

War injuries can't deter Vietnam vet



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Let's call this most item a profile in courage.

John Stephens of Plymouth bowls in the K of C League Monday nights at Merri Bowl Lanes in Livonia. Stephens leads the league in averages at 223, has shot at least a 700 series over the past five weeks and is truly one heck of a fine bowler.

The rest of the story starts back in 1970. "The place was called Vietnam, and there was an awful conflict going on between the forces of good and evil. There was also a land mine out there, and in a quick millisecond John Stephens' life would never be the same. He lost one leg above the knee and the other was badly damaged. Bowling was the last thing on his mind after the lengthy rehabilitation and his return to his home in Westland at that time.

Some of his neighbors insisted that he join their team as a sixth man, and perhaps just to get out a little among his friends. It took awhile for him to figure out a way to deliver the ball, as his movement was quite limited. He has an artificial left leg and wears a brace on the right, but he came up with a no-step delivery, generated a powerful swing and let his own natural ability and determination take over.

Perhaps self-conscious at first, John kept at it, did not give up, and accomplished something that others would think impossible. His courage and determination has paid off, as he has developed him into one fine bowler.

He has been over a 200 average for the last eight years. "His high-water marks are 290 and 778. He is retired from the truck engine division of Caterpil-

lar in Novi.

Every now and then a new innovation comes along. From the initial suggestion of Brunswick representative Ken Lauterbach to the management of Mayflower Lanes in Redford came the first Cosmic Comp for Kids (ages 3 and up).

The Jan. 11 camp was under the direction of Vickie Ingham of Livonia. It was indeed a wonder that so many kids showed up considering the miserable weather.

Most of the kids came from open bowling and were invited to take part in the event, a four-week activity on Mondays.

It was all enhanced by the newly installed Brunswick Cosmic effects and music that was a delight for the kids and parents.

Cosmic bowling has special lighting effects that when coordinated with the music provide a totally fun atmosphere for young and old alike. The smaller children had bumpers.

As an added attraction, the Cosmic Kid "Twinkle" came along in full regalia and handed out the glow bracelets for all the kids and helped out with the program.

There were refreshments for all and the kids could win prizes in the Red Pin Game. There is a grand door prize, a cosmic bowling ball, which will be given out next week. This was designed to get kids involved in the fun of bowling, that will get them interested in the sport.

The Mayflower staff was very involved from the start with the full support of proprietor, Henry Miele. Each month will bring about a new camp, and a different day of the week will be used, so that more parents will be able to make it to the lanes.

Other bowling houses should take a good look at this because it's great for the game and great for the kids who participate.

For more information, call Mayflower at (313) 937-8420.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

GARDEN LANES (Garden City)

12/17/98: Ken Kim, 300.
St. Ursus Men's Classic: Frank Chirnowski, 224-268-228/717; Dan Bollinger, 225-247-677/632; Ed Giamitti, 229-210-239/677; Ron Letimer, 214-247-214/675; Dave Clark, 249-225/672; Scott Wisenand, 222-222-225/671.

MAYFLOWER LANES (Redford)

Wednesday Senior Men's Classic: Rich Gorka, 265-203/639; Stan Gorka, 265-203/639; Paul Temple, 214-259-214/697; Duane Kuras, 225-232/654; Ted Kuras, 269/647; Jesse MacClosche, 221-233-225/678.

MERRI BOWL (Livonia)

Bowling Bags: Robin Barter, 207/586; Maude Wenzel, 325.
Early Risers: Wanda DeNardi, 202/560; Cathy Truskowski, 209/540; Jean Snyder, 531.

Senior Merri Bowlers: Mike Possett, 214/843; Roy McMahon, 202/543; Betty Moore, 209/518; Carmen Leggett, 202/749.

Youth League (Pin Busters): Andrew Kozowski, 133-130; Matt Royak, 157; Bryan Anderson, 182; Romel Minor, 101; Joe Rizzo, 239/600; Ben Tobler, 134.

Pin Heads: Nate Hinton, 234-223/639; Heather Ringrose, 189; Michael Zak, 174-168; Tim Kops, 180.

Outter Dusters: Kayla Blanchard, 104; Kelly Shown, 124/Mario Vezou, 172; Nicole Lewandowski, 156; Chris Hoppel, 147.

Strikes & Spares: Brandon Mound, 226/576; Darin Gilbert, 187; Dale Donohue, 187; Nyle Shantz, 163; Melissa Saele, 160.

Pool Pros: Amy Koller, 210; Mark McGraw, 235; Brian Deme, 243/682; Dustin Wilson, 220-233/666; Melissa Whitlow, 159; Andrew Murray, 237; Josh Smith, 222; Roby O'Connell, 222.

