

Senior bowler rolls another winner



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When Sparky Anderson said "Winning beats losing," Larry Franz of Redford must have been listening. This outstanding senior bowler has done a lot of winning throughout his career, his latest at Garden City.

He took home \$750 in first-place money in the recent Great Lakes Senior Bowling Association (GLSBA) monthly tournament a few weeks ago.

High qualifier for the event was Fred McClain of nearby Allen Park with a 1472, followed by Vic Portolatin with 1445.

Franz's run to the title started with a win over Waterford's Joe Fitzsimmons, 244-202. His next victim was Dennis Bergendorf of Frankfort, 245-190, with Roland

Snodgrass of Roseville falling next, 247-158.

At this point Franz would have qualified for the GDBA's "Stepladder Award" by bowling one pin better in each game. He was unable to do so.

The final match pitted Franz against Gary Mitchell of East China, which the Redford resident won, 224-213.

This was the first GLSBA title for this red hot Redford bowler.

Franz has been one of the top performers in the Men's All-Star leagues and has been one of the better local tournament bowlers for a lot of years.

Other locals who cashed, Bill Haynes of Rochester Hills and Ken O'Brien of Troy.

The GLSBA is one way for better senior bowlers (50 and over) to compete against others the same age.

They offer monthly tournaments in which the prize fee is 100 percent returned to the winning entrants. They bowl in dif-

ferent centers each time, all in the Southeast Michigan area.

For more GLSBA information, call Director Ed Malinowski, at (734) 522-9315 in Livonia.

"One of the local dailies has just completed a study of Detroit's top twenty athletes of all time.

How did it miss Joe Norris? This Detroit was one of the All-time greats in the sport of bowling. He put Detroit on the map as bowling's world capital by captaining and leading the great beer company teams, particularly Strohs', as the dominant teams of the 1930s, '40s and '50s.

He has been inducted into eight Halls of Fame including Detroit and Michigan, holds the all-time pinfall record in 71 years of competing in the ABC Tournament, was the youngest person to bowl a 300 game at the time and also the oldest at the time when he did so at age 83.

Norris also represented the

United States against Germany in conjunction with the 1936 Berlin Olympics.

His career spanned eight decades and he was still bowling competitively until he fell ill and passed away earlier this year at the age of 93.

His name has become legend, with many events and awards named after him. His passing prompted many articles in the bowling and sport magazines as well as newspapers around the nation.

When the top 20 athletes are listed, how could they miss on one of the greatest of all?

"The 66th Annual John P. Gavis Memorial Tournament is slated for 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20, at Thunderbolt Lanes.

It is a team event only, so get your team together, or form one now. If you bowled in it last year, your entry will be in the mail. Otherwise, call Dick Smith at (810) 875-1566 or Frank Gavis at (810) 773-1544.

Athletes need to avoid pitfalls of dehydration

The dog days of summer are here. With them come hot, humid weather and the perfect time for outdoor activities/summer sports and fall conditioning.

But athletes beware. Hope for fun summer sports and conditioning activities can quickly evaporate in the hot summer sun if athletes do not properly hydrate themselves before, during and after a workout.

Without proper hydration the body can lose water and essential elements and run the risk of kidney problems or even death.

To help athletes avoid the risks of dehydration, physicians at the University of Michigan Health System's Medisport are advising sum-

mer athletes to drink large amounts of water during their workouts.

They also urge athletes to know and recognize the signs of dehydration and begin to prepare their body for its heavy summer fluid needs by drinking extra water during cooler times of the year.

"Athletes can get seriously dehydrated, especially during the warm summer months when the intensity of workouts seem to increase prior to playing fall sports," said Dr. Edward Wojtyla of the U-M.

"If you do enough work in any type of weather, you can get dehydrated, but when temperatures are in excess of 75 or 80 degrees and humidity is in the same range, it's easier to become dehydrated."

Crosby comes 'home' to win Women's Open



MICHAEL P. SHIELDS

Birmingham native Elaine Crosby completed a feat that she characterized as "coming full circle" by winning the Michigan Women's Open on Wednesday at The Polo Fields Golf and Country Club.

Crosby, 43, won the 1981 Michigan Women's Amateur Championship. The University of Michigan graduate and Birmingham native then left her home state to compete on the LPGA Tour for 16 years. She

moved to Jackson after retiring from the LPGA at the end of last season, and enjoyed her \$5,000 victory — her first on home soil since the Amateur win in '81.

