

Good time for bowlers to go shopping



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This could be the best time of the year to pay a visit to your local pro shop to see the latest in bowling equipment.

The summer season means better deals on a new ball, lower rates to go out and practice on the lanes, and an opportunity to try out something new and different. If you have been thinking about getting a new ball, there are a lot of new models on the market.

The pro shop expert is there to give you the best advice on what is best for you. In those situations where the shop is located inside a bowling establishment, an attendant can watch how you deliver the ball and make an evaluation on it.

The ball itself has become more scientific than ever, not just what is the correct weight for you, but what kind of weight block is in the ball. There are variations in balance, that

can be done by drilling the holes differently. This can help you get a ball that will hit harder and carry better.

Today, most of the new balls are made with a Urethane outer shell, which has done more to help bowlers knock down pins than any other development. There are still some rubber balls on the market, and quite a few Polyester products as well.

These cost less, but are not as effective with today's lane conditions. On the Ladies Pro Bowlers Tour last week, Tish Johnson tied 18 different balls until she found the right one, the "Hens" from Columbia.

With this ball, she came out and dominated the field for a decisive victory. Many other top competitors today like the new Purple Haze "Nitro" by Ebonite, while Brunswick has introduced a new "Rhino Pin," which is still under evaluation.

The best way to find out which ball is just right for you is to visit the pro shop. Each one in our area

is excellent, and they will use their knowledge and experience to put you in the best suited equipment for your ability.

The local shops are listed as follows: Country Lanes, Farmington Hills; Drakeshire Lanes, Farmington Hills; Plum Hollow Lanes, Southfield; North Hill Lanes, Rochester Hills; Avon Recreation, Farmington Hills; K & S Bowling Supply, Livonia; Merri Bowl Lanes, Livonia; Pro Am Bowling, Livonia; Chivalries, Livonia; Super Bowl, Canton; Mayflower Lanes, Redford; and Ray's Bowling Pro Shop, Westland.

Each pro shop has an expert ball fitter who can give you the best proper fit and advice in selection of the right gear for you.

There are many other retail outlets, sports shops and discount stores that carry some bowling balls.

In general, the best balls are not available through these other retailers, and they do not offer the various options in fitting and balancing the ball they sell.

When it comes to bowling, go to

the best shop you can find.

A few summer league scores are starting to roll in now, and some of them are outstanding, including a couple of 300 games by Brian Smith in the Summer Trio League at Town and Country Lanes in Westland, along with Glenn Litlow in the Men's Summer Trio at Bel Aire Lanes in Farmington.

HONOR ROLL

Drakeshire Lanes: Wednesday, Men's Trio Class — Kevin Miller, 279/120; Bel Aire Lanes: Senior House — Mark Hensch, 300; Men's Summer Trio — Glenn Litlow, 300/750; Wednesday Unattached Men's — Kathy Butler, 213/582; Don Loun, 253/810 (first ever); Jay Blevins, 235/617; Jay Kaminski, 654/808; Sam, 654; Max Lynn, 237/438; Men's Bowl (Livonia) — Ken Johnson, 237; Thursday Unattached Men's — Steve Wagner, 235; Town & Country Lanes (Westland): Men's Summer Trio — Brian Smith, 300/723; Joe Blevins, 290; Keith Henry, 289/715; Cyrene Stacey, 289/755; Yves Samuels, 284; Alvin, 266; Dan Lanes (Westland): Westland Thursday Men's Trio — Al Anderson, 276/733; Ken McGee, 268/710; Super Bowl (Canton): Battle of the Sixes League — Shane M.W.D. 258/654; David Bird, 258; Rose Veenman, 245.

SPORTS SHORTS

Items for the Sports Roundup should be submitted by 5 p.m. Tuesday (for Thursday edition) and 5 p.m. Friday (for the Monday edition).

ROCKETS FOOTBALL

The Farmington Rockets will register new players 1-4 p.m. Saturday, June 6, at the Farmington High School football field. Youths between the ages of 9 and 14 are eligible. For information, call Chuck Donahue at 471-7069.

SOCCER SIGN-UP

Mail-in registration for the Farmington Soccer Club's fall season begins Monday, June 1, and ends Wednesday, July 15. The fee for the eight game season is \$40, which includes a complete uniform.

