

Wright has right answers for kids



AL HARRISON

Do you have children who want to get into a bowling program? All bowling centers to bring up more youth attention to their youth bowlers, for this generation will become the next set of adult bowlers and will someday fill the lanes.

There may be questions that you always wanted to ask, but could you be sure of getting reliable information?

It so happens that Ed Wright of Farmington Hills is the man with the right answers on youth bowling.

Ed has been a director of the Sunday Youth Classic (SYC) for many years and has coached the kids in developing them to be good bowlers and good citizens.

Youth coaching is a very important phase of developing good bowlers, as there are pitfalls in giving kids the wrong training.

Parents who are good bowlers

themselves are not always the best ones to teach their own kids the right way to learn the sport.

The SYC has developed some of this area's finest players and continues to bring up more youth talent all the time.

The SYC is a traveling league, bowling in a different bowling center each Sunday.

There are also two other youth travel leagues in this area, the Western Wayne Youth Travel League, and the Ward Youth Travel League.

All are excellent for those kids who are interested in becoming top-notch bowlers.

"I first saw Robin Ostro bowl when she was a teammate of my son, Donnie Jr. in the Ward Youth Travel League about 10 years ago.

Now she is Robin White, married to Rich and bowling well enough to be among the top bowlers in the All-Star Bowlers at Cloverlanes.

A few weeks ago she shot her first 300 game, and it so happened that Rich was not there that night to congratulate her, nor was her mom who is always there rooting for her, nor was I

on that day.

Robin has had two 299s before and it seemed that she was jinxed or something for not getting the perfect.

Each ball was solid in the pocket although she felt shaky in the 10th frame.

Fortunately for Robin, she was wearing her "Band-It" elbow brace to keep away any arm problems.

A few weeks after Robin did it, the third 300 game in the league came just last Monday night as Michelle Anger of Waterford put together all 12 for her first sanctioned perfect game.

She is a 22-year-old right-hander, an alumna of the Sunday Youth Classic and emerging as another highly talented bowler.

When not competing on her Ypsi-Arbor Lanes team, Michelle is a civil engineer, working in Troy.

Now that three 300s have already been bowled in this league so far this season, it will be interesting to see how many more will come along.

•Evergreen Children's Services will be hosting their 1998 annual Strike Out Child Abuse

Bowl-A-Thon on Nov. 21 at Cloverlanes in Livonia.

They need teams of five bowlers to raise pledge monies for the children.

Bowlers who raise the most pledge dollars will receive great prizes including several trips, overnight packages, airfare for two, or dinners at Metro Detroit's finest restaurants to name a few.

It is always a fun event for a very good cause and will be emceed by Michael Barr of WJR.

Evergreen Children's Services is a foster care and adoption agency located in Detroit that specializes in children who are behaviorally, emotionally and medically fragile, including infants born drug exposed.

In Michigan, a child is reported abused every three minutes. Your help is needed to join the fight against child abuse.

Each participant is asked to raise at least \$50 in pledge monies. Registration is noon to 1 p.m., nine-pin no-tap bowl 1-3 p.m. buffet and awards 3 p.m.

For more information, call Daniel MacDonald at (248) 280-1727.

BOWLING TIPS

I asked Ed Wright some questions which will be helpful to parents in getting the children to the proper youth program.

Question: At what age should I let my child start?

Answer: Bumper bowling programs were designed for 3-7 year olds.

Q: Is it a good idea to get kids started in league play?

A: Bumper leagues have been created so children can get used to a league format. Most bowling centers have a bumper program. It is very beneficial for kids to experience team play, and interaction with others.

Q: Will the children get good

coaching in youth leagues?

A: Most definitely. The bowling center have adult coaches who have trained youth coaches. They provide a mixture of coaches for all youth levels. Also, Michigan YABA provides special clinics for new coaches to receive their training.

Q: Do you look for talent, and how do you recognize it in a youngster?

A: Generally, it has to do with maturity. The child must show that he or she has the proper enthusiasm for the sport. Too often the parents are more enthused than the child, that's a negative.

Most of the good youth bowlers

listen and want to learn. They usually ask questions about how they can improve their game.

Q: I know that a lot of today's top bowlers have come up through your S.Y.C. and have been highly successful in adult competition. Can you name a few?

A: Vernon Peterson (U.S. Amateur Champion), Lonnie Jones, Tim Dean, Todd Kurowski, Eleanor Korze, Julie Wright, Cyndi Black, Sheryl Tillman, Tamika Glenn, Lisa McCarty and Michelle Anger.

Q: What are your main objectives in training youth bowlers?