"It feels great. Today was such a tough day. It has to sink in. Any win is a good win," said Crosby after her victory on Wednesday. She finished the three-round, \$25,000 tournament at two-under-par. Among a field of 69, she led throughout and shot 74 with two birdies in the final round to secure the win.

"I started playing defensively and tried to stay dry and hit the ball on the green. I played pretty well," said Crosby, who won twice on the LPGA Tour, and managed through sometimes

heavy rain showers that finally cooled what had been an oppressively humid week at The Polo Fields.

"Ron Beurmann, the head professional at the Country Club of Jackson, lent me his cart cover, so I was able to stay dry — maybe more than the other players," she said.

Crosby began the day with a two-shot lead over 18-year-old Sarah Martin, a Michigan State University sophomore from Grosse Ile. Martin, whose 70 was the best score of the second round, shot 36-42-77 in the final and finished seven shots behind.

"I gave it a good run on the front nine, but couldn't keep it going on the back. I maybe got a

little more nervous than I should have, but it was a good learning experience," said Martin.

Another college player from Grosse Ile, Courtney Reno, a senior at the University of Michigan, gave chase as well, shooting 71 in the final round and finishing the tournament at one-par — two shots behind Crosby. The 21-year-old Reno was runner-up and low amateur.

Defending champion Debbie Williams-Hoak of Ann Arbor finished at 4-over-par and tied Rochester Hills amateur Kim Benedict for third place.

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SUMMER SWIM RESULTS

TRICITY SWIM LEAGUE
WALNUT CREEK 274
PHEONIX SWIM CLUB 227
July 30 at Pheonix Swim Club
(Pheonix Swimmers)

Double winners: Meredith Greer (15-18), 100 Yd, 1:51.44; 50 breast, 44:25; Abby Kelly (8-11), 25 breast, 31:34; 25 free, 32:18.

Single winners: Yvonne Lunn (13-14), 50 breast, 47:22; Rachel Wranowicz (9-10), 50 free, 51:29; Christina Gerometta (13-14), 50 free, 58:80; Celeste Greer (15-18), 50 free, 48:42; Marissa Lunn (9-11), 25 free, 33:78; Lash Gendino (13-12), 50 free, 33:78.

Second places: Shannon Kelly (9-10), 50 breast, 58:22; Kelly Bradford (11-12), 50 breast, 58:22; Rachel Wranowicz (9-10), 50 back, 46:72; Lindsay Hattori (15-18), 50 back, 49:47; Meredith Williams (9-11), 25 free, 38:08; Janine Wranowicz (13-14), 50 free, 40:58; Christina Gerometta (11-12), 50 free, 50:06.

(Pheonix Boys)

Double winner: Taylor Doretti (8-11), 25 back, 26:56; 25 free, 21:63.

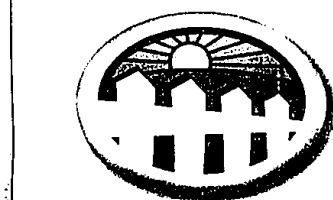
Single winners: Wynn Rice (8-11), 25 breast, 30:88; Chris Baerbach (9-10), 25 breast, 1:18.11; Joe Lunn (15-18), 50 breast, 39:72; Nathan Lunn (9-10), 50 free, 49:58; Evan Wehrman (8-11), 25 free, 33:64.

Second places: Giovanni Surtis (8-11), 25 breast, 42:59; Giovanni Surtis (9-10), 50 breast, 1:22.10; Ryan Doretti (9-10), 25 back, 48:03; Jon Tetlow (11-12), 50 back, 49:75; 50 free, 46:15; Pat Gerometta (13-14), 50 back, 36:91; Mike Warren (15-18), 50 back, 38:78; 50 free, 31:44; Colin Kelly (8-11), 25 free, 35:08; Joe Lunn (15-18), 50 free, 32:63.

(Pheonix Girls)

Relay winners: Sunder mixed (Taylor Doretti, Colin Kelly, Abby Kelly, Eric Wehrman), 2:07.10; Sunder mixed 50 freestyle (Dylan Johnson, Kevin Kacan, Wynn Rice, Taylor Doretti), 2:10.22.

Pheonix Swim Club will be the site for the Tricity Swim League meet starting at noon Sunday, July 29. More than 600 swimmers are expected to compete.



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