

Record-setter

Hall of Fame bowler reaches new height



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When Ken Kossick was inducted into the Greater Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame last Sunday, the program had to be re-written.

His greatest achievement on the lanes came about after he was elected, "Koz," as his pals call him, rolled a record shattering 878 in competition in the All-Stars at Thunderbowl Lanes.

That is 34 out of a possible 36 strikes for this Canton resident (300-250-279).

The record is the highest three game series ever in the Detroit area. Kossick has enjoyed great success in his bowling career, starting with being named 1980 Rookie of the Year in the All-Stars.

Kossick is not yet a household word, so let's take a look at this bowler and find out just who he is.

He has been a bowler pretty much all his life, had competed several years in the Mid-States Masters in the early 1970s, then moved into the Michigan Majors where he won many titles.

He was also invited by Ken Charrotte in 1980 to join the All-Stars with his team, Central Cities Savings and Loan.

Kossick bowled with Bonanza for several years, then joined the Ansara Team, which has been one of the top teams in recent years. Led by Red Robin Restaurant owner Lew Ansara.

This team now has three of its members now in the Hall of Fame — Ansara, Chamberlain and Kossick.

This team has been in roll-offs

ever since it began. The connection between Red Robin and bowling starts with Lew Ansara of Farmington Hills, who has won many accolades himself as a sponsor, organizer and contributor to various causes, a big supporter of the game in the Detroit area.

Kossick is the manager of the Westland Red Robin Restaurant and anyone who bowls a sanctioned 300 game can bring proof of it within a week and receive a free meal from the sandwich menu, according to Koz.

As for his latest feat, Koz says, it's like a "dream come true" being selected to the Detroit Hall of Fame and the shooting the 878.

When asked about his series, Koz said, "I didn't think about the record at the time, I already had the 300 game and was relaxed and kept on just making good shots and enjoying it while it lasted."

As for his style, Koz describes himself as a "tweener," somewhat of a stroker, but not a crunker. He throws at a medium or better speed and is able to adjust well to the lane conditions.

As for advice to any bowlers who wish to excel at this game, Koz says the bowler must first and foremost enjoy the game, even when you are not doing so well.

Take the time to learn as much as you can about the game, but have fun while you are doing it. You have to know how the ball reacts, what to do to make adjustments, and not just try to impress everyone else.

Just remember, if you shoot a 300 game, bring a copy of the award application form and get a free Red Robin meal from Koz.

Evergreen Children's services will be holding it's fifth

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

The theme is to Strike Out Child Abuse.

Evergreen is a foster care and adoption agency that gives kids a better chance at life. It operates throughout the metro Detroit area and need donations to fund their programs.

Anyone who is interested can bowl in the event by bringing in at least \$50 per bowler in pledges. There will be many great prizes, including trips, airline tickets and much more for those who bring in the most money.

If someone asks you for a donation, this is a most deserving cause and it is deductible.

For more information, call Danielle MacDonald at (248) 280-1227.

Another honoree at the Hall of Fame awards banquet was Larry Paladino.

Larry is a writer for the Birmingham Eccentric and prior to that he was the Bowling writer for the Detroit News.

John D. Watts award for outstanding service to the bowling community over the years.

He contributes articles in the Bowler's Digest and Sports Fan's Journal.

His awards over 30 years of sports writing include a media award in 1987 from the S.E. Michigan Bowling Proprietor's Association and a meritorious service award from the GDBA in 1988. Paladino also won a service award in 1992 from the Pro Bowlers Marketing Group.

There is still time to enter the Old Timers 67th annual Tournament and party, which will be held on the Saturday following Thanksgiving day, Nov. 28 at Thunderbowl Lanes in

Allen Park.

Entry deadline is Nov. 25. There will be two equal, one at 9:30 a.m. and the other at 1:00 p.m. the banquet will start at 3:30 p.m. with the awards given out at that time.

There will be several celebrities including Joe Morris, Tony Lindemann, Joe Pauls, Eddie Lubanski and Bill Tucker.

It is a fun filled event and a chance to renew old acquaintances. During the opening ceremonies, the new inductees to the Hall of Fame will have their plaques set in place in the Hall of Fame display which is located at Thunderbowl.

Cost of entry is only \$9.00 for bowling and refreshments, for those who want the banquet also, another \$9 required.

The age-group categories are: under 50, 50-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80 and over.

For more information, call John Chmelko at (810) 756-3240.