A: Learning and developing good sportsmanship is the main goal. Of course, I would like to

see many of my good bowlers get into the All-Star leagues. Then I would hope to see long-range goals reached such as the ultimate goal of a perfect game (300), and for those who are career-minded, advancement to the Pro Bowlers Tour.

Note: One of Ed Wright's top pupils happens to be his own daughter, Julie Wright, currently enjoying success at the All-Star level and carrying an average well over 200. Ed also has a regular job, teaching at North Farmington High School whenever he is not too busy coaching youth bowlers.

Ed welcomes calls from anyone who is interested in youth bowling. Call him at (248) 477-0047.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

MERRI BOW (Livonia)

St. Valentine's: Bob Sadler, 214-300

252/76.

Newburgh Ladies: Joan Smith, 189; Darlene Johnson, 187; Nancy Smith, 185; Donna Graham, 183; Kathy Buchner, 180.

Senior Men's Bowlers: Jack Hauswirth, 209; Ralph Stanley, 219/573; Gene Ortel, 228/570.

St. Ann's Men: Steve Ostler, 219/700; Kurt Soopka, 208/775.

WOODLAND LAKES (Livonia)

Early Birds: Janet Chunn, 212/537; Mary Sharpe, 235/542; Beth Samra, 535.

Nightfall: Mike Joe Hein, 650; Tim Rose, 682; Phil Puckowski, 275/663; Tony Mazzeo, 651; Paul McMurtry, 266; Dave Parker, 664.

Urbana Strikers: Bob Holbanski, 247/681; John Lisk, 277/781; Ed Winters, 300/258

191/743.

Painters West Classic: Tim Gates, 222; 226/300/748.

Sunday Kings & Queens: Bob Knox, 254/713.

Goodtime rollers: Tom Winkel, 623; Paul Gaudiosi, 621.

Ladies Hike Out: Cheryl Sipek, 255.

For Parts: Matt Sparks, 629; Greg Sands, 259/687; Jim Jones, 173; Larry Cooper, 264/735; Ron Hanson, 130.

Men's Trek: Sam Severe, 264/657; Ev Watson, 268/652; John W. 631; Steve Hubbs, 679; Butch Cook, 675; Dave Grooms, 269/750.

Grandale: Dan Ramos, 279; Jerry Sands, 266.

Sunday Differ: Alan Wachuck, 279.

Gays & Dolls (Senior): Jerry Miller, 221; 221/742; Fred Antczak, 221.

Nightfallers: Chuck McGee, 263.

Lyndon Meadows: Cheryl Gill, 204.

Early Birds: Mary Stanley, 217/544; Judy Porter, 200/529.

Senior House: Jim Knoll Jr., 267/684; Doug Sorenson, 273/725; David Maltz, 277/031.

Don McMillan, 255/705; Gerald Brown, 259/726.

WONDERLAND LAKES (Livonia)

Motor City Men's Early: Ed Zajdel, 247/634; Bob Cipriac Jr., 650; Ben Demm, 264; Don Yancov, 649; Matt Gerick, 266.

Brooklyn 680.

Father & Sons (Dads): Bob Magill, 269/671; Butch Rianer, 265/662; Gary Seeger, 233/637; Isaac, Mike Demm, 190/547; Johnny Franchi, 180; Hagan Ravel, 166.

Bel-Aires Mixed: Jerry Shippe, 772; Bob Hanson Jr., 675; Al Briscoe, 654; Debbie Daniel, 582.

T.A.B.A.: Tom Hocking, 161; Ronnie Sparks, 210; James Gaudel, 256/654; Sam Kasher, 230/616; Joe Garabick, 220.

Classics: Mark Payne, 743; Ron Moore, 259/727; Dave Kallizaki, 724; David Spicer, 721; Ed Malinowski, 714; Dan Mytty, 289/791; John Ketter, 278-290/779; Randy Shabazz, 246-238/675; Jack Ger, 220.

Nite Owls: Mike Reed, 256/694; Alan B. Sutto, 248/676; Jim Cleeman, 247/644; Danm Lupton, 247/655.

CLOVERLANES (Livonia)

St. Aidan's Men: Tony Kalmy, 227/697; Rich Rodan, 207/233; Ed Schicker, 256/692; Dave Golen, 226-666; Bob

Reyer, 203-212/55/070.

Farmington Thursday Night: Chuck O'Rourke, 200/777; Steve Beeler, 208/605; Randy Thompson, 708; Jack Conline, 209/161.

Bob Fuchs, 263/688; Craig Fleischer, 268/653; Greg George, 268/676.

