

Annual Detroit bowlers All-Star awards quite a bash

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Star Traveling Classic.

They go to 30 different bowling centers during the season, definitely a more challenging situation. Many of these fine bowlers compete in both leagues, and they were there in force at the banquet.

Low Ansara's team should have brought a wheelbarrow, for they made a clean sweep of both championships for the second year in a row (WOW).

Ansara's Big Boy restaurants captured the league championship, winning both halves in the traveling league, while also winning the same crown in the Pepsi All-Stars.

That was not just a coincidence, because Ansara's boasts some big shooters from top-to-bottom starting with Ken Kossick of Canton, followed by Travis Franz, Waterford; Todd Kuroski, Dearborn; Lee Snow, Wixom; Ryan Wilson, Garden City; Ken Wyatt, Sterling Heights; and the captain, Lew Ansara, Farmington Hills.

The Joe Morris King of Bowlers Award went to Kossick. His average of 231.21 was the league high in the Pepsi-USA All-Stars.

The venerable George Prybyla presented the 300 shooters with checks and among the recipients were Kossick, Westland's Ray Kroutner, along with Linda Higienell and Julius Malsano, both of Redford.

Kossick had to add more trophy space at home with the league high series of 816.

The Joe Paulus Award for sportsmanship was presented by Paulus to Todd Kuroski, the King of Bowlers for the Thursday Traveling league.

Last weekend marked the 2002 Michigan Queens Tournament at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights. This was the state's bowling singles championship for women, widely known as the Michigan Queens.

Past champions included Cheryl Stippack of Redford (1987); Dina Mann-Jones of Lake Orion (1988-89); Betty Trimmer of Westland (1994 and 1998), and more recently Julie Wright of Livonia (2000).

This year our Observerland cities were well represented by Michelle Berryman, Canton; Darlene Dysart and Tamika Glenn,

both of Westland; Deborah Manthey, Plymouth; Betty Trimmer, Redford; and Janet York of Southfield.

There were 86 total entries, comprised of the best women bowlers from around the entire state.

In the stepladder finals, Missy Klug of Macomb shot a 248, but not quite enough as Mickey Webb of Detroit had 255.

Webb then went on to squeak by Alicia Himmeler of Harrison Township, 246-244.

The semifinal match pitted Webb against Aleta Sill of Dearborn with Aleta triumphing with a 224-217 win.

The final match was suddenly a low-scoring affair, as Julie Hall, Southfield, rolled a 190, and that's a score that both you and I could bowl on any given day in our leagues.

This day was also the occasion for the selection of Michigan's bowling queen and her court.

The Queen for 2002 is Lisa Pitt-

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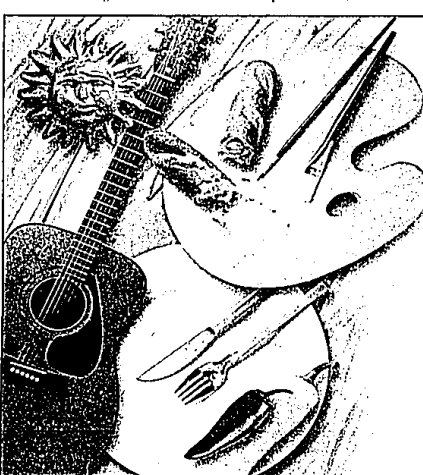
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