

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

COUNTRY LANES (Farmington)
Saturday Nite Mixers: Chuck Smith, 201; 203/204; Ken Hestland, 209/638; Chuck Rosen, 205/211; Fred Fager, 217; Ed Varner, 213; Fred Ream, 216.
O'Neil Bette Ben Luskay Travel: Wayne Luskay, 259/247/244; Ron Luskay, 243/235; 217/201; Marc Etzelman, 233/210/207/204; Cy Rott, 211/204/201; Steve Elkus, 218/200/203.
WFR: 7; Mike Kalozch, 279/601; Matt McFarlane, 263/721; John Bering, 257/707; Ivlo Bering, 245; Tony Elias, 235; Don Hestland, 235/650.
Liam Laker: Don Wagner, 235/649; Chuck Cruz, 234.
Sports Club: Sam Klay, 239/600; Mark Salmo, 225; Donny Asner, 225/601; Rita Dawood, 235.
Tuesday Mixed Title: Tom Shively, 237/682; Leah Smith, 278/726; Wendy Lord, 237/624; Kevin Landwehr, 227/673.
Wednesday Nite Men: Don Sadler Jr., 279; Jim McPhail Jr., 276; Steve Laine, 720.
Tuesday a.m. Ladies: Lola Konig, 200/501; Mary Sophia, 195.
University Men: John Robertson, 208; Ron Maslison, 258; Joe Aschman, 755; John Olejnik, 701.
Reggie: Pete Cassand, 244; Keith Brandom, 243/605; Joe Malinski, 241; Dave Macoschke, 238/650; Todd Ulrich, 230.
Gentlemen: Virgil Leyer, 213/509; Celeste Chantrel, 233/519.
Wednesday Nite Ladies: Cora Whitehouse, 221/225; Sherry Cox, 212; Donna Lee, 205.
Advanced Youth (senior): Gordon Gregor, 244/002; Myrl Stephens, 201/538.
Roadside Bowlers: Mary Novak, 234; Marilyn Left, 191.
Wednesday Night: Rick Kirach, 279/070; Steve Ungert, 207; Neil Beckman, 650.
Spares & Strikes: Estelle Drabicki, 208/507; Lori Lucknow, 203.
Farmington Schools: Matt Losh, 225/608; Josh Wool, 203; Carl Berman, 203.
County High School: Eric Raky, 250/606; Mike Pinnau, 222.
County Juniors: Howard Hardy, 203; Kory West, 202.
County Beginners: Christopher Jaeger, 100; Stephen Tolin, 105; Kaylee Hancock, 94; Lindsay Tressler, 92.
METRO BOWL (Livonia)
Rite on Time: Greg Criss, 258; Tom Ulick, 268; Bob Spaw Jr., 268/750; Mike O'Malley, 258/720; Scott Moore, 279/722; Jack Osborne, 268; Scott Sibel, 265/744; Norm Selecki, 266/734.
Mena Sander House: Meryl Luncford, 207; 255/237/788; Doug Elson, 300; 205/237/709; Jim McPhail Jr., 247/278/237/748; Derek Takala, 300; Greg Nagle, 300; Meryl Luncford, 300.
K of G: Randy Priesnell, 300/728; Charlie Reed, 698; Jim Bushaw, 672; Frank Hoffman, 660; Wayne Kester, 655.
Hawburg Ladies: Darlene Jablonski, 202/605; Maureen Cirraco, 190; Kathy Diche, 198.
Wednesday Toast & Coffee: Shelli Dundas, 203/507; Diane Krupinski, 203; Gretchen Hocking, 203/213/584; Penny Weber, 525.
Bowling Bags: Judy Hill, 223/543; Karen Boyk, 201; Lee Faber, 201.
Pin Busters: Billy Ringrose, 161/209; Joseph Krajewski, 200.
Pin Heads: Aaron Petraske, 256/637; Don Tibbels, 209; Marcus Davis, 207.

Bowling star nears million-dollar goal



The Detroit area has produced plenty of men and women who have stood out on the bowling professional tours. Of recent note, the ladies have just returned from a short four-city swing through Georgia and Florida. Lisa Bishop of Belleville captured one pro title, finished third in another and made the match play semifinals in the last one. Both Aleta Sill and Marianne DiRupo cashed in a few of the events, but Aleta is still about \$8,000 short of her immediate target — first woman bowler to earn one million dollars on the tour. This trip was not only a disappointment for Sill, but her vehicle broke down and she had to send away for some special parts in order to get back home. On the brighter side, Gene Stus was named to the 1998 Bowling Magazine All-American Senior Team. Stus has had an outstanding career and has represented the "Bowling Capital of the Nation" very well for many years. The area is also producing new blood for the PBA tour, which will become known in the next millennium. The Bryant Center Special Olympics bowling competition was held recently at Country Lanes in Farmington. The participants had a great time and the event was enhanced by many wonderful door prizes which were drawn randomly for the bowlers. The event coordinators wish to thank the many prize donors: Rio Bravo Restaurant, Dan's Subs, United Artists denters, H & A Custom Home Painting, Sideline & Baskin Robbins, Pet

