

# Saad still knocks down bowling pins at age 95



**Do you remember the comedian who said, "If I knew I was going to live this long, I'd have taken better care of myself?"**

For Lewis Saad, it's no joke. This very active 95-year-old bowler is still averaging around 160 in a couple of leagues.

He has been a member of one league for 72 years (second longest in the U.S.) and on top of that he is highly recognized for one of his early activities as a director in the Greater Detroit Bowling Association.

He collects dollars from individuals during GDBA and other events to help sponsor the Greater Detroit Yearbook.

A native Detroit, Lewis is now living in the Greater Detroit area where he taught at Cooley High School for 39 years.

His all-time high game was 289 in 1964 (he left a ten pin) and since then he has had a 726 series.

He is in his 72nd straight year

in the Board of Education League at Oak Lanes in Westland.

The league began in 1920 and he joined it in 1927. He also bowls in the Westside Proprietors Senior Travel League.

Saad got started bowling at the age of 13, so he has enjoyed the sport for almost 82 years.

Saad recently returned from the American Bowling Congress meeting in Syracuse, N.Y., where he was awarded a plaque for 25 consecutive years of participating in the big event, the ABC Tournament.

As a delegate from one of our local associations, he helped pass most of the amendments which were on the agenda.

One of the major topics at this year's convention is the testing of tiered memberships for the year 1999-2000.

In this, the Silver Level membership will be \$13 per year and the Platinum is \$25, which, of course will be at the members' option.

To make the silver level membership more appealing, a \$5 discount coupon on catalog merchandise will be added to the package. Platinum Club members will receive three benefits as well as other benefits to be

announced.

Both Silver and Platinum Club tiers will include ABC/WIBC play privileges and quarterly issues of Pin Action magazine.

Lewis considers this a good deal, but does not think the majority of members will go for it (maybe in some sections of the country).

The other major subject was the idea of moving the national headquarters from Greendale, Wis. to Orlando, Fla.

This would also require them bringing the ABC tournament to Orlando every three years as they do now for Reno.

Saad became a director of the GDBA in 1976, while in 1977 he started collecting the dollars for the yearbook sponsorship.

He has surpassed \$20,000 in collections, and that is mostly at a rate of one dollar at a time from individuals (each person gets their name listed under sponsors).

This gives a long way towards making this book available at a low cost to those who wish to purchase one.

Bowling centers and sanctioned league secretaries can all get one at no charge.

Anyone who wishes to send in a donation can send a check directly to: Lewis N. Saad, 12656

Coyle, Detroit MI 48227, or call him at (313) 836-0284.

Association directors do not get paid. It is all voluntary work and for most a way of giving back something to the game they love.

Mr. Saad is a perfect example of that.

"Monday is my usual night for girls watching.

These particular girls are the Cloverettes - All-Star Bowlerettes, and I have seen some pretty great bowling when this league is in action.

Last Monday it was Tracey Wade who put on a show with a 280 in Game No. 2. She followed that with a 267 in the third game during which she had 14 consecutive strikes.

In bowling language that is an Andy Varipapa 300, spreading the strikes over two games.

A few ladies down the line there was Jeffy Julia Wright, who was faced with a very difficult spare, the 4-6-7-8-10.

I said to her teammate that Julia will go for it, and she made it, a rare feat for anyone.

Marianne DiRupo put on a good show last week with a 268 game, and she has just won the Detroit Women's Bowling Association tournament in two events,

actual singles with 226-237-250/721 and actual all-events with 641-651-721 for a 2,013 total, the results are now final.

Anyone wants to be a girl watcher? If so they begin bowling at 6:30 p.m.

\*As for the DWBA city tournament, the final winners are:

Team event: Equipment Services, Shore Lanes.

Actual Team: RJ's Pro Shop, Bonanza Lanes.

Doubles: Teri Nisator and Charlene Porzondek from Bonanza Lanes (actual and handicap).

Singles: Kathleen Krol, Fountain Lanes.

Actual Singles: Marianne DiRupo.