GLACIOLANES (Livonia)

Kings & Queens: Todd Butler, 640; Glenn Puro, 608.
St. Alden's Men: John Golen, 200-242/629; Peterano, 240/402; Dave Weber, 227-231-212/670; Conrad Sobala, 200-205/604; Rob Jackson, 217/207.

Falcons Thursday Nite: Steve Guesley, 219/112; Wayne Walters, 264/671; Craig Fleischer, 248/660; Cal Collins, 683; Dave Dorned, 671.

TUSA Annual Battle of the Sexes: Gwen Finley, 219/666; Nick Henigan, 267-242/656; Eddie Towns, 249/699; Lonnie Finley, 217-219/265; Indie Smith, 263; Eric Hanley, 218/704; Marvin Parker, 266/732.

WONDERLAND LANES (Livonia)

Father/Son (Bane): Glen Stempack, 290 (141 pins over average); Mike Berlin, 207/705; (Dads) Dutch Hiner, 205/602.
Wonderland Classic: Rick Bratley, 265-217/706; Mark Payne, 300/150; Dave Kroll, 290/747; Ed Malinowski, 730; Brad Walter, 272/608; Bob Smith, 718.

Nite Owls: Mark Linaker, 253/700; Mike Piontek, 242/673; Anthony Young, 658; Jeff Schiklin, 656; Curt Grogan, 202/631.

WOODLAND LANES (Livonia)

Ford & C Ladies: Faith Cuzart, 233; Diane Reschke, 214; Sherry Womala, 224; Diane Bral, 201; Stacy Simon, 211; Lori Bacon, 223; Sandy Gorman, 203.

Ford Parts: Vaughn Pistoletti, 266/677; Tom Henderson, Jr., 219-267/734; Ken Warren, 678; Larry Cooper, 685; Don Paquette, 663; Shane Wyatt, 681.

Jacks & Jills: Joe C. Henge, 287/676; Denise Werg, 202/524; Don Thor, 235; Denise Durkin, 226/578.

Senior House: Premium Bowling Participants: Richard Peck II, 249/730; Gary Duward, 258/755; Phil Caldwell, 245/702; Jeff Roche, 269/713.

Ladies Nite Out: Laura Zain, 266/643.

Midnight Mix: Dave Parker, 659; Bill Robertson, 687; John Hurley, 700.
Midnighters: Tony Smith, 660.

Men's Title: Jeff Adamczyk, 300; Steve Virant, 214/738; Eric Watson, 705; Dave Gross, 257/717; John Muccinani, 258/717; John Wells, 703.

Sparemen: Jan Belierche, 250.
Early Birds: Fran Carlson, 516; Mary Sharkey, 509; Laura Sokala, 515.

Gay 90s: Cliff Parker, 225; John Nelson, 207.
Happines: Susan Rodey, 266/683.

Fridays & Queens: Andy Artero, 299.
West Chicago Men: Ron Dedes, 300.
Horned Gators: Marge Kelley, 204; Helen Haney, 196.

Monday Seniors: Doug Arnold, 211; Fred Johnson, 200.
Lynden Meadows: Owen Fedrigo, 213.

Local 182: Bob Morris, 214; Frank Bertani, 224/607.

WESTLAND DOWL

Sunday sleepers Invitational: Chris Kiczinski, 299/706; Billy Gerace, 270/786; Martin Nicklun, 252/707; Janel Hughes, 258/741; Gene Piotrowski, 218/712.

St. Mel Men's: Jim Slevin, 265/747; Bob Dorsey, 279/748; John Avey, 235/645; Mark

Brooks, 247/652; Bill Gallagher, 233/675.

Fifty Men's Invitational: Paul Velasquez, 245/691; Rommel Allie, 265/728; Sean Collins, 247/621; Joe Collins, 229/620; Ken Jouskowski, 224/622; Steve Zivora, 255/568; Steve Witkowski, 224/637; Larry Malone, 268/601; Al Carpenter, 257/612; Mike Caspa, 246/718; Jim Jendruski, 247/701.

COUNTRY LANES (Farmington)

Sunday Seniors: Wayne Lavelle, 236; Mike Kovacs, 207/200; Al Harrison, 205.
University Men's: John Flores, 269; Chris Smith, 268/711; Jerry Flores, 898.

Monday Night Men: Mike Kassa, 246; Chicago Shabs, 244; Eddie Arseno, 665; Sand Hanama, 640.
Birkers: Edie John, 207/547; Dave Yalco, 202.

