

10-pin alley


Al Harrison

End of summer means start of league season

WITH ANOTHER Labor Day gone by, just about all of the local bowling leagues are back in action.

I hope everybody had as nice and pleasant a summer as I did and can come back to the lanes well rested and ready to knock down all these pins. The lane conditions for this season are supposed to be about the same as last year, calling for oil on the first 24 feet of lane surfaces with channel-to-channel application.

This is the "short oil" rule that first came into existence in 1988 and has been modified each year since.

There have been some critics of the "short oil" condition.

Some of the opponents say it has created artificially high scores and astronomical bowling averages. In essence, it is too easy for a fairly good bowler to attain American Bowling Congress awards such as an 800 series, 300, 299 and 298 games.

The proponents of the "short oil" system laud the uniformity of lane conditions, a certainty that award scores like 300 games will be approved by the ABC when the lanes are inspected.

They say that bowlers are getting higher scores and averages because of better equipment and more sophisticated methods of fitting and balancing the ball. Also, the fact that many of the good bowlers today have had better instruction in recent years with the inclusion of instant replay video-aided lessons.

If any readers have some commentary on today's lane conditions, please write me. I would like to include your comments in this column.

Dan Ottman of the Bowling Centers Associations is offering a \$500 reward to anyone who can come up with an old kinescope or videotape of a show he appeared on when he was 7 years old.

It was the "Poopeck-TV Channel 9 Friends Show" in April 1984 on what was then CLKW-TV Channel 9 in Windsor.

This was a three-week segment with a bowling tournament that Ottman won. For his efforts he was rewarded with his very own bowling ball.

In those days it was common practice to recycle tapes, so the station did not have a copy of it.

If you have a copy of any of these shows, call Ottman at 689-8866.

With today's column, Ten Pin Alley starts its second season. I would like to express my appreciation to all of the wonderful bowlers, the managers of bowling establishments and the league officers who contributed scores and stories to the column.

Thanks to people like Warren Teubert, Ted Kress, Betty Heider, Ed Wright, Norm Kluska, Jeri Toner, Jo Bryans and Sandy Hardesty, who called in scores to me last season.

I welcome any and all bowling leagues in the area to contact me with scores or any kind of newsworthy items.

This column is all about people who bowl — all ages, sizes and skill levels. You do not have to bowl a 300 or 299 game, although these scores do deserve mention as they are indeed a tremendous feat for any bowler.

You will not read much about the professional bowlers in this column unless someone from the local scene finds success on the tour.

A lot of tournaments are going on in the area throughout the year. I will try to keep you informed on many of the events.

Several charity events and tournaments will take place in the near future. One scheduled event is the Cystic Fibrosis Bowl for Breath, to be held at 25 bowling centers on Sunday, Oct. 22. The event offers a grand prize of a seven-night trip for two to the Bahamas.

Bowling Tip of the Week: Some advice for anyone who put away his or her ball for the entire summer — if you have not bowled in quite a while, careful not to overdo it the first few times out.

Those little callouses on your fingers might have softened up and you could have a painful experience if you bowl too much too soon. It's nice to get in a lot of practice frames, but if you feel any little bit of pain, it's better to stop and try again in a few days.

Sometimes the fit of the ball may seem different if you haven't used it in a while. This is a good reason to keep some bowlers tape handy, so you can make a quick adjustment on the finger and thumb holes.

If you have any problem with the fit, take your ball to the pro shop and they will be able to advise and assist you. This is especially important for youth bowlers who are still growing and may need to have the ball redrilled.

(Al Harrison, a Southfield resident for 20 years, serves as the secretary for the Inter-Lodge Bowling League. Harrison requests that any information dealing with area bowling establishments be sent to The Eccentric sports department at 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, or called in at 422-1609.)

Mustangs swat Barons

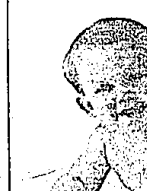
Birmingham Marian opened the girls tennis season Tuesday with a 5-2 win over visiting Bloomfield Hills Andover.

Shelley Chaben gave Andover an encouraging sign early on by winning the No. 1 singles match, 6-1, 6-4, over Marian's Stephanie Stroughter.

Marian rebounded, however, with wins in the No. 2, 3 and 4 singles flights, and No. 1 and 2 doubles.

Marian's Karen Micus won the No. 2 singles title, 6-4 and 6-2, over Rona Fenton. Winning the No. 3 title was Marian's Bevon Dietz, who topped Rita Khanaja, 6-1 and 6-0, and team-

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 American Red Cross

Getting a big jump on small game

HUNTERS anxious to get out into the field prior to the start of the small game hunting season (Sept. 15) can do just that by participating in the early Canada goose season, Sept. 1-10.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, has offered this early season for the last three years.

"The special hunt is set up to help control the local giant Canada goose population," explained DNR waterfowl specialist Jerry Martz. "These (resident) geese do migrate with severe winters, but they usually try to stay around. There have been (over population) problems in some areas."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service signed an agreement with the Michigan DNR in 1988 that would allow for an early hunt on a trial basis for three years. The hunt is set up prior to the regular season (which opens Oct. 14) to allow hunting before the migrant birds start moving through the state.

"A few migrant birds occasionally

outdoors
Bill Parker

show up near the end (of the early season), but they do not appear to be the major part of the harvest."

Most of the Lower Peninsula and portions of the eastern Upper Peninsula are open to hunting during the special season. (Check the DNR's 1989-90 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for special management areas closed to hunting). The daily bag limit is three, with no more than six in possession.

