

Rollin' of the green

Bowlers can celebrate St. Paddy's Day in style

Erin go bowling! Tuesday is St. Patrick's Day, so what would be more appropriate than a green bowling ball?

A recent visit to a few pro shops proved interesting for any Irish bowlers who wish to be throwing something green. The choices are plentiful.

Even if you're not Irish, some of the best balls today are in varying shades of green.

There is the newest from Storm — Bolt — which is a vivid green and hits like a shillelagh. Timberwolf, by Ebonite, is a bright green and is popular among better bowlers.

Brunswick has the green 'Combat Zone' and a pearled green Tracer.

AMF has a green 'Legacy C' and Bgorrah also a green Quantum ball, the Sage.

Synergy by Track, Inc., is a green high performance ball at, and those are all in the upper price level.

There are some medium to

lower priced balls in the emerald shade such as the Brunswick Rhino Pro and Columbia's Shadow R.

All of this simply means that if you are wearing the green, you could be rollin' the green as well on St. Paddy's Day.

And if there is any wind in the bowlin' alley, may it be at your back!

A must see for bowling enthusiasts is the movie The Big Lebowski.

It is now showing in first-run theatres all over town and is a funny, funny film. The main characters are all league bowlers.

Produced by the Coen Brothers, who did 'Fargo' and 'Raising Arizona,' it stars Jeff Bridges, John Goodman, Steve Buscemi, Julianne Moore and John Turturro.

It is a bowling hoot, a buddy movie and a Western all rolled up in one. Rated R and given a 3-Star rating in the dailies, see it but leave your new green ball at home.

• Many bowling centers offer a Company Bowling Party.

This is an excellent way for companies of any size to have a friendly get-together and enjoy bowling.

It is also a great tool for promoting employee morale, fellowship and energy.

The bowling can be set up for regular, no-taps, Scotch doubles, singles, doubles or teams.

In one instance, I walked in on such a bowling party at Bel Aire Lanes in Farmington.

This party was hosted by Mike McCabe, President of Michigan Risk Specialists, Inc. The participants were all from various Independent Insurance Agencies, wholesale brokers and reinsurers who carry his line of commercial risk insurance.

It was the fourth straight year for this event for McCabe, who uses it to show his appreciation for the support of his participating agencies.

There were awards, many door prizes and a Karaoke party in the downstairs lounge afterwards.

Eighty-eight bowlers took part, had a great time and a nice pizza and salad treat included.

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• We should all feel sorry for New Yorkers. For them, the light at end of the tunnel is New Jersey!



