

Area youth has what it takes to be champion bowler



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Everyone knows the story of David and Goliath, but now we can use that as a comparison to what 8-year-old Ryan Clark of Canton has done, not with a slingshot, but his bowling ball.

Last Sunday, the 52-pound youth league bowler slung his 12-pound ball well enough to win the top spot in his division in the Community Bowling Centers Youth Scholarship Tournament.

Competing against bowlers twice his size, Clark conquered them all to win the 169-and-under division.

His dad, Glenn, who bowls in the Super Tuesday League, got him started in the right direction at the age of 5.

Ryan is now a third grader at Dodson Elementary and is enthusiastic about bowling. He watches the pros on TV, practices two or three times a week.

He was the top qualifier for the state YABA All-Stars and last year had the highest average for the Bantam Division in the Greater Detroit YABA with 137.

This year he hopes to set an

new all-time record for average in this division.

At the other end of the age spectrum, Marty Mardusz of Livonia shot a set of 276-287 for a 3-game total of 819 in the Friday Seniors League, Nov. 16, at Redford's Mayflower Lanes.

That is the highest series for a senior bowler in this house so far this year. Marty, 66, carries a 190 average. He will be receiving his ABC 800 ring soon.

The Mayflower Wednesday Senior Men's Classic started a "Last Man Standing" contest after completion of league bowling.

It involves throwing strikes until eliminated and anything less than a strike takes you out of the mix.

It is winner-take-all unless there is a two-player tie, in which the pair keeps bowling until one has the best ball, strike or not, and the pot is split two-thirds to one-third.

Bob Allen tied with Chuck Ruel for the top spot and Ruel won the roll-off in the inaugural week.

Chuck Smith was an entrant who shot a 300 game only minutes earlier, but could only muster one strike in the contest.

Participants and spectators enjoyed this first try, and it looks like a winner for many weeks to come.

One of the most overlooked benefits of American Bowling Congress membership is the awards presentation program.

Most of the lesser awards are presented at the league bowling time by one of the league officers.

Honor awards for 300-299-298 games, or 800 series, include ring presentations (other options are available, watch or plaque) presented by officials of the local associations.

With proper decorum for the time-honored ultimate games, these association volunteers will come in to the bowling center when the league is in action and take a short timeout to do honors to the one who earned recognition.

It was my assignment to pinch-hit for fellow director Ron Lancaster and present two rings last

Thursday to David Kroll at Oak Lanes in Westland.

Kroll bowls in the Board of Education League and recorded a 300 game with an 825 series. Both occurred on the same night and his series was the highest ever at Oak Lanes in its entire history.

It was then another short trip over to Cloverlanes in Livonia to pinch-hit for Greater Detroit Bowling Association Director Warren Teubert and present another pair of rings — this time

to Mike Makowicz of Livonia for a 300 game and 816 series in September in the Cloverlanes Thursday Junior House League.

For Mike it was his fifth 300 game and fifth 800 series.

There was one more ring to be awarded to that league, but the bowler was away hunting on that date and he will have to wait a couple weeks to get his ring.

Larry Franz of Redford took top honors and a nice payout of \$800 in the Great Lakes Senior Bowling Association Tournament

at Flint. Dan Mayer of Waterford finished eighth, good for \$175.

Tim Wiecek, owner and operator of the Rack Attack pro shop in Troy Lanes, has done it again. He is conducting another full-course bowling seminar for bowlers of all ability levels.

The seminar will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

The cost for the session is \$60 per person. For more information, call (248) 765-9489.



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