

# It was a vacation, but he should've had his bowling ball

**TEENIN ALLEY**  
**AL HARRISON**

While you were shoveling away the last vestiges of winter, Sandy and I were touring the deep South. The itinerary was to visit relatives in Atlanta and tour the historic cities of Savannah and Charleston.

Thankfully, the old Dodge van ran perfectly well, even with 115,000-plus miles on it.

No, I did not take my bowling ball, as the open rates to bowl are much higher than in our area.

The cannonballs stacked up at Port Sumter resemble bowling balls except they are cast iron and weigh about 60 pounds each.

The Charleston, S.C., daily newspaper runs a weekly bowling report similar to this but features mostly local honor-roll scores from six different leagues.

One tourist attraction we missed was the Biltmore House in Asheville, N.C., built by George Vanderbilt in 1887. It is the largest private home in

America, situated on 8,000 acres. The 260-room mansion includes an indoor gymnasium, swimming pool and bowling alley. If only I had brought along my bowling ball!

•Current leaders in the Hamtramck singles — Daniel Gohschling 875 plus-168/1,043; Scratch singles — Jason Johnson of Farmington Hills, 1,000; eight-game singles, Gary Roe 2,013;

Ladies singles — Sandy Winbiger, 970 plus-20/990; Seniors singles — Lou Dupuis 892 plus-100/992;

Doubles — Rick and James Bertrand, 1,950; Tim Garrett of Grosse Pointe and Randy Pierce of Canton, 1,537.

•Watch the April Fool's Day Drew Carey Show and you could

strike it rich, according to the ad in People magazine (March 29 issue). The show airs at 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, on ABC. You could win a bowling match with Drew, plus \$100,000 cash.

You have to spot what's wrong in the April Fool's Day show and send in your entry. Check out the ad on page 36 for rules.

•Among the many topics and activities at the annual American Bowling Congress convention in Syracuse, N.Y., last week was the announcement of the new web site on the internet.

It is [www.bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com) and will be the most comprehensive internet site for bowling.

It will provide a broad range of information and news about the industry, including all bowling membership organizations, schedules and news of major professional and amateur competitions. You'll be able to register for tournaments on-line and view event results in real time.

•In the recent National Seniors Bowling Association event March 13 at Fairlawn, it was out-stater Dave Cushion of Williamston who qualified 16th.

Cushion defeated Bill Maynard of Lansing, 268-223, in his first match and edged James Dickinson of Detroit, 195-190.

Dave's semifinal match was against Tom Johannes; Dave again won, this time with a big cushion, 269-182.

The final match proved to be the most exciting in the five-year history of the NSBA.

Mike Surdyk of Redford provided the opposition, and he started with the first seven strikes against Cushion's spare and five strikes.

In the seventh frame, Cushion left a nine-pin and missed it to give Surdyk a 25-pin lead after seven frames.

Surdyk ran into a five-pin split and converted only two to see his lead shaved to 12 pins. Throwing first in the 10th, Surdyk could have shot Cushion out with two strikes.

However, he got only the first one. Cushion, working on a strike in the ninth, got all three in the 10th to tie the match and force a roll-off.

In the first roll-off, they tied and had to do it again. Cushion prevailed this time, 39-28, and took home the winner's check of \$750.

The next NSBA event will be Saturday, April 10, at Thunder-bowl Lanes in Allon Park.

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**BOWLING TIP OF THE WEEK**

Todd Stuart is the manager of Stus' Championship Bowling & Trophy pro shop in Cherry Hill Lanes located at Cherry Hill and Inker roads.

Todd recently rolled his fourth 300 game and second 800 series. He also averages around 217 at Skore Lanes and 224 in the Saturday mixed at Ford Lanes.

Todd Stuart would like to advise all bowlers on the care and feeding of bowling balls.

•Reactive resin balls are the most commonly used today," Stuart says, "and the most important part of any resin ball is the surface on it."

He recommends having it resurfaced about every 150 games or so. Once reactive resin balls track up, they do not react like they did when new.

That is the big difference between resins and urethane balls. On urethane balls, you want to get a track on it. On resin balls you want to make sure the track doesn't get as deep because that eats into the coverstock of the ball.

Take it in to any pro shop to have it done," says Stuart, who has a heat resurfacing machine which takes about forty minutes to do the job.

The same goes for pearlized resin balls. This procedure would also work for the newer pro-actives, too. It will extend the life of those expensive reactive resin balls.

Urethane balls are more brittle, so they do not track up as easily. They tend to last longer.

Stuart recommends urethane balls be sanded, about once every four to six weeks depending on how much you bowl. Any pro shop will be able to do this.

It helps the urethane ball react better to the lane. Use a good ball cleaner once a week on the resins to keep them tacky.

There are lots of good cleaners out. Check with the pro shop on this item.

Squeaky Clean and Revit are the more popular ones out there. A good cleaner will help maintain a good tacky finish on the ball.

Keep in mind that you can have a good resurfacing job done about three or four times before the ball has about had it.

For the average bowler that means perhaps once a year, so a resin ball may last about four years.

The important thing in care of the ball is to clean it once a week. It will last longer and work better for you.

Todd was once asked for a clue as to when ball needs to be resurfaced.

"If you have a high performance resin ball and you are getting out of the ball good, but it is not carrying over two or three weeks in a row, that tells you it get resurfaced."

As for polyester plastic balls, they can be put into the cleaning machine, or even resurfaced at the pro shop.

