

No-tap pins on tap for area holiday bowlers



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Some bowlers seem to be no-pin bowlers most of the time. By that, I mean they can hit the pocket regularly but always leave one pin standing.

For these bowlers, the no-tap contests appear to be perfect.

Many of our bowling centers have regularly scheduled no-taps every week. In this type of competition, a nine count is scored as a strike. There are occasions which invite this format, like on Thanksgiving and for New Year's Eve parties.

Oak Lanes in Westland will have an expanded format for Thanksgiving. At 10 a.m., an

adult-child event where one adult can bowl with two children will take place. The lanes will have a mixed doubles tournament at 8 p.m.

Oak Lanes is also having a ladies singles "turkey shoot" on Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 9:30 a.m. For more details, call Oak Lanes at 422-7420.

Livonia's Woodland Lanes is having a Thanksgiving family nine-pin no-tap doubles tournament for bantam, prep and junior league bowlers with an adult partner. The event begins at 10:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 26. Call 522-4515 for more information.

Super Bowl Lanes in Canton Township is having a turkey bowlers (not no-tap) with any combination of men and women. The shoot begins at 2 p.m.

Westland Bowl will have its

annual Youth/Adult no-tap tournament on Thanksgiving at 10:30 a.m., followed by a mixed doubles no-tap at 9:00 p.m. Call 722-7570 for more details.

When all four members of the same bowling team record the same score in the same game, it is a bit unusual.

This rare feat happened as each man shot a 222 in the same game in the Monday morning men's league at Westland Bowl. The squad, Champagne Fantasy, consisted of Mike Pfeiffer, Glenn Jones, Mike Wrobel and John Bunetta.

Who would bowl a 606 series on Devil's Night? Ricki Schneider did in the Friday ladies league at Oak Lanes. She helped herself along the way with a nice 257 game.

HONOR ROLL

Bel Aire Lanes (Farmington Hills):

Salad Bowlers — Nancy Wisniewski, 234/567; Vicki Deyo, 231/531; Italian Mixed — Beanie Gracie, 223; Senior House League — Scott Hutton, 263/704; Jerry Lash, 217/702; Reggie DeLuca, 256/693; Chris Walters, 257/689; Butch Cook, 274/677; Jim Large, 664; Bill Funka, 655.

Country Lanes (Farmington Hills): St. Paul's Men — Gary Petcher, 268-247/682; Dom Polcicella, Jr., 265; B. Sherman, 256/641; Robert Gola, 246; Loon Lake — Jim Sailing, 215/605; Steve Amolsch, 255/625; Brian Schode, 238; John Mura, 234/618.

Wednesday Junior House — Jim Hamlin, 255/698; Dave Green, 273/651; Tom Hanson, 268/678; Ron Raymond, 236/625; Guy Trembley, 262/670.

Country Keglers — Pat Forma, 247/639; Clarence Bishop, 230/616; Gary Via, 255; Jim Reynolds, 255/644; Dan Dwyer, 255; John Eldred, 235; Tom Kutch, 232; Pete Casani, Sr., 232.

Tuesday Mixed Trio — Henry Halstead, 258-258/709; Leo Stuchek, 243/686; Jan Vandervell, 235/620; Scott Linsner, 256/680; Don Chambers, 256/634; Chris Himmelsbach, 247/

685; John Soroka, 245/609; Mark Foust, 245/681; Jim Blake, 251/667; Tom Heenan, 246/632; Jack Osborne, 245/670; Rodney Dixon, 247/641; Ken Kubit, 256/648.

Jewish War Veterans — Arnold Weiss, 227/610; Lawrence Garfinkel, 225/628; Nate Barman, 222; Carl Berlin, 216; Shel Rakotz, 215; Marvin Rosen, 214; Lawrence Rosenberg, 210.

Greenfield Mixed League — Ken Smith, 269/648; Ryan Wilson, 236/655; Ron Turner, 242/656; Tony VanMeter, 231; Phil Szonye, 229/647; Katie Szonye, 211/655; Sandy O'Rourke, 203; Kathy Koebel, 202; Tom Koebel, 234; Gloria Mertz, 215/556; Sherry McMahon, 200; Charlie Floor, 232/669; Dolly Lehman, 201; Max Lynch, 227/647; Steve Wolfe, 228; Jim Jimerson, 232; Ron Bralson, 242/632; Jan Hansen, 203; Lou Brugman, 232/611.

Drakeshire Lanes (Farmington Hills): Wednesday Merchant Men — Steve Klein, 278.

West Bloomfield Lanes: Bowling Baggettes — Lynn Benler, 201.

Thunderbird Lanes (Troy): T-Bird 6 O'Clock Ladies — Natalie Henman, 212;

Joanna Quantrell, 245/566; Addie Murphy, 230/523.

Monday Men's Trio — Sean Carney, 245/618; Don Copiec, 240/673.

Bowl One (Troy): Budweiser Classic Trio — Al Reich, 300/810; Bill Stephenson, 300; Kurt Pilon, 300/207; Jerry Penas, 299; Brian Tubrio, 299; Jason Clark, 300; Tom Higley, 825.

Andiamo Italia Classic Mixed — R. Smith, 300; Bill Reddman, 300; Brian Suh, 299; John Ellis, 790; Mike Calvin, 772.

Thursday Majors Classic — Chris Sand, 300; Dustin Bowerman, 774; Use Bishop, 1,051 (4 games).