This is the last year of the three year agreement. Over the winter, the Fish and Wildlife Service will examine all the data submitted by the DNR over the last three years and decide if the early season will be offered in the future.

The DNR estimates there are 70,000 resident geese in Michigan. Two-thirds of those birds reside in

the southern half of the Lower Peninsula.

The annual goose harvest in Michigan has been between 6,000-10,000 for the last four years with a total of 14,000 birds harvested last year.

ROCHESTER ANGLERS fared very well in an Operation Bass Red Man Michigan Division qualifier held recently on Lake St. Clair. Three Rochester residents placed in the top 10 including the overall winner, Pat Cleppert.

Cleppert, added a limit of five bass which tipped the scale at 13-pounds 8-ounces. Cleppert fished the main lake weed flats using Gitzits and Rogues. He received \$1,840 for winning the tournament.

Jim Clauser finished tied for fourth with Gary Bennett of North Branch. Each angler caught five fish that weighed 11-pounds 6-ounces.

George Hoffman placed sixth with five bass weighing 10-pounds, 12-ounces.

A field of 155 anglers participated in the tournament which paid \$7,227.50 to the top finishers.

At the completion of six Red Man qualifying events, the top 24 anglers (determined on a basis of pounds and points) will compete in a regional competition against top finishers from four other divisions. The highest finishers from the regional contest advance to the \$150,000 Red Man All-American. The winner of the All-American will receive \$100,000.

All Red Man tournaments are catch-and-release events.

(Bill Parker is happy to answer questions readers may have regarding the outdoors. Send your question or comment to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009.)

outdoors calendar

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

- Sept. 8-10 — Woods-N-Water News Outdoor Weekend, featuring speakers, seminars, demonstrations and merchandise booths, will be held at the Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds in Imlay City. Call 724-0254 for details.
- Sept. 10 — A 28-target broadsheet shoot will be held at the Royal Oak Archery Range, 2700 Orion Road, Lake Orion. Call 693-1389 for details.
- Sept. 10 — Deadline to purchase a bear license.
- Sept. 10 — Resident bear season opens in Zone I.
- Sept. 10 — Final day of the early Canada goose season.
- Sept. 15 — Deadline to apply for the December elk hunt.
- Sept. 15 — Rabbit, squirrel, woodcock and grouse seasons open statewide.
- Sept. 15-17 — 1989 North American Decoy Carving Championship, featuring waterfowl carving competition, miniature decoy competition, painting contests and exhibits, will be held at the Holiday Inn Livonia-West. Call 259-433 for more information.
- Sept. 22 — Resident bear season opens in Zone II.
- Sept. 23-30 — Archery Sighting Days at the Western Wayne County Conservation Association,

6700 Napier Road, Plymouth. WWCCA offers a practice range and a 28 target broadsheet course. Call 453-9843 for more information.

- Sept. 24 — Deadline to apply for the bonus deer license.
- Sept. 26 — The Ruffed Grouse Society's 12th Annual Sportsman's Banquet will be held at 5 p.m. at the Royal House, 8301 E. 13 Mile Road, Warren. Tickets are \$45 per person and include a prime rib dinner, prizes, a silent auction and a live auction. For more information on tickets, contact Douglas Toppin c/o McEndorffer, Hoke and Bernhard Inc., 1625 S. Woodward suite 200, Bloomfield Hills 48013.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

- Eco-sing, a nature program in which participants can sit around the campfire and sing songs in celebration of the environment, will be offered at 7 p.m. Saturday at Independence Oaks.
- Bird Songs of the World, a special presentation in which various instruments will be used to create a symphony of bird songs, will be offered at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at Independence Oaks.
- Mountain Bike Fall Classic, a mountain bike race on observed trails for racers of all ages, will be held Sunday, Sept. 17, at Addison Oaks.

- Most Oakland County Parks programs require pre-registration and a motor vehicle permit is required. Call 858-0906 (headquarters) or 625-6473 (Independence Oaks) for more information.

METROPARKS

- Campfire on the Beach, a program consisting of songs, stories and a marshmallow roast, will be offered at 7 p.m. Friday at Stony Creek. Participants should bring a roasting stick and something to sit on. There is a \$1 charge per person.
- Fall Bird Count and Picnic, an annual bird census of Kensington, will be held at 7 a.m. Saturday at Kensington. Participants should bring binoculars and a lunch.
- Three Body Parts and Six Legs, a nature program on identification and collection of insects, will be offered at 1 p.m. Saturday at Stony Creek. Participants should bring

tweezers and a clean jar with a lid. There is a \$2 charge per person and pre-registration is required.

- Paddles, Sinkers and Dunkers, an opportunity for participants to paddle the Voyager Canoe across Stony Creek Lake, will be offered at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at Stony Creek. There is a \$2.50 charge per person, and participants will receive a doughnut and beverage.

- Nature's Bounty, a naturalist-led walk focusing on nature's harvest, will be offered at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.
- Late Bloomers, a nature program about summer wild flowers, will be offered at 10 a.m. Sunday at Indian Springs.

- Most Metropark programs are free of charge, but require advanced registration. All programs require a vehicle entry permit. For additional information on all the Metropark programs, call 1-800-24-PARKS.

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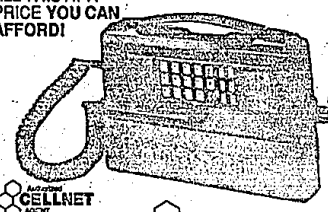
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