

Youths to challenge seniors



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TEN-PIN ALLEY
This coming Saturday marks the Sixth Annual Senior-Youth Challenge, "a match of the ages" in which the senior league bowlers at Mayflower Lanes in Redford take on the youth leaguers from the same house.
The kids won the title in each of the first four years, but last year the seniors were victorious. This is always a fun-filled occasion, as there are great door prizes galore, each contestant receives a commemorative imprinted bowler towel and is rewarded with pizza. All participating youth bowlers receive a trophy, courtesy of Little Bill's Awards and Trophies in Redford.
Best of all, the youth bowlers who bowl well will receive scholarship money which is held in a special fund until they are ready for college. Any interested parties are invited to come on in and root for your favorites. For information, call (313) 937-8420.
Balls that smell
The mad scientists who work

at the laboratory of Storm Bowling Balls have brought about an interesting new concept in all of their high performance balls. They could call it "I smell a strike coming on." If you buy their El Nino Gold it will have a grape smell to it. The Power Bolt smells like apple spice. Raspberry is the aroma of the X-17. The Eraser smells like orange, and the Flamo has the sweet smell of bubble gum to it. The next new ball will be called the Trauma and will reek of cinnamon, actually a very nice aroma.
It's a good thing they are not naming one of their balls The Skunk. These odors are built right into the coverstock and seem to last for quite a long time. Ralph Solan of Storm Products doesn't claim that the aroma will knock down more pins, but the latest 900 series by Robby Portantitis of Jackson was accomplished with the Storm El Nino Gold.
Of the four recognized 900 series that have been bowled, two have been with Storm balls. Californian Vince Wood used a Storm ball to shoot a 900 series in 1999. It sure makes a lot of sense to bowl.
Hospice Bowl-A-Thon Sunday, Feb. 4, marks the

third annual Hospice Bowl-A-Thon at Country lanes in Farmington. Tickets are \$20 per person and a 50-50 drawing will be held with proceeds going to the fund. For more information please call: (248) 478-3201.
Now it can be told
The new owners of Plaza Lanes are Gerald Johnson along with partner Steve Klein. Klein also is the owner of the All-Star Grille, which operates the food concession in several bowling centers including Plaza Lanes. Both Klein and Johnson are bowlers in the All-Star league at Thunderbowl Lanes. Plaza Lanes is located on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth and was previously owned by the Moceri family. Johnson is also the owner of Novi Springs.
George Zainea of D.B.&T. Awards and Graphics read about the All-Star Grille team which set a new high series record last November with a 3,600 score. George wanted to do something special, so he went ahead and made up a set of eight plaques for the team members and the sponsor. These were presented to the team at Cloverlanes last Monday by Zainea, so now each of the gals has a very nice memento of the occasion.

Mercy, CC stay atop standings

SKING
The Detroit Catholic Central and Farmington Hills Mercy ski teams are starting their runs toward the state championships.
The two squads, both coached by Tom Gable, will be skiing Monday in the Traverse City Invitational at Schuss Mountain (Shanty Creek) in Bellaire.
"They're really looking forward to heading north to the invitational," Gable said. The meet will give the teams a look at new slopes and give them practice at making adjustments.
Both the Shamrocks and Marlins finished second Thursday in their latest meets on the familiar surfaces of Mount Brighton.
"Both teams are still leading their divisions," Gable said.

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The girls are quite a bit in front. They've only slipped twice, both second-place finishes.
The boys are also leading their division, by three points I think.
Brighton edged out Catholic Central, 35-46. The Bulldogs nipped the Marlins, 33-34.
"I think both teams skied a little conservatively," Gable said.
Matt Gable finished a solid first in the boys alalom, nearly two full seconds ahead of runner-up Andrew Fons of the University of Detroit-Jesuit, 28.62 to 30.27.
Gable had runs of 13.21 and 15.41 with teammate Eric Sul-

ivan taking seventh place on runs of 14.72 and 17.54 for a combined time of 32.26.
Che Martinez was 18th in 35.32 and Joe Murray 20th at 35.85.
Ryan Boudreau took a gaze and was disqualified on his first run while Joe Gabel finished 33rd at 44.29.
Freshman Liz Kujala led Mercy with a fourth-place finish, registering runs of 18.87 and 16.61 for a time of 35.48. Nikki Anderson was ninth, totaling 37.57 on times of 19.70 and 17.87.
Laura Burek was 10th at 38.30 and Dana Woolsey one place behind with a 38.94 showing.
Marcy Godlew finished 35th (55.15) and Nicole Zaleski 46th (107.39).

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

BOAT, SPORT & FISHING SHOW
The 18th annual Michigan Boat, Sport & Fishing Show opens Wednesday, Jan. 31 at the Pontiac Silverdome and runs through Feb. 4. One new attraction is the Fly Fishing Stage, which will offer free specialty demonstrations and hands-on instruction. Show hours are: Wednesday, Jan. 31 from 3 p.m.-9:30 p.m.; Thursday, Feb. 1 from 3 p.m.-9:30 p.m.; Friday, Feb. 2 from 3 p.m.-9:30 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 3 from 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 4 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children ages 6-14. Kids five years or age and younger are admitted free of charge. Discount coupons will be redeemable Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and may be downloaded off the Internet at www.showspan.com.

OAKLAND COUNTY SPORTSMANSHIP
The Oakland County Sportfishing Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at Santia Hall, 1985 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Call (248) 693-4399 or visit the club's web site at <http://go.to/wcsa> for information.
SPORTING FLIES COMPETITION
The 7th annual Sporting Flies Competition and What's New in Tackle exhibit begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Southfield Civic Center. Call (248) 652-6967 or (248) 683-3688.
DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS
Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. More information can be obtained by

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METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 478-5027 for more information.
MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Call (248) 478-1494.
FOUR SEASONS
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