison (61:15) and Kim Moran (49:17) took second and third, respectively.

Jennifer Sheffery (47:32) had the second-best overall women's time and was tops among 18-and-under women. Mary Ellen Swift ran away with the 30-39 division with a time of 50:04.

Bianca Van Meter was the top women's runner in the Fun Run, finishing first with a time of 6:15. Jamie Brenner was second at 8:40.

Kevin Sherwood took the top men's honors, finishing the race in 7:27. Andrew Wantuck finished second in 7:53.

More spares, fewer strikes for bowlers



10-pin alley

Al Harrison

AFTER THE FIRST month of regular season bowling, the new "System of Bowling" has been put to the test. Although not officially in effect until Jan. 1, most of the local houses have already converted to this new method. The houses feel it is better to convert to the method as early in the season as possible, instead of waiting until midseason to make a drastic change in lane conditions. This system has, as expected, drawn mixed reactions. After discussing the topic with many bowlers, managers and proprietors, the responses are mostly favorable. Many averages will drop because of the new conditions, but many will improve.

The good news is spare shooting has become easier. The bad news is it's harder to carry strikes. The reason for this is because there is more oil on the lanes. The three units of oil on the outside boards seem to cut down the big wide hook shot, while the longer distance down the lane causes the ball to slide a bit more.

We are seeing more of the five pin left standing on a seemingly good pocket hit. The ball deflects more on the oil, thus leaving the five pin. If the seven or 10 pin remains standing, the result is a more difficult spare.

Another effect is that it's harder for some bowlers to find a line to the pocket. What has worked well in the past, isn't necessarily effective now. This means that we have to be able to try something different, probably a move more to the outside on the approach.

What works well one time may not seem to work the next time, so most bowlers will have to be more flexible in their game if they want to see strikes on their score sheet.

Spare shooting is definitely easier because there is less likely to be a dry area on the lanes which might cause the ball to take an unexpected curve. This is especially nice for throwing at the corner pins, as you can go more directly at the target and the ball will hold the line better if properly delivered. This is generally a good thing for all spares.

Practically anyone can have a higher average if they can make most of their spares, so the trade-off appears to be less strikes and more spares. That doesn't mean you can't bowl some high games, because you can. It takes a little more accuracy to get to the pocket, a good rolling ball, and as always, a little bit of luck.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

Drainage Lanes (Farmington Hills) Tuesday Junior House — Deane Williamson, 287 game and 194 series.

Wednesday Merchant Men's — Gary Archer, 334-338-339/781.

S.A.S.F. Saturday Youth — Steve Ewald, 300/734; Steve Fogel, 277.

Woodbrook Country Club — Janina Jacobs, 311/663.

Bel Aire Lanes (Farmington Hills) Senior House — Keith Suda, 683; Fred Villet, 637; Ray Sietel, 234; Bud Gipe, 237; Bob Raf, 234.

For the Fun of It — Steve Richards, 283.

Early Birds — Joanne Scholtz, 197-303; Gail Trempere, 204-154; Julie Perica, 322; Joyce Elwert, 210.

Solid Bowlers — Robert DeGraf, 281.

Walnut Creek Country Club — Ben Howard, 210-263.

Novi Populizers — Shirley Thorpe, 230.

Country Lanes (Farmington Hills) Farmington Schools — Justin Laborde, 191; Tash Parnell, 183-232.

Country Keglers — Pat Poma, 287-879; Dick Shot, 232; Steve Suda, 234-833; Ron Blanchard, 232.

Wednesday Junior House — Brian Harrison, 288/684; Guy Trombley, 278/684; Ed Bassell, 284/684; Matt Kraft, 284/684; Chris Hummel, 287/683; Rip Gage, 284/681; Andy De-Edman, 284/681; Rob Gaydon, 284/683; Deane Suda, 281/683.

Country Keglers — Walt Ullrich, 287/684; Dan Syver, 284/689; Deane Harris, 284/680; Jack Fisher, 287/685; Mark Dixon, 283/687.

Wednesday Ladies — Fannie Hamers, 232/154; Margaret Teedy, 216/157; Barb Noetel, 200/153; Lily Head, 199.

Greenfield Mize — Tom Koebel, 681; Phil Sawyer, 879; Bill Punks, 846; Jack Galtrell, 287/621; Tim Hieding, 291; Ed Galloway, 281/622; Jack Marshall, 281/686; Mildred Wood, 513.

Suburban Proprietors Men's Travel — Martin Novak, 214/682; Laura Willard, 215/558; Alice Carr, 215; Gloria Groves, 204/578; Linda Harris, 216; Barb Hernandez, 202.

Obi Lanes (Westland) Sunday Classic — Mike Sabidini, 278; Vince Lelesniwski, 277; Henry Coleman, 277; Keith Jabbar, 258; Mark McCarter, 219.

Tuesday Night Bowlerettes — Louise Carpenter, 251.

Tuesday Night Men — Gary Blvd, 233/555; Tuesday Men — Larry Donner, 243/438; Byron Rosen, 333; R. White, 331.

