

Hawks win national championship



Girls soccer champs: The under-11 Michigan Hawks, coached by Tim Ernst and Bridget Bradley, won the prestigious WAGS (Washington, D.C., Area Girls Soccer) Tournament Oct. 8, while playing teams from North Carolina, Virginia, Florida, Pennsylvania and Michigan. The Hawks scored 24 goals while not allowing any. The players are (seated, left to right) Shannon Cody, Jeannette Dolnytsch, Kelsey Baskins, Allison Szczepa, Katie Shull, Brittany Toor; (standing) Brooke Williams, Stephanie Honeycutt, Jordan Mueller, Kristin Goncalves, Chelsea Hunter, Camille Junca, Rachel Barndt and Jansan Falcusan.

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Sam and Pete are best friends.

They stick together and enjoy a fine friendship. They even bowl together in the Sheldon Road Men's League Monday nights at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth.

It is a group comprised of employees of the Sheldon Road Visteon Plant and on team No. 7 Pete Russo is the No. 2 bowler while best friend Sam Loiscano follows him in the order.

On Oct. 29, both Pete and Sam rolled concurrent perfect games in their team's third game.

Pete, with his 180 average, was leading the way for Sam, who carries a 231 average.

About the seventh frame Sam said to Pete, "Are you pushing me?"

After Pete rolled the last strike, the place erupted with lots of yelling and high fives. Pete refers to that as "my 15 seconds of fame."

Sam still had to bowl the 10th frame, and you know the rest of the story.

Even with the two 300 games, the team's margin of victory was only 100 pins. It had lost the first two games of the night.

Pete and Sam, both southpaws, had also bowled together in the Pro-Am at Taylor Lanes last month and both were using new Storm Trauma balls they had each received for participating in that popular PBA event.

The idea of a single membership organization (SMO) has been put on hold as far as the upcoming ABC National Convention in March, at Billings, Mont., is concerned.

This concept first surfaced at the 2001 ABC convention in Reno, Nev.

Most of the delegates initially embraced the concept. Because there were some bumps in the road to reality there will have to be further studies to determine what the benefits would be for the bowlers of ABC (men), WIBC (women) and YABA (youth) to have their various groups consolidated into one single membership unit. Also included would be Bowling USA.

It is hoped such action would result in more efficiency at both the national and local levels.

It will not be placed on the 2002 agenda as the concept will require a lot more study and investigation before it can be put to a vote of the national body of delegates.

In the most recent Mid-States Masters competition at Continental Lanes in Roseville, Derek Verant of Wixom won the 198 division, 209-207, over Ryan McCallop of Auburn Hills.

Among the top qualifiers were Dave Jacobs of Canton (4th), Albert Gullede (11th) and Ben Fulton (22nd) of Southfield.

Brian Moody of Livonia (18th) and Lew Ansara of Farmington Hills (45th).

The next 198 division event will be the Christmas Special at Super Bowl in Canton. Call tournament director Al Bielawski at (313) 365-9449 for more information and entry forms.

The Greater Detroit Bowling Association has elected Roy Biggs of Canton to the position of fourth vice-president.

Biggs will become president of the GDBA in 2005. He has been an outstanding director, serving on or chairing several important committees which make things better for the nearly 60,000 bowlers who enjoy sanctioned bowling and the services provided by the association and ABC.

The GDBA will have its 89th annual championship tournament March 21-April 21, at Astro Lanes in Madison Heights.

This event will honor past president Michael Munson. The team event, with a 90-percent handicap from 1,100, will pay \$5,000 for first place and \$2,500 for second.

Prize fee is returned 100 percent. Reserved spots must be paid by Feb. 22.

The GDBA 39th annual Masters Tournament is scheduled to be held at 300 Bowl in Waterford. Qualifying starts Feb. 2-3, with match play beginning Feb. 9-10.

The 10th annual Senior Masters is slated for Classic Lanes. Qualifying begins Jan. 19-20, and match play begins Jan. 26-27.

Entry forms will soon be at all bowling centers within GDBA jurisdiction.

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