The Steve Cruchon Memorial Tournament took place on Saturday, Nov. 7 at Silver Creek Lanes.

The results were not available before press time, so they will appear in the next edition of Ten Pin Alley.

The event raises funds for the Karamus Cancer Institute and the National Bowling Hall of Fame.

In the first eight years, they have raised \$113,000 with 50 percent going to the Karamus Institute and the other half to the Hall of Fame in St. Louis.

Note on Joe Morris: The former Detroit Stroh's captain, now 90 years old has bowled in 68 ABC championship tournaments and has carried a 194-plus average for all those years.

Let's put that in perspective: Some countries don't last 68 years and most bowlers never average 194.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

- MAYFLOWER LANES (Rochester)**
Good Neighbors: Gloria Metz, 204.
Friday Seniors (Men's): Bill Hardy, 245/608; Mel Albate, 240/634; Jim Webster, 235/681; Dick Weiler, 234/628; Rich Zachary, 227/601.
Wednesday Men's Senior Classic: Jack Dahlstrom, 208/248/724; Tony Balanta, 221-233/248/702; Bob Dettler, 206/623; Bob Wilson, 224/200/221/645; Ted Kress, 254/628.
WESTLAND BOWL
St. Mel's Men's: Steve Womack, 230/654; Ken Kistler, 225/630; Earl Ault, 233/649; Tom Proch, 222/631; Dale Ripley, 225/617.
Monday Morning Men: Tommy Hudson, 258; Dick Dond, 278/715; Bob Baker, 270; Don Rutherford, 240.
Sunday Sleepers: International: Rob Schep, 277; Jeff Weigle, 279/279/700; Craig McGinn, 279; Art Dutt, 207/703.
MERRI-BOWL (Livonia)
Newburgh Ladies: Nancy Smith, 110; Susan Lind, 179; Vera Smith, 173; Dorene Jibonowski, 160; Kathy Tetlow, 167.
Senior Merry Bowlers: Gene Drell, 222-195/200/624; Anne Viell, 224; Virginia Smith, 527; Al Dawson, 255/201/620.
Wednesday Senior House: Jack Treloar Jr., 814.
Sundowners: Chris Campbell, 287.
WONDERLAND LANES (Livonia)
Nite Owl: Pat McKenna, 248/246/698; Larry Erenki, 257/687; Mike Herman, 200; Kenny Myrland, 247/659; Jim Cleaman, 278/650.
Wonderland Classic: Nello Mantini, 300/720; Brad Weiler, 277/773; John McCrever, 279/749; Dave Kroll, 260/739; Bud Ogilvy, 720; Mike Surpik, 736.
Water City Eagles: Dutch Risner, 277-206/788; Emory Johnson, 278/695; Don Yancus, 651.
CLOVERLANES (Livonia)
All-Star Bowlerettes: Carol Ferguson, 279; Pamela Moore, 278; Lisa Bishop, 278/699; Connie Cleveland, 268; Virginia Austin, 260/703; Kenneth Wilson, 264.
WOODLAND LANES (Livonia)
Early Birds: Debbie Ellsworth, 224; Beth Sammit, 517.
Senior House: (Premium Bowling Products) Mike Walster, 299; Jim Johnson Sr., 259/743; Frank Hoffman, 209.
Woodland Midweek: Eric Schmitt, 658; John Hurley, 671; Al Strachan, 691; Norcen Rose, 609.
Midweekers: Jim Zapetko, 267.
Gay 90s (Seniors): Bob Wilhelm, 247/578; George Gundlach, 222/550; Glen Snyder, 290/540; Norm Renaud, 212/242/621; Tom Gervic, 213/536.
Livonia Stikers: Frank Hoffman, 205/734.
Friday Kings & Queens: Don Chagners Jr., 247/722.
Monday Classics: Stella Sarnacki, 230.
Monday Specials: Jim Cowie, 223.
Q & A Auto Collision: Ken Meyer, 269/690; Mike Kowalski, 268/697; Don Guadagni, 255; Scott Wilson, 717.
SUPER BOWL (Canton)
Wednesday Nite Mixed: Steve Terry, 245; Mike Jones, 210; Bill O'Conner, 230; Brad Brooks, 230.