Kings & Queens: Cathy Clavettine, 192; Todd Butler, 216/556; Dan Duhler, 192; Glen Puro, 229/609; Don Hoot, 208/610; Phil Munk, 212/590.

AS Star Bowlers: Michelle Anger, 300; 216-217/727; Virginia Austin, 223-233/212/658; Peter Wray, 223-268/228/713; Carmen Allen, 268-204-246/718; Julie Wright, 242-204-253/705; Cheryl Sipek, 237-226/215/678.

COUNTRY LAKES (Livonia)

Saturday Nite Mizzes: Ken Holsted, 254-207-211/672; Andy Lapise, 233/609; Janine Sanchez, 215-216-207/781; 237-278/705; Kim Kern, 200-266/639.

Sunday Goodtimes: Tony Aulo, 236; Lou Frederick, 201; Todd Weister, 215-259; Al Woodman, 202.

Ever-T: Mike Kaszak, 289/700; Bill Chrenkoff, 243/581; Jim Roniszewski, 242/617; Jim Ewing, 263/665; Doug Keno, 229/647; Bob Stewart, 236/690; Ron Rathen, 279/780; Walt Malowicki, 267/693; Ron Michien, 267.

Greenfield Mixed: Phil Szonye, 207-224-268/699; Ken Smith, 201-224/615; Chris Bragman, 201-247/637; Bill Weid, 211-224/634; Walt Thomas, 243; Bobbie Good, 213/550.

Monday Night: Mike Aikachnik, 278/680; Chicago Skates, 257; Will Kassa, 644.

Farmington Schools (Youth): Carl Berman, 198; Bob Farnell, 178; Brad Jeter, 179; Mark Isler, 222.

Tuesday Mixed: Tom Buchanan, 268/715; Keith Kingston, 266/726; Jeff Smith, 288/748; Jeff Eisenberg, 256/658; Tom Shively, 234/639.

Country Regatta: Jim Remolds, 217/668; Walt Ulrich, 269/763; Robert Shimko, 266/666; Harold Crane, 259; Dean Johnson, 259.

Country High Schools (Youth): Jordan Urovitz, 232; Mike Thomas, 220; Jerry Long, 217/555; Melissa Miller, 216/513.

Country Preps (Youth): Mason VanMeter, 168; David Silver, 166; Christine Mowad, 170; Ken Ann Soto, 154.

Country Juniors (Youth): Jason Hedger, 229/522; Tim Miller, 172; Brandi Patis, 169; Kelly Burton, 160.

B'Nai B'rith: Bryan Levine, 212-215-226/653; Larry Schechter, 201-224/619; Steve Elvin, 203-216/611; Larry Horn, 216-220/611; Barry Deal, 251/609.

DRAKESHIRE LAKES (Farmington)

B'Nai B'rith Downtown: Ken Ewing, 214-247-203/704; David Little, 218-216/605; David Rose, 201-201-200/602; Gary Segel, 212-200; David Lazarus, 245-213/620; Gary Demm, 257-245/685; David Shabazz, 246-238/675; Jack Ger, 220.

PLUM HOLLOW LAKES (Southfield)

Vegas Adventure: Ronnie Reid, 263; G. Scroggs, 233; John Ivy, 224.

Travelers Mixed: Sam Summers, 208; Alvin Samson, 255/637; Leroy Johnson, 684; Minnie Lowe, 215/544; Loreita Reid, 211/528.

Hunters report successful day at start of '98 pheasant season

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

Pheasant hunters reported a successful day of hunting in Michigan's 26-day pheasant season with a brisk, sunny morning. Flush rates were reported as good by hunters of Michigan ringnecks.

A good bird dog is essential as pheasants are more inclined to run, rather than fly, when spoken by a hunter. A healthy bird dog with a good nose will change a running cockbird's mind in a hurry.

Pockets of exceptional hunting are found scattered throughout Michigan's Thumb-area and in many of the counties in the southern portion of the state. Counties with high agricultural areas obviously hold the most birds.

When the fields turn up empty check the adjoining hedgerows, and brushy swaths for holding areas. A bird that runs off ahead of you will undoubtedly sprint for the thickest cover in the area.

Norman said he and his three hunting companions flushed 17 birds over the course of the day and finished with five ringnecks for the table.

Michigan's current pheasant population is certainly no where near the point it was back in the 1950's and '60's when annual harvests of a million birds were common. Today, the state's annual harvest hovers between 300,000 and 900,000 birds, but that's not to say Michigan isn't still enjoy a day ahead in pursuit of Michigan ringnecks.

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Further north in the state bird hunters are concentrating their efforts on partridge and the tail end of the woodcock migration.