There will be no walk-in registration this year. Any registration received after the deadline will be assessed a \$5 late fee.

Forms are available through the Farmington Public Schools, Farmington YMCA, Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department, and will be available at the Farmington Soccer Club booth during the Founders Festival July 9-11.

SUMMER CAMPS

Farmington Public Schools will offer weight-conditioning and basketball camps this summer at district schools. For information on either one, call 489-3349.

The weight-conditioning camps cost \$50 and last for 20 days. The registration schedule, according to school sites, will be 8-10 a.m. Monday, June 15, at Farmington High;

n.m. Tuesday, June 23, at Harrison High; 8 a.m. Monday, June 15, at North Farmington. The Farmington High camp begins Tuesday, June 22, and the other two on the same day as registration.

Registration for the basketball camps will be Monday, June 15, from 10 a.m. to noon at Farmington High, youths (grades 4-8) 9-11:30 a.m. at Warner Middle School; and girls (grades 9-12) 11 a.m. to noon at Dunckel Middle School.

Youths (grades 6-12) can register 10 a.m. to noon at Farmington High, youths (grades 4-8) 9-11:30 a.m. at Warner Middle School; and girls (grades 9-12) 11 a.m. to noon at Dunckel Middle School.

The Farmington High camp begins Tuesday, June 16, at Farmington High, youths (grades 4-8) 9-11:30 a.m. at Warner Middle School; and girls (grades 9-12) 11 a.m. to noon at Dunckel Middle School.

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GOLF SCRAMBLE

The Kensington Four-Person Scramble is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, June 13-14, at Kensington Metropark. There will be two separate, single-day tournaments. Golfers do not need to play both days.

The non-refundable entry fee is \$11 per team. Open players are required to pay pre-paid greens fees, which are \$16 per player. Entries and fee must be received by 5 p.m. Sunday, June 7.

All golfers must have a USGA handicap. A handicap can be established at the course by submitting at least five scores and paying a handicap fee.

For information call either 313-655-9332 or 1-800-23-GOLF-4.

Shamrocks best in Operation Friendship track meet

Redford Catholic Central on Saturday became the first school in the Catholic League to win the Operation Friendship boys' Track and Field Championship.

The Shamrocks had only one individual winner but used depth to take first place with 73 points at the University of Detroit Jesuit Track. U.D. took second with 57 points, and Detroit Coule, which finished the meet with a win in the 1,600 meter relay, finished third with 57 points.

CC's best individual effort came from Mark Eden, who placed first in the 300-meter hurdles in 39.8 seconds and second in the 110 high hurdles (1:4.8). CC's other second-place finishes came from Joe Suhajda, discus (140-foot, 5-inch) and Steve White, 800 meter run (1:57.8).

The Shamrocks' 3,200 relay also placed second (8:04.5).

Earning third place for the Shamrocks were Kevin Rostinski, high

jump (6 feet, 2 inches); Witok, 1,600 run (4:31.3); Eric McKen, 400 dash (1:40.5); and Damon Harris, 3,200 run (10:20.1).

Detroit Cass Tech won the girls meet with 82 points and Farmington Hills, Mercy was third with 58 points.

Redford Bishop Burgess scored 11 points for seventh in the Catholic League standings, while Redford St. Agatha was eighth (10) and Livonia Ladywood ninth (9).

Mersey's Shamala Prasad won an event for Mercy with a first place in the 2,200 run (12:10). The Marlins' Amy Friend was second in the 1,600 run (4:45.8) and teammate Nicole Pryor was third in the 200 dash (26.8).

Chiquita Hunter placed second for Ladywood in the discus (102.3) and St. Agatha's Patricia Hill was third in the shot put (35.2). Burgess' 800 relay took third (1:49.5).

RUNNING

Following is a list of runners from the Observer's 5-kilometer race who started in the Detroit area. After had run on the number in parentheses shows how many finished in their age groups.

Males 18-24
David Maren, Southfield (1); 19:56; Jeffrey Reed, Troy (5); 1:20:44; Scott Canham, Plymouth (1); 1:21:53.