Aven Recreation (Rochester Hills): Tuesday Nine Men — Tom Williamson, 265-245-250/740; Larry Biggish, 254/663; Bruce Randall, 249-247/710; Bill Fetterhoff, 255/656; George Tuschak, 245-258/693; Bob Brunner, 268/709; Larry Chaney Jr., 259-255/708; Craig Hood, 222-234-232/688; Jeff Bell, 278; Tony Stein, 248/670.

Classic Lanes (Rochester Hills): Oakland Invitational — Jim Byrd, 299/725; Tom Byrd, 258/714; Dave O'Brien, 242/658; John Newby, 246; Rick Davis, 256; Tom Eads, 259.

Spartan tankers win WLAA title

By DAN O'MEARA
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The Western Lakes Activities Association girls swim meet Friday night was a virtual replay of the last one.

Livonia Stevenson claimed its second straight championship, winning by nearly the same margin over runner-up Plymouth Canton.

It was the sixth title in 10 years for the third-ranked Spartans and third for coach Greg Phill.

"I told the girls this — and I truly believe it — is the best team I've coached," he said. "When we were third in the state and set all those records (1986), that was a more talented team. As far as practice attendance, dedication and focus, this has been a great team."

The next four teams were the same as 1991 but in different order this year: Northville, North Farmington, Salem and Livonia Churchill. The last five held their places from a year ago.

The Spartans won by 47 points (544-497) over Canton as opposed to 46 last year (542-496). Stevenson got a challenge from the Chiefs, who were seven points ahead after the 100-yard freestyle.

"They're deep in every event," said Canton coach Hooker Wellman of the Spartans. "They have more choices than any team in the conference as far as where they want to put kids."

"Greg Phill did a great job not tapering his kids. They swam sore

Wednesday and today. Now they can get back after it and really taper for the state meet."

Based on strong showings Wednesday in the preliminaries and diving Thursday, Wellman hoped his team could challenge in the finals. The Chiefs did but weren't quite strong enough.

"You look at what you can do and think maybe it could come down to the last event," he said.

"It's like flushing the toilet. It gets near the end and it all disappears. There's no room for mistakes. We had to be perfect, plus lucky on how the other teams swam."

Stevenson tied Canton for first place in the medley relay and won just two other events — the 500 freestyle (Tina Caranicas) and breaststroke (Mandi Falk).

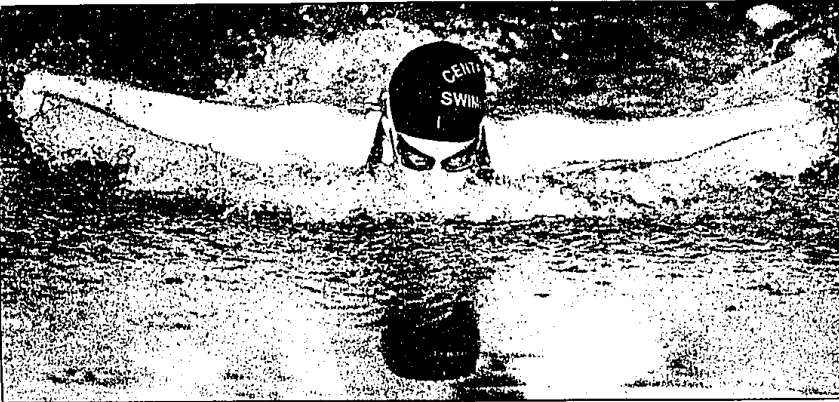
"This year our depth won it; we keep coming at you," Phill said. "Last year we had a few more superstars."

"This is the first time in my coaching career — 16 years — that every kid I entered made the finals and swam tonight."

Phill also attributed the team's continued success to assistant coach Jean Pritchard and first-year diving coach Bud Hurd.

Stevenson's Jennifer Sabina was runner-up to league champion Mandy Terrell of North Farmington — the first time the Spartans have placed a diver in the top six under Phill.

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League meet: Walled Lake swimmer Heather May competes in the individual medley Wednesday during preliminary races in the Western Lakes Activities Association swimming meet at Plymouth Salem.

Phill said. "That's a major accomplishment. The addition of a diving coach really helped our team."

Jamie Hilliard, Jill Knapp and Lisa Morrison joined Falk on the medley relay team, which swam its best time of the season. Phill also cited the contributions of freshman Kelly Carlisle, who had two state-cut swims Friday, Beth DeWolf and captains Leslie Nichols, Holly Palmeri and Julie Petril.

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thoughts after a successful dual meet season and in anticipation of a Canton challenge in the WLAA finals.

"I believe only two teams in the state could beat us in a dual meet,

but this is a different meet," he said. "Everyone sees us rolling over teams in dual meet."

"The girls lost their focus a little. We had to get them back and say 'This is going to be a big meet. Canton is a better team than ev-

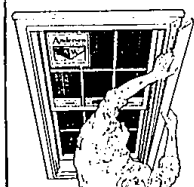
everyone thinks."

Canton junior Jill Mellis was a double winner in the individual medley and butterfly and also helped the Chiefs share first place in the medley relay.

Churchill's Jaime Strauch won the 100 freestyle and swam a leg of the winning 200 freestyle relay. Salem's Mandi Ras was best in the 50 freestyle.

Megan Goble of Northville also won two events — 200 freestyle and backstroke — and assisted in the 400 freestyle relay victory. There were no league records set.

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