

**BOWLING**

# Meet offers bowlers chance to unload used equipment, purchase at cheaper prices



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There are a lot of bowlers who have overbought equipment over the past several years when it seemed to be an advantage to compete with a certain type of ball only to see something else come along, even better or perhaps more hyped by the industry.

I know some people who cannot even get through the basement or garage without having to climb the Mount Brunswick or get through the valley of the Ebonites.

On the other hand, there are plenty of bowlers who simply do not care to spend over \$100 for a bowling ball, much less over \$200.

For all, there is an answer. It is Bowling Ball Swap & Meet which will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 7 and 8, at Westland Bowl, located on Wayne Road, a quarter mile north of Ford Road in Westland.

For those who wish to unload their surplus, it is a perfect opportunity to sell the equipment at a reasonable price.

For those who would love to have one or more of the newer types of high tech balls at a reasonable cost, this is the ideal way to get good equipment at a reasonable cost.

Balls, bags or other items except shoes may be dropped off any time from Sunday through Friday, Aug. 1-6 (except Monday which will be closed).

Each piece will be numbered and tagged with the make, model and price.

Each participant will be eligible to receive door prizes and a 50-50 drawing will also be held to support a local charity during this function.

Ray's in-house pro shop will plug and re-drill any of these balls for a very nominal fee of \$10 if needed (any inserts or specials will be extra).

Each ball purchased will have a coupon good for two free games at Westland Bowl throughout the month of August.

This is the first time a swap meet of this type has been tried that we know, but it has been successfully done over the years by other sports interests such as the skiing shops.

You need not be present to win a door prize, the drawings will be at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 8.

It will also be the first public introduction of the newly installed Anvilanes by Brunswick, the state-of-the-art bowling centers.

These lanes are presently being installed at the rate of 10 per week and the whole 60 lanes should be ready for this event.

It is up to the seller to determine the price to apply to the balls, the bowling center is not taking any percentage or commission on these sales.

This is only a test run, and if it goes well, there will certainly be more of them ahead.

Volumes have been written about 91-year-old Joe Norris, who captained the great Detroit all-star teams of 80 and 60 years ago.

Norris still has many roots in our area, even though he has long been retired to sunny Southern California.

He returns to the Detroit area every year to compete in the Old Timers Tournament in November.

Norris is bowling history personified.

He can talk about the olden times as if it were only yesterday, and of course, he is holder of numerous records.

One particular record to recognize is that Norris was the youngest person ever to bowl a 300 game (at the time) when he was 18.

He also held the distinction of being the oldest person to bowl a 300 game when he rolled one at age 88 in 1994.

Now, that record has been broken by an 87-year-old man from Columbus, Ohio on June 15.

It was Joe Dean, who now rewrites some history and becomes an answer for someone's trivia question. In no way does this diminish the amazing feat, twice by Norris, for he is a living legend that will be spoken about in these parts for as long as the game is played.

Even bowlers have to have good food.

And that is exactly what they will get from now on at Cloverlanes as Steve Klein's All-Star Grille, which is now open and in full operation.

It is Bowling Ball Swap & Meet which is the same menu as his other locations such as Thunder-bowl Lanes, which is a great place to eat even if you are not a bowler.

It's well worth stopping by for a really good meal.

Even you, Gordie Biekle, can

take your AutoNation USA lunch hour, just cruise up I-275 to I-90, go east to Middlebelt and make a U-Turn on the service drive across from where Ladbroke DRC used to be.

Try it, you'll like it.

- BOWLING HONOR ROLL**  
Clevelanders (Livonia)
- Unique Mixes: Connie Cleveland, 256/672; Jo Ann Cantor, 235/638; Adam Cleveland, 266; Greg Smith, Jr., 245/652; Verlin Terry, 651; Larry Richardson, 245/650.
  - Dynamic Doubles: Cassandra English, 230/631; Kevin Popke, 279/760; Dennis Grywcz, 258/704.
  - Tuesday Drop-in Seniors: Stan Tanski, 209; Harry Buhl, 212/576; Sam Somoloff, 210/572; Don Utter, 221/614.
  - Men's Bowl (Livonia)
    - Senior Lads & Lassies: Howard Simons, 200; Len Doughton, 200; Harry Oumetan, 204; Joe Balgo, 202; Irene Rust, 204; Joe Rubio, 202; VI Sewoy, 200; Evelyn Villorot, 214.
  - Woodland Lanes (Livonia)
    - Reggie's Men's Book, 242.
    - Woodland Lanes (Livonia)
      - Gold Pine Summer Trio: Dave Richardson, 245-245/036 (four games total); Paul Surmacz, 902; Leo Snow, 245/883; Ryan Wilson, 273; Ken Bashara, 880; Ed Dudok, 258/877.
      - Note: League uses heavy gold pins, same as seen on the PBA tour.

# Outdoors from page D4

**Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion** has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle ranges hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

**Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks.** Call (810) 626-6473 to register or for more information.

**NATURE CLUB**  
Agos 512 will learn about the outdoors during this program, which begins at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 31, at Independence Oaks. The club will also meet Aug. 28.

Explore the park's natural and cultural history through a variety of weekly hikes and interpretive presentations during this class, which will be held at 7 p.m. each Thursday through the end of August at Maybury.

**HAVEN HILL HISTORY**  
Learn about the park's rich cultural history and the habitat it provides during this 90-minute walk, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, July 24, at Highland.

**SUMMER GRAIN HARVEST**  
Learn about grain harvesting and processing during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 24, at Maybury.

## STATE PARKS

**STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS**  
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-2390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6707. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 693-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

**ORTONVILLE RECREATION**  
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 12-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5770 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

**FISHING IN THE PARKS**  
Learn the basics of fishing during this program, which begins at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, through August 10, at Island Lake, Metamora-Hadley and Pontiac Lake recreation areas.

**COUNTY PARKS**  
PARK REQUIREMENTS  
SUMMER EVENTS

## METROPARKS

**METROPARK REQUIREMENTS**  
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective park toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7766; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

**1999 PERMITS**  
The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$9 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

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