

Lots of tournaments are heading to town

Claverlanes in Livonia carries the banner this year for the Greater Detroit Bowling Association's 90th Annual Championship Tournament. It began with the opening ceremonies March 22 and will run on Saturdays and Sundays through April 19 with square times of 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Team, doubles and singles will all be at the same site. The tournament is open to all GDBA members and is handicapped based on 90 percent from 2002.

This gives all bowlers a chance to win some money. First place in the team event is worth \$5,000, second pays \$2,500.

The entry fee is \$20 per person per event with an optional \$10 for all events. If a player enters each event once, total cost would be \$200.

This year, the tournament is dedicated to Marvin Dooley of Southfield, the immediate past president of the GDBA.

New this year: You can enter and pay on-line at www.gdbba.com, as well as get any other tournament information. The GDBA accepts Mastercard, Visa, cash or check. To enter, call (586) 773-6350.

Perfect game

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"triple crown" of bowling and this prestigious championship.

The Pro-Am is May 24; the finals will be televised nationwide on ESPN on June 1.

For more information about the Open, call Gary Zarick at Sunnybrook at (586) 264-2700.

Seniors tournament

Also on tap for May, the Senior Professional Bowlers Tour will hit our area at Lodge Lanes in Belleville.

The Senior PBA Greater Detroit Open will run May 10-13 with Pro-Am squads at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 10. All entrants will receive a new Brunswick ball, the "Monster Frenzy" with their paid entry fee of \$140.

They will bowl three games with three different PBA Senior Tour stars as partners, all for cash prizes.

Among the pro bowlers taking in the tournament, a chance for any bowler to enter and compete for cash prizes, with the added advantage of having a professional bowler as your doubles partner.

The top women bowlers from across the nation and other countries as well, will be there for their shot at the

from Westland, bowled a 300 game last month at Merriweather in Livonia while competing in the Sunday morning Lost Weekend, a handi-capped tournament based on 90 percent from 2002.

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Those selected to the 2003 Eccentric All-Area Girls Gymnastics First Team Division 2 (from front, left to right) Sheila Orosz, Meghan Giessl, Kelsy Puffer, (back) Katie McCall, Kasja deSteiger and Lindsay Smith.

ALL-AREA

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MEGAN OURNET, Adams: This Highlander senior co-captain earned All-State honors on three events and posted a 10th-place showing all-around in the state competition. She also placed second in the low bar vault.

"She's a great kid," acknowledged Mussel. "She's a hard worker and has a knack of coming up with big showings at big times."

MEGAN GIESEL, Rochester: The Falcons senior co-captain had a strong year overall in her final season of competition, especially on bars and beam where confidence enabled her to be one of the area's best on each.

"She's been the staple to our team the past four years," Rochester coach Bill Fakhouri said. "She gained several new skills this year and took the initiative to do a lot of things. She's always been a hard worker, but this year gained a lot more confidence."

CLARA SEYMOUR, Tri-Farmington: A captain competing in her fourth varsity campaign for Tri-Farmington, Seymour was instrumental in the team's four-year run placing sixth, third, second and first overall.

"She's a great all-around performer, very motivated and pleasant to coach," Fakhouri said.

SHILA OROSEY, Adams: Named to the First Team for a third consecutive time, this Highlander standout culminated an incredible four-year career by winning the individual title on floor (9.350), finishing second on bars (9.2) and all-around (36.400). A captain, Orosz's top scores during 2003 were 9.6 on beam, 9.55

FIRST TEAM - DIVISION 2

KASJA DESTEIGER, Adams: A three-year performer for the Highlanders, deSteiger saved some of her best for last as she scored a season-best 9.225 on vault to earn an eighth-place showing at state. Other top scores included 8.8 on bars, 8.7 on beam, 8.5 on floor and 8.2 on low bar.

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MICHAELA DODD, Rochester: The Falcons senior co-captain had a strong year overall in her final season of competition, especially on bars and beam where confidence enabled her to be one of the area's best on each.

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KATIE MC CALL, Adams: Only a sophomore, McCall contributed all-around to the Highlanders' success. Her confidence added McCall in scoring seasons of 8.8 on bars, 8.7 on beam, 8.6 on vault and 8.5 on floor.

"Katie's a beautiful gymnast," described Mussel. "She's a great all-around performer, very motivated and pleasant to coach."

JULIE DZYNECKI, Algonac: A senior, Dzynecki battled injuries much of the year, but recovered enough to help the Red Hawks to a strong team showing in the finals.

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SECOND TEAM

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