

It's kids vs. seniors in challenge match



AL HARRISON

Saturday, Feb. 5 will mark the Fifth Annual Senior Youth Challenge at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

An in past years, the kids will try to beat the seniors (65 and over) in a Match of the Ages.

It is about time this year for the seniors to finally beat the kids, which has not yet happened. The seniors have even stacked the deck by bringing some hall of famers from the past, the likes of Eddie Lubanski and Tony Lindemann, both in the American Bowling Congress Hall of Fame.

The event is also a fund raiser for a local child abuse agency, the Evergreen Children Services

and a youth scholarship program, in which these kids can earn hundreds of dollars toward their college education.

Opening ceremonies this year includes a bowling clown and trick shot act by Quintin Greene; cable TV coverage by Time Warner; appearances by local celebrities such as Redford Township Supervisor Kevin Kelley and a singing of the Star Spangled Banner by Tammy Plofch.

Participants receive a souvenir towel and could win a door prize from a fine array donated by local merchants, suppliers and restaurants.

There is ample room for spectators and bowling fans, so come on down and enjoy this fun-filled day. Opening ceremonies start at 10:30 a.m.

On Jan. 16, a bowler's dream came true as Both Jenkins from Canton Township scored her first 300 game and 700

series in the Sunday Rollers Mixed league at Wayne Bowl.

Her first game gave no indication of what was just ahead, a more 179 which was followed by the 300 and a strong 251 for a nice 730 series.

Both will be receiving her 300 ring, a 100 over average watch, a 700 pin and a Tri-Cities Award for 160 pins over average. She has a good chance at the Bowler of the Month award as well.

Updating the Michigan State Tournament leaders:

Team Scratch: Annara's Big Boys No. 1 of Farmington (3,287);

Doubles Scratch: Quintin Greene and Mike Lee with 1,449; Singles Scratch: Tod Grams of Holland (770);

All-Events Scratch: Rick Eierman of Garden City, 2,147.

This tournament continues into May and we will keep up with any changes as it goes on.

The Great Lakes Senior

Bowling Association held its most recent tournament on Jan. 15 at Vision Lanes in Westland and it was a good day for Windsor's silver-haired Scotty Laughland to come through with the title and \$1,000 first place money.

Ted Aschatz of Rochester Hills, who finished 16th overall, rolled a 300 game along the way.

The previous month at Bonanza Lanes in Warren, Bill Haynes of Rochester Hills was top qualifier, while Aschatz had high game honors along with Roland Snodgrass with 270 each.

Waterford's Joe Fitzsimmons came through with a 278 game. Dane Bertram of Lapeer took first place and a check for the \$2,000 grand prize.

The upcoming schedule: March 25 at Premier Lanes in Chesterfield; April 8-9 at Eastgate Lanes in Oregon, Ohio; and May 13 at Bowlers Bowl in Windsor. For information of the GLSBA, call (734) 522-9315.

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Woodland Lanes (Livonia)

Wednesday Men's Title: John Muczynski, 288/603; Dennis Seeman, 275/700; Steve Huddell, 260/717; Dave Grabos, 268/609; En Warren, 259/681.

Early Bird: Mary Sharrar, 207/536; Joyce Yandke, 200/626.

Bowler Moses: Craig Johnson, 266/729; Brian Ziemba, 275/724; David Mahas, 279/718; Bill Morris, 256/710; Jeff Roche, 259/705.

Hopkins: Susan Pridy, 699.

Monday Rollers: Al Tava, 300; Glen Snyder, 201; Richard McQueen, 209; John Jarman, 222; Donna Miller, 232.

For Parts: Russ Miller, 583; Michael Yaris, 265/752; Brad Steiner, 680; Gary Shurtler, 207/701.

Afternoon Delights: Phyll Long, 258.

Grandols: Jim Zelen, 300.

Merri Bowl (Livonia)

Wednesday Toast & Coffee: Alice Diworth, 200/500; Kim Egan, 205/207/600.

Wednesday Sundowners: Denise Stancato, 259/593; Donna Kress, 247/603; Laurie Sachetti, 222/325; Julie Johnson, 219.

