## Last-minute gift idea: new see-through bowling ball

Doar Santa: With less than a week 'til Christmas, is it too late to wish for a new bowling ball?

I already have one or two I like a lot, but Ebonite has come out

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with the new 'Skull' ball. It may seem ghoulish, but this is a lot different from the dull or mundane black, red or blue.

They have developed a Fun Ball series that hese a iready brought forth the brightly colored Zebra and Tai Chi balls in polyester.

The Skull ball was introduced in prototype for the movic 'Mystery Men' starring Janeane Garafolo, not exactly a box office hit, but coming to home video in January.

In the movie, this ball suppos-

edly contained the skull of Garafolo's father, Carmine the Bowler, who was slain by the mob. The ball then became a weapon for her to avenge his death.

death.
Even though the motion picture won't win any Oscars, the ball caught the attention of many fans and Ebonite began production in November, announcing that 8,000 of these would be available that month.

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"The supply was sold out
before they even hit the shelves,"
sold Bill Scheid, Ebonite president. "In a category that was virtunlly non-existent, the Fun
Balls were quickly sold out and
had created a lot of hype and
Beanie Baby mystique."

Beyond being eye-catching, the
new Skull ball is a technological
wonder.

new Skull ball is wonder.
Utilizing Everclear, an excluexcept to create a comEhonite sive polyester to create a com-pletely clear veneer, Ebonite engineers were able to create the first actual see-through bowling

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Other see-through balls were cloudy, at best. This type of ball will have a very low hook coeffi-cient, therefore it will perform best as a spare ball, or for use on very dry lanes.

"The bowling industry has "The bowling industry has been introspective for a very long time," says Bob Roid, vice-president of marketing for Ebonite, "Not only have we been too caught up in a technology to improve scores of a small percentage, the real serious bowlers, the industry simply overlooked the millions of recreational bowlers.

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"More importantly, the indus-try forgot what made bowling a wonderful sport from the begin-– fun.

"Millions of dollars have been spent to find the right core shape, weight and veneer for dif-

ditions."

The highly aggressive balls that many bowlers are using help produce a more powerful shot, but they make spare shooting more difficult.

With the Fun Balls, spareshooting is just a step back to straight basics. If you can throw it, you should make most of the spares.

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As for the Skull ball, the pro-duction run will be limited, so if you want to own one of the freakiest balls ever, see your pro

freaknest balls ever, see your pro shop guy right away.

In the Bacardi/Blue Ribbon group scratch tournament last week at Westland Bowl, Chris Mowinski emerged victorious after a final match dogfight with Bill Zacheranik.

Bill Zacheranik.

It was Zacheranik, however, who stole the show, by being high qualifier with a 300 and 278 among his three game total of 805.

Bill also breezed by his match

play opponents only to lose his carry in the final match, enabling Mowinski, who was a steady performer all day to take home the \$1,500 first prize.

In the second match-play round, Mowinski defeated Gary Duarard 219-170; Bill Zacheranik downed Jim Graves, 249-223 and Mike Gehrke bested last month's winner, Don Parks, 211-193.

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Zacheranik got a bye, then Mowinski bested Gehrke 278-184 to move into the final match. The next event is slated for 11 n.m., Jan. 15, 2000, at Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington Hills.

•Congratulations to Jeff Nieman for his victory over Jeff Potts of Redford in the Midstates Masters 198 division bowled at Super Bowl in Canton last Sun-

day.
Nieman qualified 23rd and Potts made match play by one pin in the 52nd spot.

Other qualifiers from O&E

Cities: Chuck Saperstein, Birmingham (2nd); Mike Wistr (4th), Scott Allen (9th), Al Anderson (12th), of Westland; Bob Workey. (11th) of Livonia; Glenn Swiney. (17th) and Tom Brisbey (38th) of Redford; Allyn Madden (26th) of Southfield; Bob Maki (29th) of Canton and Earl Pugh III (50th) of Garden City.

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usson Nieman earned a trophy and \$2,300 for first and runner up Potts pocketed \$1,150 for sec-ond place.

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\*Jarvis Woehlke rolled a perfect game Tuesday morning in the Senior Men's Invitational League at Wonderland Lanes in Livonia.

Livonia.

There have been a lot of other 300 games around town, but Jarv is only 86 years young and underwent knee replacement surgery a few years ago.

He is nicknamed The Mechanic', descriptive of his precision style. It was the second 300 for Woehlke, in his long bowling career.

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Rosni, 243/060; Bud Kreemer, 242-235/051;
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Hosn), 242/650; Bud Kraemer, 242/235/051; Jack Dahlstrom, 250. Friday Benders: Mel Albite, 259/719; Walt Arschault, 278/671; Dick Kieffer, 242/670; Len Zendel, 256/659; Frank Federico, 244/655.

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GBG Auto: Paule Starski, 223/608; Judy
Gentille, 234/592; Ann Niedermayer, 214/592; Gerry Spellman, 235/560; Hazel Pran, 221/555.

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Town 'n Country (Westland)
WB Sanday Memorial: Carol Konopataki,
25/9/730.
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25/9/751.
Toursday Morning Men: Rick Fair, 300:
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Barrett, 190. E/O Hard Times: Al Biering, 299/767; Paul Massie, 260/643i Louise Cordle, 256/590; Kathy Brown, 243/606; Laura Maher, 219/590.

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Donn Bollinger, 222-222-221/605; Bib Paris,
235-224/654; Rion Latimer, 249-3127/657;
Friday Nite Ladies Classic: Shen Maccarelto, 257-247/691; Sup Joiner, 212-276/674;
Suc Siemets, 215-214-247/676.

Katie Bishop, 226.
Annapolis Boys: Matt Koshorok, 234/614.
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Vokaty, 224-226/624.
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258/740; Mickey Smith, 266/712; Jelf
Roche, 257/706: Mick Loroce, 259/850.
Woodland Midnighters: Paul Bruckner,
212: Jim Zejansk), 269/684; Frank Hickowski, 246/642; Tim Mielcarek, 219/606; Jim
Riven, 214.

Ryan, 214. Gay '90e (Seniors): Chuck Simpson, 201-207; John Nelson, 211; Norm Renaud, 210. Sunday Night Sunsetters: Barb Sertore,

258. Men's Trio: Greg Winglid, 257/695; Mike Travis, 258/690; Mark Shlemke, 259/721; John Wodarski, Jr., 257/701; Dave Myers, 268/662.

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20/602. Local 182 Retinees: Frank Bertani, 268. Wonderland Lanes (Uvonia) Senior Men's (svitational: Jarvis Woehike. 18: 660. 18: 7660. Westerland Classic: Bill Zacheranik, 269/783; Mike Miller, 279/767; Tom Hay, 276/737

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