

Youth-league bowlers put on good show in annual event



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Last weekend was the climax of the youth leagues season as the three leagues that function in metro Detroit battled it out June 4 at Ypsi Arbor Lanes in the 5th Annual Youth Travel Challenge.

The three leagues involved were the Ward Youth Travel League, the Sunday Youth Classic and the Western Wayne Youth Traveling Classic.

The travel leagues have been the breeding ground for many of the best bowlers in our area, as the more varied travel league conditions help in molding the youngsters skills and preparing them as better players in the future.

Each of the leagues has its own particular history and identity.

For this tournament, the leagues have one team each of boys, girls and mixed.

The highest aggregate score wins the championship. In this event they all battled hard, and as the smoke cleared, the winner and new champion turned out to be Ward with a total of 11,334, originated by the late Cecil Ward about a half century ago.

According to Ypsi-Arbor manager Barbara Buhler: "This was one of the most exciting of all youth tournaments, they all bowled great." Among the highlights, Myron Lee of Ward rolled a 259 game with a 695 series for high individual honors.

Anthony Wright shot a 604, Fred Effinger, 608; and Jeff Edwards fired a 238 game and 624 to help seal the victory for Ward.

The S.Y.C., with a total of 11,206, took second with a 240 game from Tony Vitale, a 611 series by Tom Hughes, a 596 by Jeff Novak, a 587 series by Tom Shellman and a 577 with a 238 game by Keith Moore.

The W.W.Y.T.C., third with 10,851, had Scott Barnick leading with a 265 game and 576; Roy Hixson 224 and 587; and Ryan Mortenson with a 589.

Lane conditions were pretty dry in the back end, resulting in a more difficult shot for the crankers, big hooks and the players with more aggressive balls.

Difficult (very dry) lane conditions mean that sometimes you would have to aim at the 10-pin in order to hit the No. 7.

The 64th annual John P. Gavio Memorial Tournament will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 21.

This year's honorees include bowling center proprietors Mark Voight of Farmington Hills and Jim Strobl, owner of Royal and Thunderbowl Lanes, along with Marguerite "Peggy" Saiko of Garden City, who is the first vice-president of the Detroit Women's Bowling Association, and 88-year-old Jarvis Woehlike of Dearborn.

The Gavio is always considered to be the kick-off of the new bowling season.

It is a team event and many of the entrants will be sponsored by local businesses, some by their own bowling center, and others by industrial supporters.

Many others enter on their own, a very reasonable cost for the team entry, which is just what John Gavio wanted done.

This tournament always turns out to be a nice social event, as old friends get together to have a good time.

There will be a men's, women's and senior division. Cash prizes will be awarded in each division and there will be optional jackpots and brackets.

The tournament committee also announced there will be a youth scholarship award given out each year starting next season.

Every entrant comes away

with a variety of souvenir gifts.

Entry forms will go out shortly, so plan ahead.

For TV fans of the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour, the next event is scheduled for 10:30 p.m. Monday on ESPN 2.

Last week, Michelle Feldman had a nasty fall and injured her bowling thumb. As she was seated in the No. 1 spot, she only had to bowl one game, loughed it out with a lot of pain and still howled well enough to win the

tournament.

Our local gals are not doing too well right now, and one more of the All-Stars Bowlerettes has joined the tour, that is Novella White of Detroit, who has been one of our arena top female players for quite some time.

The Greater Detroit Bowling Association will hold its annual Awards Banquet jointly with the Detroit Women's Bowling Association this Thursday, June 15 at the Warren Chateau.

This is where everybody gets

to eat and then see the awards handed out for the accomplishments and all-city team selections. The recipients will be made public in next week's edition.

I never win any of the awards, but I do get to eat, always seated with the bowling press corps consisting of Matt Florito, Rick Strobl, Larry Paladino and Bernie Kennedy and our wives.

I always look forward to this, as Paladino, who is now our Birmingham Eccentric News

Editor, never fails to have the latest jokes at the table.

Larry, I hope everybody enjoys your sense of humor as much as I do.

It's bargain time Summer fare at Town 'n Country Lanes on Wayne Road in Westland.

You can bowl from 10 p.m. to midnight Fridays at Pizza & Bowl for \$24 per lane; All U Can Bowl from 10:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturdays at \$26 per lane; Rent-a-lane 10 p.m. to midnight Sundays at \$15 per lane.

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Club Fifty: John Pauli, 279/821; John McFatters, 263/030; Bill Spray, 267/620; Stan Faltheus, 263; Ben Krupp, 263; Will Soukas, 212.

Woodland Lanes (Livonia)
Summer Trio: Chuck Dobrick, 278/757; Brent Landis, 685; Dan Hill, 693; Alan Stone, 689; Rob Schepke, 278/732; Stu Levy, 689; Scott Maluskiy, 681; John Schultz, 682.

Westland Bowl
Thursday Summer Trio (May 28): George Fineran, 248/661; Dick Beattie, 266/843; Jon Reed, 267/708; Chris Niclmani, 277/725; Linda Gaska, 213/606; Tom Newman, 222/834; Brian Hezys, 254/689; William Gallagher, 258/716; John Flores, 245/765; Lee Goss, 254/654; Rob Schepke, 237/640; Gary Duane, 258/732.

Thursday Summer Trio (June 4): Joe Jacobs, 257/871; Jeff Roche, 244/696; Rob Schepke, 257/699; George Fineran, 236/650; Tim Mayer, 242/845; Dan Frasier, 222/843; Dick Beattie, 227/853; Kurt Polowski, 278/834; Todd Ulrich, 276/683; Jon Reed, 240/645; Brian Hezys, 258/728; John Flores, 217/820; Dan Flores, 237/870; Tom Shovely, 243/723; Gary Duane, 257/726.

Cowley Lanes (Farmington)
Summer Besties: Stan Skarbinak, 210/834; Otto Kukuk, 202; Tony Caramito, 641; Brian Sheppard, 227/831; Ruth Solan, 183.

Wednesday Night Doochie: Keith Moore, 246; Nathan Adams, 228/919; Chian, 233; Katie Bishop, 212.

Lane Night Out: Minika Earles, 235/820; Ann Marie Campbell, 189/823.

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