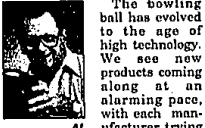


Bowling ball technology improves game

From the turn of the last century, bowling balls made of wood, then rubber, and then plastic.



AL HARRISON

The bowling ball has evolved to the age of high technology. We see new products coming along at an alarming pace, with each manufacturer trying to out-do the others with more performance claims than the rest.

Some are designed to perform best on certain lane conditions and others are there for the visual effects.

The well-equipped bowler can carry only so many balls to the lanes, so selection is now first and foremost.

Bob Castle of DiLaura Brothers gives us an update on the newest arrivals from the industry.

DiLaura Brothers is the local supplier to the pro shops and is an accomplished bowler himself, competing regularly in the All-Stars. He is also a member of the Red Robin/Linde Shoes team.

Castle has eight 300 games to his credit including one in the American Bowling Congress tournament in 1993.

He has also been named to the Greater Detroit All-City team. Bob starts with the AMF line, their latest piece is the Fusion Hook Monster.

This is a particle shell ball capable of getting through the hands strong and lots of back-end even on oilier lanes.

Brunswick has just introduced the Detonator Fuse, a pro-active resin ball with a particle shell also recommended for the oilier lanes.

If you are traveling by airlines to the ABC or elsewhere, don't tell security that you are carrying a detonator fuse.

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Brunswick also has a line of Viat-Ball, which have great graphics with Fred Flintstone or Fred and Barney featured.

They are fun balls, and very good for spare shooting.

Columbia 300 sports its new Reaction-Arc, which is also good for the oilier conditions that we see a lot of these days.

They have also added a new TI Messenger, a blue/silver/purple ball and has a stronger grain than the Black Gold TI Messenger form last year.

Ebonite has just bought out Faball, the manufacturer of Hammer balls. These Hammer

balls are still available through the shops.

Future Hammers will be made by Ebonite.

Their hot new Ebonite is the APEX-Adrenaline, a particle cover stock with a very strong back end.

The reactive Spider is another new performer and Snake is a clear polyester fun ball with two mean looking snakes, very realistic and sure to make those pins cave in.

Only the mad scientists at the Ebonite lab can create a ball like Snake.

Storm has stayed with a good thing, improving again on the original Trauma, now with the Trauma Response, an early hooking particle cover ball designed to perform well on heat oil.

Each Storm ball has a distinctive aroma of its own.

Track, Inc. has introduced their new Money ball, a good choice for the greased up lanes,

and have added the Magic Line, with the Hex, Voodoo and Hex-treme.

The Magic line is designed to go clean down the lanes with a strong back end, and feature a variety of weight blocks which complement each other.

McRich has come along the ball scene lately with a lot of success, the Pearl Colossus is capable of getting down the lane cleanly with a strong back end and the pro shop can motion it to conform to your particular game.

Mo Pinelli, creator of MoRich Balls, will be in our area again soon for his two-day clinics, one of which will be held at Mark Mohan's pro shop in Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia.

Dates to be announced later.

Castle says: "All pro shop operators can assist you in selecting the best ball for your game and the prevailing lane conditions."

Dennis Groom and Bob Wilson

were the winning senior participants in the recent Senior/Youth Challenge, which provides plenty of scholarship money for the winning youth bowlers.

Mayflower Lanes is providing Champion embroidered shirts to be awarded to these senior bowlers who helped their youth partners to attain scholarship money.

In addition, most of the door prize donors were mentioned, except for Dr. Charles Whalen, a chiropractor located on Five Mile Road in Redford.

He also donated new pillows, which also awarded to lucky winners.

Also deserving a lot of recognition is John Berci of Berci Printing in Southfield. He printed up the program and flyers which were distributed and used to sign up the participants.

The Senior/Youth Challenge committee appreciates your help and generosity.

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season. St. Michael entered the game with a 16-2 record and had the potential to ruin the perfect record.

"It had been a long season, and we had struggled in the tournament," Risk said. "But we totally shut down St. Mike. That was probably the most joyful win."

"The girls played one of their best games to carry on the streak. We would've hated to stub our toe at that point. It was

a fitting end to a long season and the long streak that we have going here."

Risk started coaching at Sorrows when his oldest daughter was on the team. He's seen two of them through the program, and he had a fifth grader on the team this year.

"I just love teaching kids to play basketball," he said. "I've been blessed with a lot of good kids who want to learn, and it has worked out well."

YMCA STINGRAYS SIGNUP

The Farmington Family YMCA Stingray swim team is registering swimmers for its "Spring Tune-Up," a competitive swim program that runs from Monday, April 8, through Friday, May 31.

Team participation is open to anyone between the ages of 6 and 18. Participants do not need to be YMCA members during the Spring Session only. Depending on ability, participants will swim either at the YMCA or local high

school pools.

For more information, call Cathy Warnick at (248) 553-0276 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 8 p.m.

BASEBALL REGISTRATION

South Farmington Baseball is accepting late player registrations for the upcoming 2002 season.

The costs are \$50 for T-ball, \$110 for all softball and baseball players under age 15 and \$140 for baseball players age 15 to 18.

Contact Greg Pochman at (248) 473-2058 to register.

ART AUCTION AT HARRISON

The Farmington Harrison baseball and softball teams and the Farmington unified girls golf team will sponsor an art auction Sunday, March 24, in the Harrison High School gymnasium.

Art may be previewed beginning at 4 p.m. with the actual auction beginning at 5 p.m. The auction is being presented by Marlin Fine Auctions, featuring art in all media and price ranges.

Auction tickets are priced at \$10 for an individual or \$15 for a couple. Tickets may be purchased by contacting either Julie Daig (788-8025) or Sharon

Zatkin (477-4537). Major credit cards are accepted.

ICE SKATING SHOW IN MAY

The Farmington Hills Figure Skating Club will have its Sixth Annual Ice Skating Show at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 17, and 4 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena at 35500 West Eight Mile Road.

One hundred young members of the figure skating club and the Learn to Skate Program ranging in age from 5 to 15 will perform synchronized and figure skating routines to the "Color Me Skating" theme.

For more information about the show, call the Farmington Hills Ice Arena at (248) 478-8800.

EMU YOUTH FOOTBALL CLINIC

The Eastern Michigan University football coaches will host a youth football clinic 1:30-4 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at Rynearson Stadium in Ypsilanti for kids ages 8 to 14.

Each participant will receive a T-shirt, two tickets to the home opener against Toledo on Sept. 7 and a tour of the team locker room and weight room.

The cost is \$10 before April 15 and \$15 after that date. All

groups or teams of 10 or more will be charged \$10 a person.

The coaches, including head coach Jeff Woodruff, will teach basic skills and techniques to become an improved player. For more information call (734) 487-5642.

SUBURBAN HOCKEY CLINIC

Suburban Hockey Schools will conduct its Learn to Check clinics at several locations prior to the spring hockey season, including Eddy Edgar Arena in Livonia (March 15), Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills (March 26-27), Redford Arena (March 28) and Novi Ice Arena (April 2).

The program is geared toward squirt players moving up to the pee wee level, as well as pee wee and bantam players who need instruction on the techniques of checking.

Areas of emphasis in the two-hour instructional session include proper checking technique, how to receive a check, stick checking, back checking, angling and body positioning.

Call (248) 478-1600 or visit www.suburbanhockey.com for more information.



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