

# Bowler achieves rare feat



**TEN-PIN ALLEY**  
The most difficult spare in bowling is the 7-10, otherwise known as "Snake eyes." There have been a host of good, grunt and grand bowlers who have never been able to convert this spare.

Now we have a woman bowler who has accomplished this rare feat in the "Good Neighbors" Ladies league on April 4 at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

There were several who witnessed the shot and it has been submitted for a chevron from the Detroit Women's Bowling Association. This is certainly not the first time someone has made the 7-10 split, but it must be a record, for the rest of the story is that it was 91-year-old Myrtle

Ringe of Redford who did it. "I was just trying for the seven pin," said Myrtle. "I watched it all the way and couldn't believe the seven pin spun around and rolled right into the ten, knocking it over." I doubt if such records are kept, but this could very well be the oldest bowler of either gender to make the nastiest of all splits, the 7-10.

Bowlers rally and come to the aid of one of our own who has fallen upon hard times. Tina Barber Judy has struggled to keep her family solvent ever since her husband, Joe had an accident at work and now requires a lot of TLC and may not be able to go back to work for a long time. The subsequent surgery went wrong, and he suffers from a slight stroke on top of everything else. Tina has been an All-Star member of the Cloverlanes Bowlerettes and several other leagues, has made the women's "All-City" first or sec-

ond team several times and has been successful on the tournament circuit. Now with Joe and six children to take care of, and Joe's case still pending for disability, there is no money except what she is able to earn a few days a week in her proboscis. Long-time fellow All-star bowlerette Pam Jones has organized the event, which is a "No-top" fundraiser at Country Lanes at 1 p.m. May 6, 2001. Cost is \$20 which anyone can sign up at the counter or call Pam Jones at (810) 478-4008.

Country Lanes is located at 30250 W. Nine Mile Road in Farmington Hills. This family needs your help, please call and participate.

Tim, brother, how about those Sniders brothers? Tim and Randy each rolled a 300 game at the same time in the Board of Education League at Oak Lanes in Westland. It happened on April 6, during the second game, as both Randy with his first perfect games and Tim with his tenth are on different teams but each had those 12-in-a-row. The league has been active for over 75 years and they never saw anything like this before.

The Tri City Women's Association held its annual 600 and 700 tournaments Feb. 25 at Wayne Bowl, the winning bowlers in each were Cindi Edwards of in the "600 Tournament" and Pam Jones of Livonia in the "700 Tournament." This was the first over tournament win for Pam.

As it happens to be Easter Sunday today, Pam Jones offers a few tidbits of good advice for those who are considering taking home a live bunny for the children. "Not a good idea," says Jones, who is nationally recognized as an authority on rabbits and works as a judge for rabbit shows all over the country. "Better yet, get them a nice stuffed animal for Easter," she adds. "All too many of the live pets are quickly discarded by the young ones and the adults do not want the added responsibility of taking care of a live rabbit, although they do make wonderful pets if someone is committed to caring for them."



Ageless wonder: Myrtle Ringe of Redford, 91, achieved a rare feat for any bowler by making a 7-10 spare.

# Start of trout season near



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trout fishing.

For those of us who have waded in the state's rivers, fishing rod in hand, few days are anticipated as much as the trout opener, which is less than two weeks away.

For a month now, I have been passing much of my time by dusting-off my fishing tackle and re-spooling my reels with new line. And as the opener gets closer, the anticipation gets stronger.

Every time I look out my work window and see the sun shining down, I start thinking about what rivers I am going to hit first, or new strategies I can employ to draw a strike from a brook or brown trout.

I don't, however, want to give the impression that catching fish is the only reason I'm a devout trout angler.

While it can be exciting to land the occasional lunger, trout fishing really isn't about landing fish. It is a state of mind. Almost Zen-like.

There is just something eter-

nal about a river, especially those that carve their way through the forests of northern Michigan. Standing in the sweep of the current, listening to the hammering woodpecker or drumming grouse, the river can absorb you and make you one with it.

I often say trout fishing is like going to church, because it cleanses the mind and spirit.

One of the major challenges facing the trout fisherman is actually finding one of those perfect streams, or even a particular hole on a river.

Even though Michigan has such an abundant river system, once most fishermen find a stretch of river that produces nice fish, they are reluctant to tell others about it. It becomes a secret they guard closer than their age.

It's an understandable reaction, because most rivers are too small to sustain any pressure. All the magic disappears when you are surrounded by several other fishermen, especially those that like to blast a radio or engage in some other nonsense.

So the trick becomes actually finding your own holes. There are a number of ways to do so, including reading books, such as Tom Huggler's "Fish Michigan: 60 Rivers," which gives detailed descriptions of many of the best rivers in the state. Maps are also a way to pinpoint where to hit river.

Sometimes though, the best method to finding a good place to fish is just to drive around some of the state's forests and find them yourself. Sometimes fate just smiles on you.

A couple of summers ago a friend and I were trying to find some access on the Pine River, which flows through the Manistee National Forest near Cadillac. We turned down some two-track road, which led to another and then another, and so on.

Finally frustrated, we were ready to turn around and head back out when we came to a parking area and stopped. We walked down a small trail for several hundred yards, and peered down the river bank. Below us was a stretch of river with rapids, boulders, and deep holes that held some outstanding trout.

I caught several fish, including a couple nice browns and a rainbow that I put on the grill later that night.

But the thing I remember most about that place was the beautiful solitude it had to offer. While I knew civilization wasn't too far away, on that day the river made me feel as if I was the only person in the world. And I was grateful.

And a couple weeks from now, I think I will go back and visit that spot.

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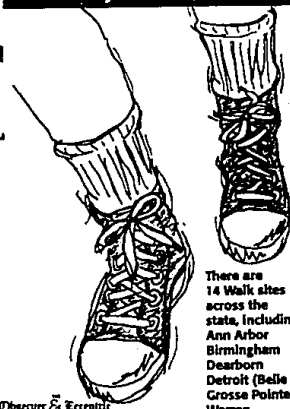
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