Wednesday Ladies — Kathy McDermott, 221; Lois Cantrell, 209.

Wednesday Night Men — Terry Miller, 254; Jim Rada, 258/636; Mike Trompelli, 231; James O'Connor, 233.

Wednesday Night Pacesetters — Paul Olson, 205.

Wednesday Morning Glories — Joan Rys, 318.

Westland Bowl (Westland) St. Mela — Chuck Taylor, 288/682; Jim Daniels, 258/641.

Wednesday 30 Men — Ken Janusowski, 275; John McLean, 287; Ken Schepke, 645.

Super Bowl (Canton Township) Super Bucks — CHARLIE HUFFE, 230/713.

Ford Parts — Ken Karver, 255.

Cantonettes — Joanne Wynn, 211.

Garden Lanes (Garden City) St. John Bosco — Judy Gomez, 299.

St. Louis Men — Mark Gorno, 704.

Princeton — Dave Durno, 228.

Merrill-Bowl (Livonia) St. Valentines Mixed — Betty Golan, 209; Lori Boerenga, 204.

Jerry Van Loosen, 205.

Men's Senior House — Pat Prater, 246-543/714; Craig Seckowski, 237/682; Dennis Archer, 248/676; Gary Hagle, 245/686; Garret Nade, 278/705; Chuck Dobrick, 235/640.

Westland Lanes (Livonia) Senior House — Wendell Myers, 716; Mark Payne, 674.

Spartanettes — Donna Sobolek, 223.

Ladies Night Out — Paula Spicer, 621.

Friday Part — Mark Payne, 239/733; Brad Weller, 242/710.

Friday Parts & Recreation Preps — Abby Wright, 140/187.

Westland Lanes (Livonia) Men's Mobor City Eagles — Jim Molnar, 239/676; Bob Metz, 235; Dave Kline, 235; Tony Morris, 447; Bob Harris, 232/688; Bob Tomazone, 248.

Kings and Queens Mixed — Randy Coppens, 246/706.

No Names Mixed — Ken Gipe, 216/633.

Pine Lanes (Plymouth) Waterford — Bob Smith, 254/613.

Business & Municipal — Brian Puckett, 278/672.

Town & Country Lanes (Westland) Wednesday Night Ladies Junior House — Andy Schmidt, 231/676; Eddie Dornick, 297; Debbie Powell, 206; Jodi Barry, 206; Gloria Picard, 292; Sue Olson, 205.

Ray Seaford, 206; Bonnie Conklin, 206.

7 & C Men Wednesday Night Trio — Henry Priolo, 237/682; Rick Mortimer, Jr., 232.

Fun Seekers — Hal Waters, 223/634; Mike Zielinski, 232; Allen Carrievan, 213; Clody Ackerman, 214.

Wednesday Night Merchants — Dan Harrison, 279-214/730; Craig Seta, 258; Bill Reynolds, 234; Mary Fox, 202; Lloyd McElabb, 681.

Barclay Lowe, 234/637; Frank Suppa, 237/609; Barclay Mueller, 239/643; Doug Drury, 248/649; Kelly Brothers, 243/596; Art Williamson, 245; Tony Rade, 227; Ken Malickiewicz, 231.

Mayflower Lanes (Redford Township) Mayflower Men's Seniors — Al Thompson, 267/673; Bob Deiter, 254/648; Walt May, 217/648; Bob Lowers, 237/639; Jarve Woskie, 235/628; Art Kumar, 231/611.

Chargers down Falcons in WLAA cross country

Jeff Martus finished first Tuesday, propelling Livonia Churchill to a 26-30 boys cross country victory over Farmington in a meet at Cass Benton Park.

Martus covered the 5,000-meter course in 16:53, six seconds ahead of Farmington's Dave Clindard.

Other Farmington finishers included Mario Nordind, fourth (18:04); Pat O'Dell, seventh (18:35); Tom May, eighth (18:37); Scott Frump, ninth (18:43); and John Lane, 10th (18:44).

Farmington slipped to 3-3 in dual meets while Churchill improved to 3-2.

In the girls race, Churchill turned back the Falcons 25-30 as Kris Brazin crossed the tape first in 20:48.

Farmington's Allison Davis was second in 21:09.

Other finishers for the Falcons were Pam Buha, fifth (22:06); Dana Goba, sixth (22:25); Sarah Lidgley, seventh (22:37); and Sherri Ylitalo, eighth (22:44).

10th (22:52).

Farmington 1-5 in dual meets, the Chargers 4-1.

REDFORD CATHOLIC Central ran its Central Division mark to 4-0 with a 17-44 win over Warren DeLaSalle in a Catholic League encounter Monday at Cass Benton.

The Shamrocks garnered the first three places, led by senior Steve Witke (17:04), Eric McKeon (17:24) and Mike Miltman (17:25).

Other CC top 10 finishers included Damon Harris, fifth, 17:27; Chris Kuzia, sixth, 17:29; Jason Siewicki, eighth, 17:38; Mark Leo, ninth, 17:41; and Jamie Fitzgerald, 10th, 17:43.

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