GDBA ready to roll into next season



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The Greater Detroit Bowling Association recently held its annual meeting and the full slate of officers was elected for the 1999-2000

season. Anita Marvel was named Director of the

HARRISON Director of the Year.
With the Michigan State Tournament next season being held in the Detroit area, the association plans to be involved, working toward a goal of getting 3,000 teams to compete in it—or, as they dubbed it, *3000 in 2000.* The rest of the meeting was pretty much routine, with league delegates in attendance being kept up-to-date on GDBA functions, events and financial status.

tions, events and financial sta-tus. Sunday's meeting followed Saturday night's Wayne-West-land Men's Bowling Association annual banquet and dance, in which awards were presented. Bill Peacock got the Presi-dent's Award for outstanding service and Wes Klocke took the Bud Mach Award for director of the year.

the year.

The city championship at Vision Lanes in Westland was won by the Val's Catering team with a 3,179 total by Michael Kirby, Ronald Wagner, Sr., Don-

ald and Claude Warrington,
James Smith and Tony Locchle won the doubles crown with
1,681, while Lee Salingue took
singles with a 775. The allevents went to Ken Paczas
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The 17th annual 700 Singles Tournament, with a field of 464 bowlers, was won by Daniel G. Wilson.

Red Holman Pontiac and D.B.T. Awards & Graphics were event co-sponsors.

Bowler of the Month awards went to Mr. October, Michael Udal! (Super Bowl); November, William Paull (Town 'n' Country); December, Branden Cherry (Super Bowl); January, Robert Dobransky (Westland Bowl); February, Robert Dobransky (Westland Bowl); The association recorded 160 300 games, sixty-soven 299 games, twenty-one 298 games and forty-three 800 series this past season.

Association team high game was 1,358 rolled on Feb. 5 at Town 'n' Country Lances by the Lodge Pro Shop Team No. 1 with Bob Pittaway scoring a 277, Don Jewell, 267; Pat Engebretson, 267; Gary Duarard, 279; and Aaron Staples, 267.

The high average in the association was by Mitch Jabezenski with 237, not bad for a guy who uses a 14-pound ball.

verted the dreaded 7-10 split, so don't say it can't be done.

"The meeting and elections weren't the only highlights of the GDBA annual gathering.
Guest speaker Bob Jarlenski, president of Creative Marketing Specialists (CMS), gave an uplithing talk on alternative systems of sanctioned league play.
Jarlenski, who lives in Fort Myers, Fla., said that the traditional format has flaws and also is not always compotitive or motivating to all league bowlers. His plan: the Ultimate Bowling League (UBL) format, which he believes can make any league, small or large, more interesting and also will help leagues to better retain their bowlers.
It follows closely the schedule used by most major professional and ansatur sports around the world:
Divide leagues into two or

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and amateur sports around the world:
Divide leagues into two or more conferences, then subdivide those into divisions, with the 32-week season divided into four quarters of eight weeks each in duration, featuring a playoff at the end of each quarter. Thus is created a structure for a playoff system at the end of the regular season. The same scheduling system as in the past would be used, but now there would be several teams in contention all through the season. The traditional league champions are almost always the teams with the botter bowlera: They are guaranteed a mathematical

advantage, due to the length of the season.

No one can dispute that the team that generally wins a scratch tourney has the best bowlers. This also holds true in 70-percent, 80-percent and 90-percent handicap lengues as well.

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The UBL format is not for overyone, but leagues suffering shrinkage from dropouts likely would benefit the most.

This format has been tried and tested successfully in many parts of the country and it has proven beneficial, even in leagues with as few as six teams.

For some, it is a means of survival. And when applied according to format, it means more bowlers having more fun, with better attendance, new members and better competition.

There are many variations of the UBL format; it has several different options.

The GDBA is probably going to be part of a local committee to work on this project jointly with the national committee.

