

'98 season around corner

The traditional kickoff of the bowling season is less than a month away as the 62nd Annual John P. Gavie Memorial Tournament will take place at Thunderbowl Lanes on Monday, Aug. 17.

The difference this year is that Mr. Gavie is no longer with us. From now on, the event will be his living, enduring memorial.

John Gavie made his mark in our community in many ways, and those bowlers who take to the lanes will forever be grateful for the many good things that occurred under his guidance and leadership.

The tournament is open to team entries with three divisions: men's, women's and seniors. Each division has its own prizes based on the number of entries. All contestants will receive nice commemorative gifts, which will also serve as mementos of the event.

The entry fee is \$75 per team (five to a team), prior to Aug. 1 and \$80 after that date. One out of five entries will cash. This is a scratch tournament; that means no handicaps. It is sanctioned through ABC and WIBC.

For those who have been bowl-

ing in past John P. Gavie Tournaments, your entry forms have been mailed. For newcomers, the entry blanks are available on most bowling counters all over town.

This event is far more than just a bowling tournament. It is an opportunity for old friends to get together and even rub shoulders with some of the great bowlers, past and present.

It is a good chance to get the competitive juices flowing again just prior to the season. For those who truly enjoy good sportsmanship, experience, it is the place to be.

If your team would like to enter the Gavie Tournament, I suggest that you get the entries in soon, as this one gets booked pretty solid, and about 500 bowlers will be in competition.

In case you don't know who John P. Gavie was, he was the organizer and promoter of the All-Stars and served as commissioner of the All-Star leagues until he passed away last October at the age of 50.

They called him the "Night Mayor" of Detroit back in the early days, and he had a lot of pull that enabled him to get the job done.

In fact this event was always started with a parade down Woodward Avenue to the State Fair Grounds with Gov. "Soapy" Williams in the lead car as the grand marshal, with the

mayor's car right behind followed by all the great bowling teams.

Times have changed, but the John P. Gavie Tournament is pretty much the same. It's just a gathering of the people who are so much involved in the sport to compete on friendly terms and enjoy the camaraderie, the competition and the official beginning of the 1998-99 season.

For information or entry forms, call Gary at (313) 391-2225 or Frank Gavie at (810) 285-1304.

It is mid summer and the bowlers are boating, golfing, fishing and all that good stuff. Perhaps it's a bit early to think about the new season, but take a minute and plan ahead.

Are you all set with your league? How about your team? Is it full and ready to go? All too often we seem to wait until the last moment to realize that we need another bowler or need to bring in a few more teams.

This is where the local bowling center can do its job. The centers usually have names of people looking for a spot to bowl. It's time to ask around among friends and neighbors or make some calls.

I will also place your requests in upcoming issues of Ten-Pin Alley if you send the information to me at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

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We'll pick 30 winners for each game from all entries with the correct answer. Each winner will receive four (4) Lower Deck Reserved Seat passes. Passes will be mailed to each winner. Winners announced in paper Thurs., August 6 in the Classified section.

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SWIMMING

- NORTHWEST SUBURBAN LEAGUE**
FARMINGTON GLEN 288, DEERVIEW 270 (Monday, July 13)
- Deerview double winners:** Linda McCrean (13-14 girls), 100 IM, 1:12.25; 50 breast, 30:58; Brian Church (8-9 boys), 25 back, 27:28; 25 fly, 31:57; Kevin Melt (15-16 boys), 50 free, 35:60; (11-12 girls), 50 fly, 39:00; Douglas Irey (9-10 boys), 50 back, 40:57; 50 breast, 50:41; Dan Dietzen (13-14 boys), 50 breast, 40:51; 50 free, 32:01.
- Deerview single winners:** Lisa Drazek (8-9 girls), 25 back, 25:33; Jaki Waldecker (11-12 girls), 50 free, 33:15; Kristen Kluka (11-12 girls), 50 back, 40:58; Kathleen Melt (13-14 girls), 50 back, 38:01; Julie Kluka (15-16 girls), 100 free, 1:00:55; Don Schwalm (15-16 girls), 50 breast, 38:28; Zach Jones (9-10 boys), 50 fly, 40:81; Jim Gabriel (15-16 boys), 50 back, 32:00; Matt Walker (15-16 boys), 50 breast, 33:45; Justin Barringer (15-16 boys), 100 free, 1:01:34.
- Deerview relay winners:** 42-year girls 200 freestyle (Kristen Kluka, Jaki Waldecker, Rennie Jones, Katie Sten), 2:39:55; 82-year girls 200 medley (Carrie Gabriel, Kathleen
- Mell, Jaki Waldecker, Sarah Paske), 2:28:03.**
- DEVERLY HILLS 311, DEERVIEW 287**
Deerview double winners: Rennie Jones (8-9 girls), 25 free, 10:09; 25 breast, 25:53; Linda McCrean (13-14 girls), 100 IM, 1:12:35; 50 breast, 37:97; Lindsay Fetters (15-16 girls), 100 IM, 1:10:97; 50 breast, 38:44; Julie Kluka (15-16 girls), 50 back, 37:37; 100 free, 1:00:15; Kevin Melt (9-10 boys), 50 breast, 45:10; 50 fly, 41:03; Doug Irey (9-10 boys), 50 back, 40:51; 50 free, 38:05; Justin Barringer (15-16 boys), 100 free, 1:01:07; 100 IM, 1:12:35.
- Deerview single winners:** Lisa Drazek (8-9 girls), 25 back, 24:81; Jaki Waldecker (11-12 girls), 50 free, 33:15; Kathleen Melt (13-14 girls), 50 fly, 41:53; Sarah Paske (13-14 girls), 50 free, 32:27; Jim Gabriel (15-16 boys), 50 back, 32:07; Matt Walker (15-16 boys), 50 breast, 33:07.
- Deerview relay winners:** 60-year girls 200 freestyle (Julie Kluka, Don Schwalm, Lindsay Fetters, Linda McCrean), 2:09:32; 68-year boys 200 freestyle (Matt Walker, Justin Bar-
- ringer, Jim Gabriel, Dan Dietzen), 1:50:30.**
HUNT, WOOD 282, KENDALLWOOD 282 (Monday, July 13)
- Kendallwood double winners:** Kevin Irey (13-14 boys), 100 IM, 1:12:00; 50 fly, 32:60; Neva Alver (15-16 girls), 50 breast, 37:41; 100 IM, 1:15:02; Tim Ryan (13-14 boys), 50 breast, 38:44; 50 back, 28:08; 100 IM, 1:10:44; (8-9 boys), 25 back, 22:53; 25 fly, 26:33; Caryn Swital (9-10 girls), 50 fly, 39:48; 50 free, 35:75; Brian Church (9-10 boys), 50 back, 44:44; 50 free, 38:53; Katya Bachruche (8-9 girls), 25 free, 18:10; 25 fly, 20:03.
- Kendallwood single winners:** Lauren Wolff (8-9 girls), 25 back, 24:50; Jason Clark (9-10 boys), 50 fly, 42:61; Lauren Ovens (9-10 boys), 50 breast, 49:33; Andrew Womack (9-10 boys), 50 breast, 51:79; Tim Lento (8-9 boys), 25 breast, 28:84; Lindsay Helly (11-12 girls), 50 breast, 41:38; Lauren Turner (11-12 girls), 50 fly, 33:12.
- Kendallwood relay winners:** 40-year mixed 200 freestyle (Caryn Swital, Katya Bachruche, Lindsay Legacki, Ginn Legacki), 2:28:00.

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