Wednesday Nite Men's: Russ Martin, 298/708; Dave Scully, 258/702; Sean McCarthy, 278/752; Mike St. John, 238/678; Howard Taylor, 238/655; Mike Kinder, 235/653.
Super Chicks: Pam Piper, 288/800; Linda Dietz, 215/604; Mimi Goldner, 211/585; Julie Crows, 227/592; Robin Maxwell, 223/568.
Wednesday Morning Ladies: Catherine Scholz, 225/628; Anne Vicker, 214/554; Wendy Peck, 233/653; Norma Horn, 188/545; Cindy Tuttle, 220/584.
Suburban Prop. Travel (Men): Jeff Bennett, 279/704; John Hurley, 209/782; Paul Butler, 259/732; Tim Maygar, 247; Ralph Walters, 242.
Ladies: Judy Washington, 226/615; Mary Baratta, 223; Vw Waldisp, 222/557; Patty Jacobs, 227/597; Alice Carr, 220/534; Barb Butler, 540.
Monday Nite Mixed: Kevin Ash, 211/604; Jeff Lovelady, 224/603; Steven Ash, 234/601; Brandon Cherry, 219/551; Debra Cowell, 171.
Superbachelors: Terry Mills, 270/206/752; Ed Schmitt, 244/609; Jack Boyd, 240/663; Bill Petz, 237/653; Don Perchard, 234/653.
Single Points: Gary Stevens, 254.
Super Supremacy: Diana Good, 235-258/654; Maron Bennett, 222/620.
Friday Funsters: Gene Watscho, 227/554; Fred Sunk, 203; Eleanor Miller, 211.
Ford General Parts: Bob Struck, 300/708; Andy Anderson, 207; Rick Curry, 707.
Thursday Late Nite: Mark Conklin, 235/615; Dennis Theobald, 220; Jason Baker, 228.
Thursday Nite Men: Bob Banks, Jr., 207/725; Steve Thomas, 154; Ozee Raligan, 279.
Double Nickel Plus (Seniors): Pete Rusa, 224/590; John Vanover, 279/681; Kess Barbour, 231/573; Martha Watts, 201/549.
Wednesday Nite Men: Bill E. Udell, 277/600; Mike St. John, 261; Kevin Rize, 684.
PLAZA LANES (Plymouth)
Burroughs Men: Tom Carter, 279; Bryan Schwartz, 246/233/216/695.
Waterford Men: Terry Celano, 278; Mark Wright, 233-256/237/726; Bill Chapman, 269.
St. Collette's Men: Bob Dunn, 277.
Keglers: Jim Giffin, 270; Brian Stry, 278; Dan Hew, 214-259/224/697; Jeff Cameron, 213-263/204/680; Gary Beasley, 235-211/255/701.
Sheldon Road Man: Bruce Reid, Jr., 204; Gary Jaden, 237-234/268/739; Mike Lundy, 278.
COUNTRY LANES (Farmington)
Saturday Night Mixers: Kim Klein, 210-254/630; Chuck Smith, 235-220/653; Bill Weed, 237-225/617; Joe Stakins, 231-255-205/691; Melanie Schlacht, 214/568; Fred Reim, 234.
Tuesday Mixed Tote: Jeff Eisenberg, 254/656; Paul Dutt, 657; John Osborne, 678; Blomde, 201/554.
Sunday Goodtimes: Mike Katt, 222; Phil Parker, 231; Leonard Wispe, 213.
D'Nal Birth Pledge: Mitch Leffon, 248-208-224/680; Howard Waker, 224-235-203/662; Bryan Levine, 205-244-200/650; Wayne Lusky, 244-234/640; Larry Horn, 230-205-204/630; Andy Rubin, 279-231-225/735.
D'Nal Birth Brotherhood Eddie Jacobson: Cary Rosen, 248-225-212/685; Steve Anasand, 240-209-206/649; Eric Goldberg, 258-235/640; Mark Klingler, 244/636; Howard Vaker, 249-202/633; Ricky Reink, 233-2201/623.
DRANKSHIRE LANES (Farmington)
D'Nal Birth Downtown Fox: Jason Eltinger, David Rose, 233-225-207/605; Shai Rakatz, 211-207; Mark Feinberg, 201-200; Steve Womack, 245; Nate Fengold, 225.
D'Nal Birth Morgenthau & Chajny/Zalger-Gross: Les Weinstein, 243-216-201/660; Mike Diskin, 214-210/618; Larry Gorkin, 203-226/613; Marshall Spinner, 215-202/605; Jeff Zamier, 215-222; Jerry Doida, 222.
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