All Events: Jackie Folker, Sunnyside Lanes.

Actual All Events: Marianne DiRupo.

We usually have a better representation from O & E cities in the winner's circle, but this year it was mostly eastenders who dominated.

\*Classic Lanes in Rochester and the Avon Hills Lionsess Club will host the 1998 Annual Leader Dogs for the Blind Bowling Benefit, beginning at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 25.

Area bowlers will doubles

with members of the All Star leagues to raise funds for the Leader Dog school.

Each bowler is eligible to win prizes and receive a gift bag donated by local merchants and vendors.

This is a family event and bowlers of all ability levels are encouraged to participate.

The Lionsess Club's goal is to raise \$25,000 for the leader dog school. This year, tournament activities will include several raffles and live and silent auctions.

Members of the community are invited to come and cheer on the bowlers and participate in the auctions.

Representatives of the leader dog school, several of the dogs and leader dogs in training will be present throughout the day.

Leader Dog is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing highly-trained dogs to eligible applicants. The school is located in Rochester and operates entirely on donated funds.

Bowlers must register in advance. The deadline is Monday, April 19. The \$30 entry fee is tax deductible.

Forms may be obtained by calling Classic Lanes at (248) 862-9100.

## BOWLING TIP OF THE WEEK

Vince Imbler has been the owner of the 300 Bowl Pro shop for ten years. It is located on Cass Ave. Road near Elizabeth Lake Road in Waterford.

He learned the fine points of bowling as a teen from the one and only Eddie Lubanski. Imbler still goes to Eddie for some things when he needs it.

Vince is in the book this year at 221 in two leagues, his highest ever and he gives full credit to Lubanski who helped him get more pocket hits to carry.

"Imbler, like so many of us, would often leave a ten pin on what looked like a solid pocket hit.

"What he learned from Lubanski was that he was coming out of the ball from around the side, or circling the ball.

"The last two lessons he had him staying more behind the ball, causing it to roll better and drive harder to the pocket, therefore carrying the good pocket hits.

"When you throw a big arcing curve, it seems like you are throwing a good ball but the six pin will ring around the ten

pin.

Lubanski had him staying behind the ball a little more.

The rotation does not look all that different going down the lane but he could get a better feel of the ball.

Vince says: "My carry improved a lot. I went from leaving between five and ten ten pins in a three-game set to well under five."

So he advises if you are leaving a lot of ten pins, stay more behind the ball. (For lefties, the opposite happens, thus the seven pin remains. Same problem, same solution.)

Actually, let's look at the anatomy of a strike.

In order for a pocket hit to carry, the six-pin is the key. Only the six can take out the ten unless you get very lucky and something else flies by.

If you hit the pocket flush, the three-pin goes straight back and clips the six enough to go around the ten.

In a perfect strike, the ball hits the

head pin first, pushes it towards the two, into the six, into the ten.

Of course, something else may happen, as the ball must take out the nine pin.

With today's conditions and high-power and soft balls and ten are left a lot because of less deflection at the pocket.

If the ball is driving too hard it can drive the five pin past the eight, then only the ball itself must take out the eight pin, too.

Worst case scenario: leave both the eight and the ten on a pocket hit. At least the eight and nine are better targets than the ten to make the spare.

Very few people are accurate enough to hit the pocket in a certain way, so if you believe in the lucky fairy, it may help, but most of all, believe in that good arm to deliver a perfect strike.

If you wish to contact Vince Imbler, call (248) 583-8730.

## BOWLING HONOR ROLL

**COUNTRY LANES (Farmington)**

Sunday Goodtime: Phil Parker, 247-235/671; Tom Schneider, 207 (first 200 pins over average); Dave Lanning, 217; Mark Silverstein, 235/618; Bob Solomon, 205.

Country Legends: Jim McCormick, 208; Dave Kallman, 237/735; Matt Ulrich, 240; Fred Ramirez, 243/649; Gary Yie, 243.

Evening: Matt McKenzie, 258/027; John Hadden, 257/064; Tony Elias, 256/063; Don Senavala, 237; Mike Kalarz, 235/025.