Males 25-29
Wally Hughes, Westland (1); 1:25:19; Chris Topper, Zimmer, Plymouth (1); 1:26:34; Matt Rosen, West Bloomfield (1); 1:28:04.

Males 30-34
Jeffrey Parker, Rochester (1); 1:19:34; Hugo Mear, Farmington Hills (2); 1:19:15; Edward Chomicki, Auburn Hills (1); 1:20:43.

Males 35-39
Terry Elery, Farmington Hills (1); 1:12:19; Philip Bruckenstein, Farmington Hills (1); 1:21:58; Mark Gual (Farmington Hills); 1:22:16.

Males 40-44
Donald Kurts, Northville (1); 1:07:32; William Benson, West Bloomfield (1); 1:18:36; Greg Cox, Birmingham (1); 1:24:19.

Males 45-49
Dante Lamar, Troy (2); 1:32:43; Tim Kinkor, Farmington Hills (1); 1:34:04; Charles Brown, Bloomfield Hills (2); 1:35:20.

Males 50-54
John Wexler, Madison Heights (1); 1:32:23; Patrick Roche, Troy (1); 1:34:43; David Bennett, Plymouth (1); 1:35:07.

Males 55-59
David Marcus, Rochester (1); 1:39:39; Fredricka Neuner, Bloomfield Hills (1); 1:46:51; Jay Crichton, West Lake Hills (1); 1:50:25.

Males 60-64
Jack Johnson, Livonia (1); 1:41:16; Stuart Farr, West Bloomfield (1); 1:24:31; Charles Lucas, Birmingham (1); 1:29:23.

Males 65-69
Chuck Davis, Birmingham (2); 1:45:19; Larry Miller, New (2); 2:17:31; Linda Lucas, Birmingham (2); 2:29:23.

Females 17-19
Estelle Dinkels, Troy (1); 1:57:54.

Females 20-24
Laura Miller, New (2); 2:17:31; Linda Lucas, Birmingham (2); 2:29:23.

Females 25-29
Kim Bruce, Dearborn (2); 1:21:36; Nancy Hamner, Rochester (1); 1:29:24; Michele Kennedy, Huntington Woods (1); 1:33:46.

Females 30-34
Lynda Kennedy, Rochester (1); 1:33:11; Elizabeth Smith, Troy (2); 1:33:21; Amy Jacobs, Farmington Hills (1); 1:38:33.

Females 35-39
Susan Hinchman, Northville (1); 1:41:14; Cynthia Dornbrow, Dearborn Heights (1); 1:49:18; Kathleen Makowski, Uxah (1); 1:51:00.

Kurtis tops in Dexter-Ann Arbor run

With the Dexter-Ann Arbor Run came a nice pay day for two Redford Roadrunners, Doug Kurtis and Kim Bruce.

On a day Kurtis, a former all-state, high school cross country runner and a 1970 graduate of Livonia Stevenson, planned a hard workout instead of a race, he ended up turning it on and pocketing \$500 (\$300 for second place and \$200 for his masters win May 25).

It went great," said Kurtis, 40, who in recent weeks has run the Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Boston marathons as well as the Old Kent 25K. At Boston, he was the top

American finisher. "I can't wait to run there with the kids. I am going to do a hard training run."

Kurtis, who finished in 1:05:31, ran in the lead pack with eventual winner Mark Smith, 1:06:54, master's runner Mike Fromant of Great Britain and Don Johns.

"Mark and I left those guys close to 10 miles," Kurtis said. "They dropped pretty quick. I picked up the pace, and Mark went with me. Then Mark picked up the pace at 11, and I couldn't go with him."

"I can't believe how much I hurt the last 600 yards," said Smith, 27, of Ypsilanti. "I honestly wondered

if I could pull it in."

Smith's winning time of 1:06:54 was good for \$500.

Kim Bruce, who also ran Boston, shocked herself with a third-place finish and a time of 1:21:36 on the course that meanders along the Huron River.

"I don't know what happened," she said. "I never run good on this course. My best time on this course until today was 1:29."

Bruce, edged by winner Ann Boyd of Ann Arbor (1:19:04) and Christine Nichols of Ohio (1:19:50), won \$200.

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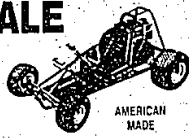
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