A trip north a week ago turned up good numbers of birds on state land in Alcona County. We flushed upwards of 50 partridge over the course of two days of stomping a creek bottom thick with evergreens and scattered popples and hardwoods. Mast crops were abundant on the ground and there was plenty of heavy cover in the area.

The tough part was keeping the birds on the ground long enough to get close enough for a shot when they flushed. It was nothing to hear the "Wings-of-Thunder" rumble off skyward some 100 yards up ahead.

Hunting is a little tougher than earlier in the season. The birds have been educated by weeks of hunting and it's nothing to get premature flushes. Woodcock flights are winding down and the season ends Nov. 2. Grouse season runs through Nov. 14, then resumes Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

Contact Bill Parker by fax at (248) 644-1314 or via e-mail at hparker@oe.homescom.net or phone at (248) 901-2573.

DEER CHECK STATIONS

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has 10 deer check stations set up in southeastern Michigan to help biologists evaluate the state's deer herd. Hunters are asked to bring in the head of deer they harvest so the DNR can obtain valuable information. In turn, hunters will receive a 1998 Deer Management Cooperator patch.

"The patch is a reward in exchange for biological data," said Tim Payne, wildlife biologist with the DNR's district office in Livonia. "By examining the deer head, taking some measurements and asking a few questions, DNR staff can determine the age and general health of the deer."

"It's important for us to obtain as much information on deer in southeast Michigan as possible. The more data that are brought in the better we can evaluate the health of the herd."

Deer check stations are set up at the

following locations. Before traveling to a specific field office it is advised to call ahead to confirm the location and hours of operation.

• Algonac State Park - 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. seven days a week. Call (810) 765-5605.

• Bald Mountain Recreation Area - 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. seven days a week. Call (248) 693-6767.

• Harpers Island Wildlife Area - 8 a.m.-5 p.m. seven days a week. Call (810) 748-9504.

• Holly Recreation Area - 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. (248) 634-0240.

• Maybury State Park - 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Call (248) 349-8390.

• Mt. Clemens Field Office - 8 a.m.-4

p.m. Monday through Friday. Call (810) 465-4771.

• Pte. Mouillee State Game Area - 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday. Call (734) 379-9692.

• Port Huron State Game Area - By appointment only through Oct. 31. Nov. 1-Dec. 31. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday, 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Call (810) 987-5398.

• Southeast Michigan DNR District Office, Livonia - 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call (734) 953-0241.

• Silver River State Game Area - 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday; 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Call (810) 664-2837.

The Waterford Field Office is closed this year for renovations. Deer check stations are also set up along several freeways for hunters traveling south.

3871 Hurd Road, Metamora, MI 48455 - (810) 797-4439.

• Orionville Recreation Area, 5779 Hadley Road, Orionville, MI 48462 - (248) 627-3528.

• Pinckney Recreation Area, 8555 Silver Hill Rd., Pinckney, MI 48169 - (734) 426-4913.

• Pontiac Lake Recreation Area, 7600 Gate Road, Waterford, MI 48327 - (248) 666-1020.

• Proud Lake Recreation Area, 3500 Wixom Road, Milford, MI 48362 - (248) 685-2433.

• Seven Lakes State Park, 2220 Tinsman Road, Fenton, MI 48430 - (248) 934-7271.

• Waterloo Recreation Area, 16345 McClure Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 - (313) 475-8307.

STATE HUNTING AREAS

Looking for a place to hunt. Look no further than one of the 14 state parks and recreation areas in southeastern Michigan. Statewide there are over 200,000 acres of park and recreation areas open to hunting including 72,000 acres right here in southeastern Michigan.

"In excited about the prospects of a great hunting season," said George Cameron, Pontiac north district supervisor. "With last year's mild winter and a bumper crop of acorns we should see a very good number of deer for harvest in our state parks. Holly Recreation Area has over 8,000 acres within its bounds and much of the land is rich with game."

State park and recreation areas open to hunting in southeastern Michigan

include:

• Algonac State Park, 8730 N. River Road, Algonac, MI 48001 - (810) 765-5605.

• Bald Mountain Recreation Area, 1330 Greenfield, R41, Lake Orion, MI 48360 - (248) 693-6767.

• Brighton Recreation Area, 6360 Chisler, R43, Howell, MI 48843 - (810) 229-6506.

• Highland Recreation Area, 5200 E. Highland Road, White Lake, MI 48384 - (248) 685-2433.

• Holly Recreation Area, 8100 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI 48442 - (248) 634-8811.

• Island Lake Recreation Area, 12950 E. Grand River, Brighton, MI 48116 - (810) 229-7067.

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