BOWLING HONOR ROLL

- Merit Bowl (Livonia)**
K of C Men: Nite — Doug Lobb, 223-299-246/788; Frank Konjarich, 255-231-229/115; John Stephens, 248-227-073; Claude Niemiec, 247-209-211/687; Rich Maden, 258-207/650.
Luna, Delgo — Rich Diegas, 300; George Bird, 247; Roy Williams, 279.
Last Weekenders — George Takelstein, 228-228-228 Tripartite.
- Clevelandian (Livonia)**
All-Star Bowlers — Jeane Goble, 193-219-257/734; Peter Wiles, 248-227-073; 238/728; Tamara Glenn, 236-246-225/707; Cyndi Black, 207-220-213/706; Jan Greenes, 236-201-262/705; Lisa McGroby, 279-232/685.
- Wanderland Lanes (Livonia)**
Classic — Tim Flann, 278-270/770; Heto Martin, 219/641; Mark Howe, 284/732; Randy Smith, 298/734; Steve Pencole, 279/729.
Nite On — Joel Szlach, 243/644; Gary Steinman, 234/638; Pat McKenna, 637; Ray Card, 267; Allen Biasotto, 247.
Motor City Men's — Floyd Morris, 279/728; Phil Schack, 267/705 (first 700); J.T. Moody, 255/669; Ed Zajack, 680; Jim Molnar, 267.
- Pizza Lanes (Plymouth)**
Pizza Men — Jay Gilewicz, 290-216-211/119; Dave Silverman, 299/682; Mike Moore, 237-187-300/724; John Morano, 237-275-237/660.
Bungrush Men — Bryan Schwartz, 279/685.
Waterford Men — Chuck Morris, 232-279-247/758; Jim Kusch, 279/696; Joe Rausch, 238-235/715; Andy Roy, 255-240-240/735.
Reglers — Bob Bray, 277/704.
Super Bowl (Clio)
- Suburban Pro Travel (men) — Bill Gerace, 267/637; Bob Chuba, 260; Barry Lawrence, 267/637; John Hurley, 248/690; Dave Jacobs, 231.**
- Suburban Pro Travel (ladies) — Janet Doering, 211/572; Jennifer Crobs, 203/522; Bob Hernandez, 203/553; Pety Jeroch, 203/504.**
- Country Lanes (Farmington)**
Farmington High School — Carl Berman, 220; Mark Frankel, 221; Nick Dow, 189.
Tues. Mixed Trio — Andy Rubin, 269/791; Allan Salomon, 268/666; Larry Horn, 257-256/742; Keith Kingston, 250; Vicki Ingham, 228/584; Tammy Ant, 218.
Country Reglers — Kris Dault, 265/708; Todd Ulrich, 244; Amy Heath, 241; Mark Martin, 230; Dan Dwyer, 235.
Spares & Strikes — Kevin Joy Landacre, 223/570; Sherry McMahon, 214; Joanne Karamak, 205-202/540; Lori Buckshaw, 201; Diane Walters, 200.
Greenfield Mixed — Chris Bugman, 247-259-235/741; Debbie Blanchard, 250/609; Mary Foor, 211; Lou Bugman, 230/590; Jill Feinbach, 219.
Rosedale Bowlers — Mary Nowak, 247/578; Annette Stabile, 214/566; Sue Hoster, 210/522; Cheryl Buffalo, 202.
Kandohood — Agnes, 213/552; Dot Hamilton, 205/534; Carol Sturdy, 202.
Tues. A.M. Ladies — Lois Konling, 210/562.
Prince of Peace — Pat Girardot, 201/553; Vickie Anderson, 200/544; Donna Kujawa, 200.
Sunday Goodtimes — Tony Alito, 222/574; Ron Peterson, 214/589.
B'Nai B'nai Ben Luvy Traveling — Danny Cohen, 300-239-233; Marc Eustman, 228-227-221-232; Jerry Lash, 252-207-202; Ryan Lash, 245-221; Allan Salomon, 224-214.
B'Nai B'nai Pigeon — Larry Horn, 259-279-217/754; Jerry Lash, 213-225-300/741; Aron Weidman, 201-256-233/690; Ben Levine, 248-233-203/654; Howard Kuretsky, 207-255-209/663; Howard Waker, 237-247/690; Andy Rubin, 236-255/683; Mitch Laffon, 244-223/654; Mitch Finkel, 235-233/652.
- Drakeville Lanes (Farmington)**
B'Nai B'nai Downtown Fox — Steve Taper, 279-222/654; Sheryl Rancit, 223-213/825; David Szwarcman, 223-204/608; Alan Wachs, 221-205/602; Mark Feibers, 218-214.
Mayflower Lanes (Redford)
Wed. Senior Men's Classic — Phil Horowitz, 237-241-268/746; Tony Golchuk, 229-207-247/683; Cliff Taylor, 277-253/733; Ernie Seare, 225-209-248/673; Jim Castelli, 211-257/652.
Monday Seniors — Andy Parsetto, 244-235-025; Jim Rupp, 250/690; Jay Weetick, 256/675; Bill Albrite, 681; Bill Rose, 655; Ozie Hovsepian, 250/609.
Friday Seniors — Rich Zecherani, 236/675; Bill Hardy, 260/660; Jim Priebe, 237/652; Mel Albrite, 233/648; Art Kuzlar, 224/647; Walt Kienast, 234/621.
Garden Lanes (Livonia City)
St. Linus Classic — Frank Bollinger, 279-268-202/749; Frank Chirakowski, 257-306-247/112; Dave B. Bazer, 250-233/668; John Adornis, 201-233-234/668; Tim Murray, 245-220/681.
West Side Lutheran — Dave Cornwell, 256/684; Raf Schlosser, 254/660; Clark Stone, 685; Tom Earles, 640; Tim Warner, 633.
Classic Lanes (Rochester Hills)
Tues. A.M. — Carl Sell, 299.
Club 55 (seniors) — Andy Kudva, 230; Tom Hanson, 233/649; Jim Locke, 247/614.
B'Nai B'nai Morgenstau Chanyim Siegel-Gross — Marshall Spinner, 215-229-230/680; Bill Zucker, 235/607; Larry Harwin, 204/602; Sandy Freeman, 226-204; Dennis Soool, 211-220.
Thunderbird Lanes (Troy)
Saturday NADA Youth — Joe Hagan, 287; Matt Willis, 277/630; Mike Cole, 679.
One O'Clock Rollers — Carol Fenwick, 244/536; Patty Messing, 241/541.