221/623 (113 pins 0/4); Susan Rundel, 213/558; Nancy Neva, 201/222/608.

Woodland Lanes (Livonia)

St. Allen's Men: Mike Kowalski, 257; Pat Ramsey, 258/644; Jack Potermy, 234; Tony Kallury, 212; Russ Johnson, 216.

All-Star Bowlers: Erica Mickowski, 255/260/278/740; Angela Witt, 247/245/235/727; Tracy Ward, 269/201/247/717; Cindy Risch, 190/279/224/702; Sandy Schatz, 226/225/224/678.

Feldbach Thursday Night: Bob Harris (142 average), 248; Rich Surish, 288; Chuck O'Rourke, 279/765; Herb Taylor, 268/693; Joe Cavatos, 207/692.

Metra Detroit: Friday: Rich Wilson, 265/640; Tony Day, 288; Bob Rose, 224/600; David Nagoren, 221; Andrea Felice, 213.

Friday Night: Brian Sherman, 242/683; Brian Collins, 257/652; Randy Palen, 224/649; Tom Miner, 245/648; Raphael Turner, 244.

Thursday Junior Moses: Vern Stachowiak, 300/719; Ron Gendler, 200/721; Nellie Denny, 300/764; James Gendler, 279/726; Ken Gendler, 249/710; Pete Rizzo, 279/696; Rob Novak, 265/656.

Pace Inter-Plant Mixed: Don Kenelios, 222/614; Steve Demitrach, 245/631; Dan Rodan, 213/606; Ron Rich, 207.

Ford Motor: Rich Horner, 278; Bill Freeman, 276; Mike Conner, 278/689.

Woodland Lanes (Livonia)

Classics: Ron Moore, 730; Bryan Macer, 276/721; Doug Spicer, 710; Bryan Gogolin, 709.

Mike Oates: John Shaw, 671; Mike Piontek, 289/688; Jerry Modinski, 665; Jeff Koshen, 665.

Country Lanes (Farmington Hills)

Sunday Goodtimes: Ralph Davis, 243/600; Wontinger, 244/623; Wayne Lanning, 212; Julie Leachman, 622; Mark Schivstein, 224.

Greenfield Mixed: Tony VanMeter, 265; Walt Thomas, 246/632; Tom Gow, 250/212/235/637; Ron Turner, 242/599; Mike Siler, 211.

St. Natl Birth Pledge: Allen Zupke, 246-235.

245/730; Howard Waser, 246-243/700; Larry Horn, 205-222/628; Lyle Scheeler, 257/230/687; Al Madyk, 246/601.

University Men's: Mike Weed, 268; John Chapman, 205.

Prize of Power: Karen Frick, 243/606; Celeste Flack, 219.

Thursday Title: Joe Dransik II, 286; George Smith, 256; Mike Tarrow, 241.

EVER-1: Jim Rantawaj, 268/664; Rob Nelson, 279/690; Ron Minko, 268; Jack Abela, 258/685; Ron Mathison, 257; Mike Kiazak, 257/678.

Afternoon Delights: Sandy Tarnopel, 204; Sue Oslan, 182.

Metra Highway: Dan Vandercor, 258-252/694; Wayne Smith, 246/653; T.D. Brown, 243/615; Tom Sertorius, 235-216; Frank Darabos, 235-214/619.

Country Lanes Sand-Dance: Denise Linton, 255/622; Sandi Smith, 225.

Monday Night Men: Paul Koenig, 270; Steve Lane, 278/727; Larry Shooker, 278.

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St. Natl Birth Leadership Network: Stuart Cole, 211/234; Joe Lint, 200/570.

Greenberg: Kirk Calkins, 248-259/689; Tom Lorenz, 213/564; Celeste Chantillo, 214/512.

Female Inset: Stuart Giddens, 254; Brandon West, 245.

Advanced Youth: Fred Piercey, 221/572; Ray Nagel, 209.

St. Natl Birth Brotherhood-Eddie Jacobson: Gary King, 245-245/249/739; Andy Rubin, 289/729; Howard Waser, 245/681; Dennis Horvitz, 240/668; Mike Lieberman, 228/654.

Sykes & Schless: Lari Buckshaw, 214/543; Coleman Crawford, 202/560.