St. Paul's Men: Ken Emmick, 244; Kim Rensen, 244/207.

Strikes & Spares: Kevin Landacre, 205/590; Lil Vance, 606; 632; Sherry McCullough, 217; Lino Altomero, 202.

Wednesday Knights: Steve Lingerot, 263/053; Mike Kasa, 259/009.

Sports Club: Ramiz Semra, 220; George Doran, 217; Lino Altomero, 202.

Lane Lakes: Chuck Cruz, 242; Steve Amoth, 241; Mark Estes, 043.

Roadrunners: Bawlerettes: Mary Novak, 235/557.

Advanced Youth (Easton): Gordon Gregor, 258/050; Don Harrison, 207/648.

University Men: Paul Olschanski, 276; Jeff Teichman, 269; David Conavalo, 695; Keith Smith, 678; Scott Grotto, 606.

B'ral Brith Girls: Jeff Eisenberg, 232-

205-237/073; Mitch Lenton, 233-212-220/601; Wayne Lusk, 213-256/031; Andy Rubin, 208-227/060; Bryan Lewis, 232-210-213/040.

Tuesday Mixed Trio: Andy Rubin, 300/725; Al Bove, 278/700; Wendy Lord, 202/541.

Prize of Peace: Barbara Urbain, 204; Betty Koeber, 201.

Greenfield Mixed: Sandy Wade, 234-205/619; Ed Bin, 247/635; Rick Cetril, 243-230/664; Ken Smith, 213-245/051; Ryan Wilson, 259/667; Debbie Vanmeter, 242.

B'ral Brith Bowlerettes (Eddie Jacobson): Billy Rank, 245-227/040; Steve Walberg, 229-206-202/637; Howard Ward, 228-202/621; Dennis Horwitz, 228-202/621; Steve Adams, 234/610.

Monday Nite Men: Dave Tome, 290/704; Jim McPhail Jr., 279/110.

Monday Mixed: Men: Sam Bakal, 284; Joe Sisto, 254; David Hanama, 629; Messa Mahali, 622.

Tuesday A.M. Ladies: Marge Soles, 222; Diane Holroyd, 197/559.

Afternoon Ladies: Helene Spitz, 217/506; Henri Stone, 195.

Estalies: 227/065; Gifford Nutter, 226.

Country High School: Mike Lee, 235/633; Billy Rank, 214; Doug Grotto, 606.

Country Prep: Jeremy Crockett, 159;

David Silver, 144; Caitlin Sidor, 153; Karl Anson, 150.

Sunday Youth Classics (Traveling): Ruth Symanski, 220/538; Chris Deenen, 238; Bill Fundarbas, 238-210/603; Chuck Roth, 204-257/041; Mark Halstead, 224.

**BRACKEN LANE (Farmington)**

B'ral Brith Bowlerettes (L'Cherry/Zalgor): Omar Steve Hoveman, 236-235/068; Mike Jones, 234-204-227/037; Steve Lusk, 208-257-045; Don Rosenberg, 212-212/610; Allen Kiegan, 224-200/601.

B'ral Brith Bowlerettes: Rex Ted Elio, 248-237/025; David Shramam, 216-208/618; Steve Taper, 222-217; Ken Gross, 242; Steve Kay, 222.

**NOV BOWL**

Westside Ladies: Stu Levy, 260/705; Bob Garvin, 655; Mike Faith, 605; Rick Garvin, 644; Clark Bone, 635.

**PLUM HOLLOW LANES (Southfield)**

LTV & Pines: Anthony Tibbo, 300/696; Laker Tyler, 722.

Fallowfield: Marvin Tibbo, 300.

Fallowfield: David Pepper, 286; Jim Griffin, 256/688; Tony Bennett, 679; Brian Lill, 675.

St. Adam's Men: Rich Rodak, 222; Vince Bastine, 208-225; Dave Weber, 220-223/625; Scott Underwood, 219-213/639; Bob Flager, 243; Rob Jackson, 229.

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