Todd cautions anyone against the Mark Martin method of putting the ball in the oven to heat it and sweat out the oil. This is can be very damaging to the chemicals used to manufacture the ball.

Some pro shops have a special heat unit which is designed to do this, but please, do not try it at home unless your fire department is very close by.

"If you have any questions on the care and feeding of your bowling ball, call Todd Stuart at (313) 278-0959.

**BOWLING HONOR ROLL**

**COUNTRY LANES (Farmington)**  
Greenfield Mixed: Barbara Turner, 233-247/673; Ryan Wilson, 247-228-237/712; Tony Varnas, 682; Dabble VanMeter, 235-555; Ken Smith, 244-255/671; Steve Myers, 224-223-207/854.

**St. Paul's Men:** Ken Ennick, 2447; Rob Gola, 670.

**All Over Mixed:** Tom Pellegrino, 300/706; Paul Orschan, 269/713; Vicki Tondreau, 227/645; Linda Geyman, 201/650; Chris Rush, 269/678; Ron Wells, 234/809; Esther Tondreau, 225; Kathy Sasek, 217/555.

**Farmington Bowlers:** Marc Leach, 246/942; Jacob VanMeter, 225/559; Josh Wool, 224/552; Susan Zuck, 357.

**Lane Lakes John Fleiter:** 248; Curt Cabela, 248/632; John Hurn, 244; Mike Claranah, 246/659; Gary Sarkanen, 245; Doug Ness, 225.

**Monday Mix:** Andy Rask, 278; Larry Sperbaum, 269/709; Dave Tome, 278; Michael Miller, 269.

**St. Paul's Men:** Jerry Lash, 226-232-235/683; Jeff Eisenberg, 225-254/665; Allen Zuppske, 234-224/854; Ryan Lash, 224-210/641; Barry Flannan, 225-223/636.

**Country Legends:** Kila Dodd, 269/714; John Donahue, 256/661; Ed Duke, 255; Ron Kuhn, 248; Dan Dwyer, 246/621.

**Country High School:** Eric Raby, 255/626; Shawn Meyers, 245; Melissa Miller, 212; Jerry Long, 205/678; Carl Berman, 223.

**Sunday Seniors:** Bob Wolney, 245/630; Jim Sackow, 227/690; Jean Bainbridge, 201/533.

**University Men:** Clarence Bishop Jr., 267; Glenn Litrow, 257/705; D. Chedid, 278; Kimberly Kalm, 269.

**Prison of Peace:** Celeste Flack, 211/560; Barb Bishop, 207.

**St. Paul's Brotherhouse:** Eddie Jacobson; Rick Woolman, 278/681; Mike Lieberman, 256-210/635; Steve Weinberg, 224-218-209/631; Steve Arnsdorf, 222-234/645; Dennis Horvitz, 232-225/639.

**EVEN - 7:** Matt McKenzie, 278/708; Dave Spitz, 268/693; Walt Mahowald, 264/653;

John Hungerman, 249; Sonny Carmichael, 242/646; Ron Mathison, 269/691; Don Coughlin, 257/700; John Wittemowski, 257/677.

**Country Legends:** Dave Kaliszewski, 279/700; Mark Seling, 253/645; Joe Mainardi, 243; Dave Moraschne, 243/623; Robert Shumko, 227/646.

**Spares & Strikes:** Janie Kaminski, 213/543; Gloria Vanderliet, 209/692; Etela Drabicki, 202/550; Wyn Link, 211; Sandra McCee, 205-202/502.

**Afternoon D Lites:** Bonnie Oshinsky, 225/575; Fonda Schwartz, 206/542; Sherry Kauter, 210/633; Shariann Sullivan, 209/529.

**Birbans:** Julia Garmo, 217; Rita Dewood, 207/640; Yazdan Kaseab, 215/532; Edie John, 214/512.

**Wednesday Odd Couples:** Greg Kemp, 236/565; Wayne Harris, 229/612.

**Monday Night Men:** Chris Danha, 2523/581; Nash Harris, 246; Will Natou, 247/670; David Karna, 246.

**Tuesday Mixed Ties:** Neil Scheffer, 268; Keith Kingston, 269/678; Larry Horn, 266; Rick Gavin, 277; Al Dohse, 265; Kevin Landers, 213/645; Chris Shihov, 222/606.

**Wednesday Knights:** Kevin Keranen, 278; Eric Bright, 268; Rich Grossman, 259; Steve Lingert, 268.

**Wednesday Nite Ladies:** Shelly Cass, 229; Donna Lay, 204; Anita Calchary, 210/557; Nora Morn, 207.

**Advanced Youth (seniors):** Jack Harrison, 232/612; Stan Skarbnik, 227/544; Fred Plency, 205/548.

**Country Legends:** Gary West, 211/553; Nikki Snyder, 232; Howard Hardy, 210/546; Jerry Haskola, 199.

**DRANKERS LANES (Farmington)**  
St. Paul's Brotherhouse: L'Cheryl/Zaglor; Grant Jerry Brodie, 212-224; Larry Garbake, 223-211; Dennis Sobel, 221; Larry Harwin, 215; Lee Worsatan, 212.

**St. Paul's Downtown Fox:** Larry Kaplan, 278-209/683; Wyn Tate, 217-212/620; David Rose, 231-212/632; Steve Taper, 223-202/611; Jean Eblinger, 246/602.

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Sunday, March 28, 3:00-3:50 p.m.

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