St. Paul's Men: Tom Brown, 245; Rob Gola, 659.

Local Lads: Curt Calora, 237; Tom Martin, 234/642.

South Chis: Steve Hayco, 265/734; Kevin Kims, 224; Rita Deward, 591.

Wednesday Knight: Pat Tessa, 259/708; Scott Wright, 258; Su Levy, 710.

Farmington Schools: Joe Byner, 226/564.

Country High School: Mike Thomas, 257/649; Ted Grabarczyk, 223; Jerry Hask, 223; Jerry Long, 223/533; Roy West, 590.

Drewniak Lanes (Farmington Hills)

St. Natl Birth Bowlers: L. Charles Zalgos, 255/666; Steve Hoberman, 246/601; Larry Garfinkle, 217/643; Ryan Lash, 205/643; Joe Weinstein, 248/640; Mike Dushin, 224-219/635.

St. Natl Birth Downtown Fox: Larry Kaplan, 214-213/632; Joe Shienbaum, 216/630; David Little, 225/618; Ivan Fenyves, 213-203.

Novi Bowl

Weekend Lanes: Terry Kuhn, 265/688; Neil Manley, 683; Ron Williams, 257/653; Don Johnson, 652; Dennis Demarzo, 647.

Mayflower Lanes (Livonia)

Wednesday Senior Men's Classic: Ted Kress, 259-246/730/743; Howard Davis, 239-219/205/722; Tom Gatchis, 260-203-233/702; Al Thompson, 207-243/678; Gabe Fekas, 205-244/244/673.

Not all bluebirds migrate during winter



TIM NOWICKI

This season is the winter of the bluebird.

Last winter there were lots of robins around, but this year there are a tremendous number of bluebirds.

During the Detroit Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count, conducted on Dec. 19, 1999, participants counted 218 eastern bluebirds within a 15-mile diameter area in northwest Oakland County.

This is the greatest total number of bluebirds ever counted over the last 55 years for this area. In 1998, a total of 117 bluebirds were counted — which was the all-time high until the 1999 count.

Though eastern bluebirds are insect eaters, a portion of the population in southeast Michigan does not migrate to warmer climates, like most other insect

eating thrushes. Bluebirds are cousins to the robin, wood thrush, hermit thrush, veery and others.

Most birds of these species head to the southern states, or to Central America or South America to find insects and some berries.

Since insects are absent in winter here in Michigan, those bluebirds that stay must find an adequate number of berries to feed upon.

Spring of 1999 was mild and did not have any killing frosts. A large percentage of the flowers that bloomed were not killed by frost and were pollinated. More pollinated flowers resulted in more berries.

Bluebirds passing through southeast Michigan, or local residents, may have found enough berries to justify staying north in December instead of migrating south.

Mild temperatures in early winter did not require birds to use as much energy to stay warm, so the berries provided adequate food.

It's hard to determine exactly what may have caused such a large number of bluebirds to stay this far north in December, a modest number always stay north. Even robins stay north in winter.

Though we think of the robin as the harbinger of spring, bird surveys always find a few in southeast Michigan each winter.

In fact, the winter of 1998 had the greatest number of robins ever counted by the Detroit Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count. A total of 199 robins were seen exactly the same to the previous high of 192 in 1983. Other count areas have recorded even higher numbers.

Within a population of birds there is a great deal of variety.

Not every robin or bluebird breeds exactly the same if you examined them carefully, especially if you could examine their inside make-up.

As a population gets bigger, there are more individuals that may have the same variation. Maybe that variation is not to migrate.

In the early years of the bird count, very few, if any, bluebirds stayed in the area.

Since the introduction of bluebird trails and erection of many bluebird houses by concerned people, more bluebirds are being raised in the area, and more bluebirds are staying in winter.

Just because lots of bluebirds were counted in December, due to a mild November and earlier part of December, does not mean they will not move south if the weather gets cold or food runs out. Birds are mobile enough that they can adjust their situation if they are strong enough to do so.

It won't be long before the first of March is here and bluebirds start establishing their nesting territories. Those that stayed in the area will be able to choose the best territories before the southern population arrives.

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