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thought would be there. It's something that presented itself out of the blue."

Pesci had agreed to help in the role of a U-D volunteer assistant coach, working with the outfielders and pitching batting practice to the younger players.

"It's kinda funny," he said. "All of a sudden, I'm back playing with these guys."

Miller was pleased when he learned the hard-hitting center fielder would be back in a U-D uniform again.

"I was amazed, when they picked me up off the floor, after I fainted," he said. "I thought 'Doggone, we might have another good year with the big fella here.'"

"They have the rule, and I have to give Michael credit. He's the one who dug the NCAA out of the wonderful rule the NCAA has. I don't agree with the NCAA on everything, but this one I do."

A teammate asked Pesci if he was serious about playing again, wondering if Pesci's commitment was still there. Obviously, he doesn't know Pesci very well.

"If I'm coming back, I'm coming back to win again," he said. "There's no difference in my attitude from last year."

"I didn't think I'd play again at any level. Being part of a team again — something I've done since I was 7 years old — in itself is enough to come back let alone compete and play for a championship."

And it looks as if the 8-foot-2, 230-pound Pesci has picked up where he finished last season when he hit .409 (72-for-176) in 61 games with 14 doubles, 16 home runs, 46 RBI and 136 total bases.

On the recent spring trip, Pesci batted .365 (8-for-21) in

five games; he had five doubles, two home runs, six RBI and 19 total bases.

"He hit the ball well. He hit the ball!" Miller said.

Pesci batted third in the order last year but is the new clean-up hitter, surrounded by Mike Daguanno (Farmington Hills/Catholic Central) and Jason Gombos. Daguanno hit over .500 and had four home runs on the spring trip.

"It helped having guys hitting in front of me and behind me playing well," Pesci said.

The Titans were 3-2 and had four games rained out. U-D was 27-24 last year, winning the MCC tournament but losing a two-game set to Troy State in an NCAA pre-regional qualifier.

"Coach said we had some unfinished business, and that's very true," Pesci said. "As a team, our goal is to win the league in the regular season and playoffs and get a bid to the NCAA regional."

The extra year of college ball might help Pesci get a profes-

sional tryout, too. He was drafted by the Arizona Diamondbacks following his junior year at U-D and wasn't selected or signed last year.

"I was never bitter about it or not signing the year before," he said. "We had a great season last year, and I was happy to be part of it."

"Everyone tells me 'Don't give up,' but that's not why I get up early every day to hit and work-out, especially now. I'm just playing for a chance to play again, and what will be will be."

Miller is optimistic, however.

"Michael runs well for a big kid," he said. "If he can stay free of injury and repeat close to the year he had last year, somebody has to pick him up and give him a chance."

"There are three new teams now, and we'll do everything in our power to see if we can't get him signed."

"He'd be a great complement to any organization, minor league or big league. They need guys like Mike Pesci."

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Baseball Hall of Fame announcer

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