But it is also up to the proprietors to pursue it, if they want to be more creative. Meanwhile, any league can choose, before the start of the new season, to use this method.

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start of the new season, to use this method.

It is time to break away from the old traditional system and put new life into league bowling. For more information, call (810) 773-6350, or e-mail Jarlenski at BowlBob@AOL.com.

*In case anyone missed the story that ran a couple weeks age in Matt Florito's column: Five Detroit-area bowlers set an all-time record for high series in a three-game set, shooting a 3,970 in the Shammy Burt Tournament in Toledo.

The feat fecused nationwide attention on the Just Us Tree Service team of captain Earl Justice (792), Verlin Terry (738), David Boyd (774), Steve Bradley (761) and Carleton Chambers (805). Their score edged past Hurst Bowling Supplies 3,868 in 1994.

Before that, the honor belonged to the fabled 1958 Budweiser team of St. Louis with a 3,858 — a team that consisted of American Bowling Congress hall of famers Dick Weber, Don Carter, Ray Bluth, Tom Hennessy and Pat Patterson. Their record stood for nearly 36 years.

*I attended the induction ceremonies for the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame May 19 at Cobellal and had a chance to see all the greats.

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But I also was able to renew acquaintances with the leg-endary Eddle Lubanski — one of only three bowlers ever inducted into the state hall. The others are Marion Ladewig and George Vanne

are Marion Laureng and Strong-Young.
Really, there are many more who should qualify— if not now, then sometime soon. At any rate, Lubanski promises to give my readers a good pro tip soon.

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COUNTRY LANCE (Fermination)

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236/310; Keith Rerman (Youth), 215/539. Wadnesday Night Doublea (Youth): Tony Vitale, 239; Leon Walsh, 236; Christina Roward, 251; Kim Williams, 219; Howard Hardy, 266; Joko VanMoter, 265; Jonny Chism, 217. NOVI BOWL

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BOWLING TIP OF THE WEEK

BY AL HARRISON SPECIAL WHITER

Roland Snodgrass, owner of Roland's Bowling Pro Shop and immediate past-president of the Greater Detroit Bowling Associa-tion, has some advice for any bowler needing to power-up the ball.

ball.
Roland, whose shop is in Fair-lanes Bowl on Stephenson High-way, between 12 and 13 Mile roads, is an excellent bowler as well as an expert on setting-up and drilling balls.

He says that some bowlers who are perhaps older or who are slightly built may not be generating enough power in their

orating enough power in their shot.

"They seem to be hitting the pocket a lot, but not getting many strikes," he says. "It may be the seven or the ten pin usually, or both. These bowlers are not getting the rotation or turn on the ball that they should."

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occurs. This tells me how much the ball will flip when it gets to the back-end of the lane. By setting it up by pin position, I can set up a different reaction to incorporate the fit, the turn and the

incorporate the fit, the turn and the rotation that you need in order to carry. Q: What can you do for older bowlens? If you are a senior, one of the things I took at is bail-weight. Personally, at you go of 56, lave geno to a 14-pound ball, and I get much more turn, better more generally and the personal pe

corner-pins."

Q: What else do you recommend?

"I suggest that you fearn to read the ball and read the pins. See what the ball

does when it hits the pins. Does the ball drive through the pins, or does the ball fade? "Secondly, read the pins. Do they lay in the gutter and die? Or do they go in

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to the pin position. It can be drilled to delay the energy of the ball. You can get the ball to fill linger and have a much later filepoint.

"This way, you are swing the energy over the first 50 feet or so, then the ball has among hower at the back-end when it hits. If the ball starts to hook at 30 or 35 feet, you may not have any energy left for the pinkit for the pins." Q: What does using a lighter ball

eccomplish?

"If you use a light ball, you can push the pin out further, have more speed and a ball that will have back-end power—more carry on the corners, more

By dropping a pound, you are goining speed and rotation, which will more than make up for the loss of the pound.

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