Princes of Peace: Laura O'Connell, 209; Colleen Fack, 209/554.
Monday Nite Men: Mark Gladden, 250; Steve Fortney, 256/707; Jack Treolar, 255; Ken Veno, 693.

Nite Birth Brotherhood (Eddie Jacobson): Jerry Rosa, 217-264/672; Barry Fishman, 242-217-201/670; Stuart Vinayak, 223-217/633; Mike Lieberman, 249/202/623; Mike Klinger, 233-220/610.

Wednesday Nite: Jeff Elmsberg, 248; Keith Kingston, 247/685; Wendy Lord, 213/540; Jackie Ulrich, 202.
Wednesday Nite Ladies: Sue Kim, 214/610; Lisa Allen, 210.

Chuck Crut: Derek Amosch, 246/634; Chuck Crut, 244/636; Curt Colaba, 240.
Rockin' R: Rand Dawood, 234/589; Robert Shammari, 221.

Wednesday Night: Pat Testa, 278; Will Karp, 267/696; Steve Linger, 267/749.
KING: Craig Sorvalish, 275/671; Barney Knapp, Jr., 267; Dave Spiza, 256/665; Ron Mathison, 255/631; Bill Ricks, 247/630.

Farmington School: Matt Leav, 247/560; Steve Jaffe, 212; Laura Lazar, 158.
Country Seniors: Mando Garcia, 219/556; Jason Heger, 204/545.

DRAXHEIMER LANES (Farmington)

Nite Birth Downtown: Kevin Elberger, 213-210/617; David Rose, 211-200; Jason Elberger, 206-202; Neal Driflich, 225; Ron Jacobs, 224.

Nite Birth Morgenthau: Ucharin/Zalgor-Grosz: Larry Gartlake, 206-223-205/634; Jerry Brucia, 223-236/629; Marshall Sommer, 226-205/620; Steve Hoberman, 224-215/619; Lori Moss, 242/602.

SUPER BOWL (Canton)

Youth League (Saturday 11 a.m. Majors): Nicholas Down, 202; Jessica Force, 233.
Saturday 9 a.m. Majors: Pat Brown, 250/715; David Mint, 213/579; Brian Stack, 221/601; Ben Berman, 259/592; Matt McElroy, 540.

Saturday 11 a.m. Juniors: Tiffany Richards, 162; Melissa Siemess, 160; Adam Lejole, 177.
Saturday 9 a.m. Juniors: Brent Moore, 209/561; Michael Ugesa, 231.

Saturday 9 a.m. Pros: Steven Howells, 161.
Friday Majors: Brad Burnmeister, 203; Tim Moncreff, 214/605.

Friday Pros: Bill Schmetler, 138; Danielle Reinhardt, 138; David Roth, 125.
PLAZA LANES (Plymouth)

Plaza Men: Mark Pennington, 256; Bill Clements, 289/694; Ron Way, 290/710; Don Cather, 258; Bruce Cadour, 274.

Powerline Men: Clarence McEles, 257; Pete Herman, 248-257/677.
Sheldon Road Men: Don Rodabach, 265-259; Dave Kowalski, 266; Darryl Alexander, 258; Dave Bogdan, 267.

St. Cecilia Men's: John Glasgow, 259; Bob Gatten, 254; Tim Hester, 252.

NOVI BOWL

Westside Ladies: Tim Collins, 666; Chuck Berry, 268/656; Lynn Lewis, 653; Mike Hasty, 636; Steve Fack, 630.

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BOWLING TIP OF THE WEEK



Bill Zacherank

strong at the finish works against them, and they have to fight the ball to be on target."

He adds: "The key with many of the newer balls is to throw with a more natural release so the ball will not over-react, and let technology do its work."

Asked about exotic drillings, Bill says: "For the average bowler it's not really necessary, but for somebody who wants to get more aggressively into the game, I highly recommend it enhances the back-end reaction and hitting power."

"There are many ways to do this: leverage weight, leverage axis weight or many other off-label drill patterns."

"It can be done to make a ball more aggressive or to take one down. It really does work, so consult your pro shop on this."

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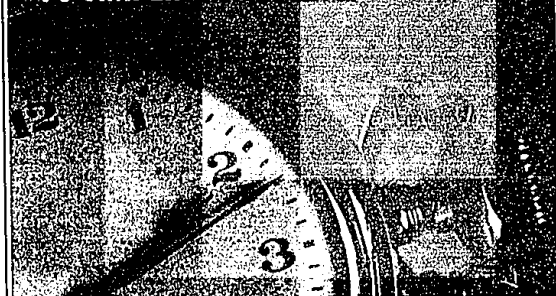
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