

# 'A little more blessing for a bowler, please'

There are many Sunday morning bowling leagues in the area in spite of the fact that some people like to just sleep in on that day.

**TEN PIN ALLEY** Sundays are also a traditional religious experience, as others will use that time to attend church, and some folks even use bowling as a religious outlet as they seem to always pray for a strike. Among the Jewish bowlers, the usual venue would be Sunday mornings with fresh coffee and fresher bagels as a pre-bowling treat.

The B'Nai Brit leagues in this area were the largest and most active in the USA for many years.

One such B'Nai Brit bowler many years ago was Harry Mendelsohn, who is retired and a resident of West Bloomfield.

He was a pretty good bowler, in his day, but was having a bad day and dropped down to a 130 average. His league duty was to fetch the bagels and bring them to the bowling alley. Often there were times when Harry would run into a priest who was also getting bagels for his league.

As Harry recalls, "We would talk bowling, wish each other luck and part."

"One Sunday morning as we were about to leave with our bagels, his bag split open and they all fell on the floor. I got on my hands and knees and helped him pick up the bagels."

He then blessed me (a Jewish boy getting blessed by a priest) and I got to the league and opened with four strikes and finished with a 248 game."

The guys all asked Harry what happened to him, and he replied "I got blessed by a priest."

The next two games he bowled 116 and 131.

The following week as he saw the priest, he thanked him and said, "I would appreciate it if your blessing was good for all three games instead of just one."

\*A couple of weeks ago, our

## Bulls sit atop LCBL

The Michigan Bulls sit atop the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League standings at 6-2.

### LCBL BASEBALL

The Michigan Lake Area Rams and defending champion Decision Consultants, Inc. are next at 5-4 and 5-3, respectively.

The Rams, getting a game-winning RBI triple from Chris Trott in the eighth inning to score Charlie Anderson, beat DCI in a game Monday at Ford Field, 3-2.

The Rams will play the first-place Bulls at 5:45 p.m. Friday at Ford Field.

Mark Lundquist, who has not given up a run in 16 innings, was the winning pitcher in relief of starter Steve Kniebe.

Lundquist went the final two innings, working out of a bases loaded jam in the seventh by getting an infield ground out and a fly to center.

Ross Winieko, who went all the way for DCI, took the loss.

Anderson had two of the Rams' six hits.

Tom Schneeman sent 3-for-3 for DCI. Brandon Hadley knocked in both DCI runs.

\*RAMS 2-3, WARRIORS 0-1: The Michigan Lake Area Rams swept a doubleheader Saturday at Ford Field, beating the Warriors, 2-1 and 3-0.

In the first game, Mark Lundquist threw a two-hitter and struck out four. He has not given up a run this season.

"He's throwing strikes," Rams coach Rick Benyman said.

The Rams took the lead in the fifth on Trott's soloed bunt that scored Rob Hudson. Ryan Freiburger went 2-for-3 for the Rams.

In the second game, winning pitcher Gary Zielek took a no-hitter into the sixth. Mike Hayes got the last four outs for the save. Brent Scheffer was 2-for-3 with two RBI for the Rams.

\*BULLS 2, RAMS 1 (8): On Friday, the Michigan Bulls tallied a run in the eighth to edge the Rams Friday at Oakland University.

Charlie Anderson homered in the sixth and Brian Campbell went 2-for-3 for the Rams. Chris Hilton and Steve Abo each had two hits for the Bulls.

T.J. Smith pitched six innings for the Rams. Kniebe lost in relief.

"It was a tough loss after a very good performance," Benyman said.

story was about bowler Terry Haines of Westland. He rolled 35 of a possible 38 strikes in his three-game series for a Detroit area record tying total of 879, setting a new all-time high series mark in the Western Wayne Metro Bowling Association. Now, Terry has made the most of his talent by turning it into some good hard cash in the Mid-States Masters 215 division competition.

His 253-217 victory over Brandon Dale of Warren was good for the top prize of \$1,200 in the 2002

Mid-States Masters Rosebowl Classic held at Rosebowl Lanes in Windsor. Haines, a self-taught, 22-year-old roofing contractor won the prize for his wife, Stephanie as a dowry for their future baby.

Other area qualifiers included:

Bill Parrish and Derrick Jasper,

both of Livonia; John Markland,

Waterford; Walter Wrone, Jr.,

Westland; Leon Walsh, Jr., Canton; Tim Garrett and Earl Pugh,

both of Garden City; Greg Morrow

of Troy.

The next 215 scratch tourna-

ment is scheduled for Sunday, June 16 at Bowl on Lanes in Troy. For more information, call Al Bielawski at (313) 365-8449.

\*Vicki Ingham of Livonia has taken over the General Manager position at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

Ingham has made many good bowling friends in the local community over the years, having worked at Mayflower Lanes in Redford and Country Lanes in Farmington. Thunderbowl, featuring 94 lanes, is the largest bowling

center in the greater Detroit area. She also wishes to announce the date of the 65th annual John P. Gavie Tournament, Aug. 19, at Thunderbowl.

Ingham says: "Mark the date on your calendars and enter early, as last year event was a complete sellout, and it is expected to be just as good this year."

\*Winners of the 34th annual

Livonia Parks and Recreation

Youth Bowling League's city roll-

offs: Junior/Major Division (12 and

up) at Cloverlanes: Derek Cripe,

Al Harrison is a resident of Gar-

den City and is a director with the

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tion. He can be reached at (734) 422-1609.

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