Supplies Plus, McDonalds, Fashion Cleaners, Colonial Oil Change, Tubby's Subs, Ferner Hair Cuts, Farmer Jack Markets, Medical Fitness Center, Angelo Brothers Restaurant, Colonial Car Wash, Olga's, Center Tire, Fat Willy's, Pages, Atlanta Braves (Steve Avery), Christmas Hair Salon, Livonia Thrift, Joe's Produce & Detroit Redwings (tickets). Through the generosity of these donors, this type of event can be more fun and exciting for those who take part. This was a nicely organized and run event for a most worthwhile cause. *Current leader board in the DWBA Women's City Tournament: Team Event: The Country Side Kickers from Skore Lanes was first with 2700 + 734 + 3434; Doubles: Marystine Jurkiewicz and Tonya Gayda from Hideaway in first place with 1078 + 357 = 1435; Singles: Sandra Oliverio from Thunderbird Lanes in Troy leading with 656 + 139 = 795 (she also leads in actual singles); All Events: Sherry Kaczorowski from Astro Lanes leading with 1877 + 309 + 2186, Tina Mikolowski, also from Astro, leads actual All Events with 1699. There's still time for new leaders to show up before the event winds up at month's end. *The Latest Metro Bowling Tour action took place on February 28 at 300 Bowl in Waterford. The championship match pitted Dave Dalton of Rochester Hills against Scott Miller of Waterford. The seed Miller fell off his spare game and Miller took advantage to defeat him easily, 244-161. Miller had won his previous match, 247-234, over Mike Nelson of Clarkston. The next Metro Tour stop will be at Cherry Hill North Lanes in Clarkston. For information or entry forms, call Roy Akers at (248) 673-7407.

Fine tuning is all that's needed sometimes



Tom Relich is the owner of Strike Force Pro Shop in Oak Lanes, on Middlebelt Road in Westland. He has been involved with USA Bowling since 1991 and holds the highest rating a coach can get, Silver Level. He was trained by Fred Borden, considered the top authority on bowling instruction. Relich has instructed in many clinics and bowling camps held around the country each year by USA Bowling. He has participated in the Olympic Training center and studied sports psychology. Different sports therapists and kinetic energy classes complete his training to teach the skills that can make a good bowler better, or a winner instead of a loser in all types of competition. Coaching has to be at a very high level for the higher average bowlers. "We can take somebody's physical game — the timing, release and armswing — and make some small corrections to get more leverage on the shot. "But this can more effectively be tied in with the mental aspect of the game. Visualization and confidence in the shot have a lot to do with how well a person can bowl. "Often when a high-caliber bowler comes in and we ask them what they need, they say they're looking for the latest new ball. "We sometimes explain that their need is not new equipment, but just some fine tuning on their basic game. This is in sharp contrast to some of the stores that just want to sell a ball. "Many times there is a fault in the timing or release we can correct in a lesson or two. It has nothing to do with the bowling ball. "The game has changed a lot recently. Tom adds, "Just like a pitcher in baseball, the way the seams are gripped results in dif-

ferent ball rotation. "Today's better bowler should be more versatile, be able to vary his delivery according to lane conditions (as was discussed in the recent Pro Tip on lane oiling patterns). "A good bowler should be able to change the type of shot and not get locked in to just one delivery." When the lanes get tough, Relich says he can pull things out of the trick bag to try to help. Conditions change more rapidly now and the bowler should be able to change along with them. Sometimes it can be a subtle move like breaking the wrist back and not revving the ball as hard. You may not actually need as many balls as you think, because you can change the character of the ball as you learn to vary the delivery. Relich says you can make one ball look like four if you know how. He teaches there are many different angles, speeds and various ways to apply rotation in order to get the lanes to work for you. There is a need to have the right arsenal of equipment, but it should be spread out to get the full potential from the equipment you have. This is where you need your pro shop, your instructor or your coach. They should have watched you bowl and be able to tell what you really need. To get the 190 bowler over 200, the real need is to string out more strikes to get those high scores and rich jackpots. Relich says we also should look at the mental attitude. Sometimes a person can bowl great in practice and then go mentally blind when the lights come on. "I try to teach a bowling demeanor, so to speak," he said. "To battle an opponent is not what you are really doing. The actual opponent is the lane conditions. "If you can conquer the lanes, your performance will be a lot better. It all comes down to the mental aspect of the game, and we try to impart that. For more information, call Relich at (734) 425-8630.

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