

# 300 games create excitement

What's unique to the sport of bowling is the excitement that builds up during the possible 300 game.

By the seventh or eighth frame, all eyes are on the bowler who has a big string going.

When the 10th and final frame comes along, the tension mounts and it is a pressure situation for whoever is on the line.

Two such occasions make for a good story.

First was Fuerst. Sandy was Fuerst until she married and became Sandy Winbigler. She has been a top notch bowler in the Ladies All-Star league for many years, but last Monday night at Clinton Lanes in Livonia, I looked to see what all the yelling was about, and sure enough, it was Sandy in the 10th frame, solid strikes all the way.

Again, I watched as she took her time for No. 12 and calmly nailed her shot. It was her very "Fuerst" perfect game, and she was excitement personified.

"I never thought I'd really do it," she said.

This from a young lady who has been the queen of Detroit women bowlers two consecutive years, '92 and '93 and has been on the All-City team several times.

Detroit Women's Bowling Association members who roll a 300 game get their photo in the yearbook annually.

The other noteworthy 300 game was rolled by David Craft on Dec. 15, at Cherry Hill North Lanes in Clarkston. He did it in the Monday Night Bucks & Dogs Mixed League. David had previously rolled a couple of 298's, leaving the 7-9 on the last ball.

both times.

This is an amazing story, considering the fact that David Craft is legally blind. He is 43 years-old and has been retired from General Motors on disability after his eyesight started failing 10 years ago.

He does not use a guide rail as he can distinguish where the lane is, but needs a sighted spotter to let him know which pins are standing after each shot. That was one time he did not need anyone for a spotter, but he was extremely nervous after the 11th, and his friend calmed him down enough to throw one more strike.

Entry forms are now out at all area bowling centers for the Pro-Am event of the 15th annual Greater Detroit Open Pro Bowlers Tour at Taylor Lanes. The Pro-Am in Adult, Junior and Junior-Adult combined divisions will be Saturday through Tuesday, May 9-12.

Adult entrants may pay \$75 without ball or ball \$145 adds the ball. The Senior Thru's Red Ball or \$135 for the trials will be same.

An entry fee for \$205 gets you the ball and roller carrier. Youth entrants can bowl only for \$35 or take the same options as the adults, the difference is that there is \$1,000 in prize money for each adult squad, and youth bowlers can earn some scholarship money.

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■ The National Senior Bowlers Association held two

separate tournaments in January. This was a quick in the scheduling, and the first one took place Jan. 10 at Sterling Lanes.

Roger Miller of Ohio came north to gain his first NSBA title by defeating Doug Sward of Oxford 209-203, then beating Joe Fitzsimmons of Waterford 214-192. He followed that with a 247-201 win over Mike Duncan of Harrison Township, then Jim Burton of Novi 24-192.

In the final match, Roger struggled, but defeated Tom Spaulding, another Buckeye, for the championship trophy and \$1,200 first place check.

Spaulding reached the finale by defeating Ben Fulton of Southfield, then Phil Horowitz of West Bloomfield, an easy win over Sal Bonventre, then winning the semifinal against Bob O'Brien of Farmington Hills.

The second event of the month was held Jan. 31, at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton, where Rico O'Connor of Sterling Heights came away with his sixth N.S.B.A. title.

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Nite Owls - Gary Cornelius, 273/690; Alan Glazotto, 682; Paul Pisani, 254/074; Pat McKenna, 133/442; Reasom Best, 209/101; Jim Borch, 260/654.

Men's Bowls (Livonia)

Delphi - George Finnan, 255-215; Rick Biggs, 801.

Country Ladies Doubles - Mary Mohac, 232/669.

Tuna - Delphi - Tom Davis, 248; Larry Fritz, 247; John Wilson, 250; Jason Dihala, 245.

Merriweather - Chris Mood, 221-192-223/636.

Frost School - Colin Zurekko (age 13) 215/203.

CLOVERLEAF (Livonia)

FoMoCo Thurs Nite - Bob Williams, 268/717; Chuck O'Rourke, 249/708; Steve Gutusky, 244/700; Bob Ashraf, 276/592; Steve Kuznar, 256/600; Bill Biles, 276/683.

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