

Hollywood can assist drive for Olympic bowling

From the people that brought you "Dumb and Dumber," now comes another sure-fire smash hit from MGM/United Artists entitled "Kings." You may have already heard or seen some of the early previews. If you were in downtown Birmingham last week, you would have seen the promotion group touring 18 cities coast to coast.



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The objective is to promote the movie, but they are also using the visit as a means of gaining support for putting the sport of bowling into the Olympic Games. There have been many efforts in the past to get full recognition by the Olympics and all have been shunted aside until now. With the clout of MGM/UA, who knows?

The spokesman for the group was Calvert DeForest (aka Larry "Buck" Maana), who was out there autographing some posters and other mementos.

Maureen Schmidt and Herbie Gelman were in charge of the local scene. They are with the Bloomfield Hills advertising agency, Solomon Friedman Advertising, the local agency for the ad placement and promotion of MGM/United Artists.

Dyan Sarnecky of Keego Harbor is a member of the crew that is touring the country. The tour makes stops at all the major bowling markets with the final destination being Atlanta where, according to Dyan, the Olympic Committee will get our thousands of signed petitions to include bowling in the Olympics. "Kings" will be released on July 26. Bowlers and non-bowlers alike will find this a most entertaining film.

The precision Bowling Bags Drill Team from Thunderbird Lanes in Troy were one of the

highlights of the Fourth of July Parade in downtown Clawson last Thursday.

Back by popular demand, they went through a routine of marching drill team maneuvers complete with their specially made bowling shirts.

The team is comprised of Jean Castle, Elva Adkins, Susan Valentine, Janet Spears, Deo Dee Kibler and Lory Van Troostenberghe.

The team members are all on the staff at Thunderbird Lanes, but have done this on a voluntary basis.

In a recent column about the three local youth traveling leagues and their first combined competition, I inadvertently referred to them as the Wayne Westland Youth Travel League.

That was an error on my part, for they are in the same area as the Wayne Westland Men's Association.

The Western Wayne Youth Travel League will have its annual bowling clinic Saturday, Aug. 10, and Sunday, Aug. 11, at Wayne Bowl on Michigan Ave. The clinic, is free to youths and adults and runs from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

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tour players Friday night, Mallon realized she might have erred.

"I didn't sleep at all that night. I was thinking it was longer than 10 seconds," she said. "There's no way I could have played golf the next day if I had done something wrong. That's just not what golf is. It's a game of integrity, and players have to call it on themselves."

The 33-year-old Mallon, who is in her 10th year on the tour, said she knew of the 10-second rule but faced a conflicting situation because the ball was still moving.

"My instinct was not to hit a moving ball," she said. "I was trying to do the right thing, and it ended up being the wrong thing."

Mallon added she was surprised no one else among a large gallery, LPGA officials and other pros didn't know the specifics of the rule to say something and make a determination at the time.

"The rules are very complicated; there's no way you can know all of them, and that's why we have officials," she said. "I know the rule; I just didn't know it to its complete extent."

"Unfortunately, I signed the card. The funny thing is it only matters if you sign the card and the score is lower, not if you sign a card with a higher score. In that case, you keep the score but get to play."

Joan Pitcock replaced Mallon as the leader Saturday and held on Sunday to win the tournament with a 9-under 204. It was the first tour victory for the nine-year veteran and netted her a first-place prize of \$86,250.

Mallon is sixth on the money

list this year, and a victory at the Farr Classic would have moved her into third place and \$10,000 out of first.

"(The disqualification) meant a lot, but there's no guarantee you're going to win; so you can't look at it that way," she said, adding she didn't regret her decision. "It's a combination of being a golfer and Catholic; it doesn't matter."

Did she think she could have won?

"In a three-day tournament, it's crucial to have a good round the first day, and I felt I had a good chance. When 9-under wins the tournament, you never know. I was half-way there."

"But you have to follow the rules. Just because you're playing well, that doesn't mean you're bullet-proof from the rules."

Mallon won the Sara Lee Invitational and the Hawaiian Open earlier this year, and her goal is to keep playing well unlike 1993 when she tailed off following a fast start that also included two victories.

"I don't think you can look at being on a comeback," she said. "You have to turn it into a positive regardless of the situation. Maybe I needed a rest, a new perspective or to work on my game."

"You move on and hope to play better the rest of the year. You can't let it interfere with your psyche, because it won't do any good."

Her victory in Hawaii will be one of her positive golf memories. Her playing partner, Kasey, the first tour victory for the nine-year veteran and netted her a first-place prize of \$86,250.

"I figured I was playing for second," Mallon said. "They handed me the trophy, and I said 'cool.' It was very unexpected but very welcome."

Mallon has made approximately \$2 1/2 million on the tour, most of it in the last six years, and is among the top 20 career money winners.

"The first year I earned \$1,500, the second \$25,000," she said. "Ninety was the first real good year. The '90s have been wonderful, and that's really when my career took off."

"Barring injury, I hope to play a few more years as long as I enjoy it, because this game is no fun when you're not playing well."

Mallon said she always looks forward to the Mercy event, because it gives her the opportunity to visit with family and friends. She lives in Arizona but has a brother, Paul, in the metro area.

But she was planning to be on the road again Tuesday, heading to Ohio for another of the dozen or so tournaments she plans to enter this year.

"I have to get up early tomorrow and drive to Youngstown, so it's not really a day off. I'll be back on the horse, with a rule book."



Golf champ: Meg Mallon has won two tournaments on the pro tour this year.

El Dorado sponsors golf school

El Dorado Country Club in Walled Lake is offering a junior golf school for young golfers July 22-28.

The school curriculum will cover golf swing chipping, putting, etiquette, rules and on-course instruction.

Rick Stallings, former touring professional, will be the instructor. The school will meet daily from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$50. A \$15 non-

refundable deposit is due with registration. The balance is due on the first day of school. The entry deadline is Saturday, July 20.

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