

IN THE POCKET

By W.W. EDGAR

In one of the most interesting comebacks of the season, Ann Setlock, day manager at Garden Lanes, is making a desperate bid to regain the crown as Detroit's bowling queen—an honor she held several years ago.

During the past two weeks she moved to the top of the averages in the Ladies Major League with 193 and, coupled with a 176 in the Bowlerettes, she moved to within three pins of Cora Feibig, present leader in the average race.

Her comeback is remarkable in that she has shaken off the effects of a bad back that hampered her a year ago and now also is bowling with a new team. She was a mainstay with the Thunderbird Inn team for several years and when that combination disbanded at the close of last season, she joined forces with the former Belmar team that now represents a different sponsor in each of the top leagues.

While Ann is waging her battle, another former queen also is waging a comeback. She is Elvira Toefer who has moved into third place in the Bowlerettes with a 186 average.

Lou Haydu, one of the all-star veterans, is up to his old tricks.

Bowling against a much younger field, he compiled a 202 average in winning 10 of

his 12 matches to win the Michigan Majors monthly tournament. He topped the qualifying round with a 1230 count.

The Old Timers Association, in which many Observerland bowlers hold membership, has a new champion.

William Marko, 52-year-old plumbing and heating contractor in St. Clair Shores, tapped the record field of 435 bowlers at Thunderbowl last Saturday with a 657 that included games of 243, 213 and 201.

With these figures he gained a three pin margin over George Ging, Jr.

The oldest bowler in the field was Amos Webster, of Dearborn, a "young" fellow of 92 years who put together games of 104, 106 and 117 for 327.

A new star is shining brightly in the tenpin firmament.

She is Jan Vanderwill who is setting a torrid pace in the Friday Noon Classic at Farmington Lanes.

This week she topped the field with a 256 game in a 658 series to beat out two other rivals.

Gloria Mertz took the runner-up honor with a 246 in 632 and Shirley Clement landed third with a 223 in 611.

It was a big week for Joanne Takai, too. She found the range for a 247 and posted a 611—the first double century series of her career.

In the men's section Pat Loomis posted a 278 in a 608 series.

Several new names popped up among the leaders in the Westland Classic.

Dave Diomeddi took over pacemaking honors with a 679 on games of 223, 246 and 211. Close behind came John Wodarski with 670 and Rick Capaldi followed with 662.

Ski Heil

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will be taking a ski week vacation and flying out west and to the Canadian Rockies as transportation by private car isn't as necessary during a ski week.

Actually, the sport that should benefit the most is cross-country skiing. John Barnett, of the Viking Ski Shop in Livonia, has been turned onto this sport for the past few years. He has seen sales on equipment triple during the past three years. As John says, "Anyone can do it. It's a safe sport. You don't have to be super-athletic, and everyone in the family can participate."

I agree with John and it sure beats standing in lift lines. My exposure to the sport occurred two winters ago in Breckenridge, Colorado.

The next opportunity came a few months later at Georgian Peaks in Collingwood, Canada. Unfortunately, one had to ride the chair in order to ski the ridge.

My demise occurred when I found that my only way back to the lodge was down the hill and that was the lesson I hadn't had.

One of these days I'm going to take that other lesson, but until then I'll stay on the local golf courses. All we really need is a ton of snow and we can all ski to work. Wouldn't that be a ball.

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