New Walled Lake bowling facility gets the thumbs-up

The regular season is winding down and the champions are

down and the champions are crowned.
Well, not really "crowned," but the American Bowling Congress does provide a nice lapel pin for overy member of the league that the points are added up, it usually translates into money for the longue of the league point in the final standings. However, most pay effin total points we during the constant of the season.

off in total points won during the season.

This is a good thing for the American economy, as the bowlers are sure to go out and spend this extra cash before the wife finds out about it.

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Sometimes this works in reverse, too since there are almost as many women bowlers as there are made keglers. If your team wins or has won a lengue title this season, call (734) 422-1609; or write to: Al Harrison, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mil. 48160.

I will be posting those winning teams in the next few editions, so be sure to identify all team members and list their hometowns.

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*I had been wanting to visit
the newest bowling center in our
area, now open in Walled Lake.

I had the extra time and was
nearby, so I went to Langan's
All-Star Lanes, located on Ladd
Road between Maple Road and
Pontiac Trail (formerly the site
of L&L Greery).

As I walked into the entrance,
I was struck by the spaciousness
of the facility. I was immediate
ly greated by Pat Langan, one of
five siblings who have created
this very impressive facility.

The main control desk and bar
is in the center of the wide open
area, with the 18 lanes on one
side, the senting adjacent to the
lanes with larger tables backed
daway from the approaches.

The other side will soon house
both a new pro shop and kitchen
facility, which will be fully operational this fall.

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Austin

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what his intention was. And there's also summer camp con-siderations that have to be

addressed."
Austin had hinted during the
past year that this could be his
last varsity basketball season.
"It's tough running two varsity
programs at the level he want to be at," Hage said. "He felt he
couldn't give the time commitment.

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I respect the job Rick did and
I was very satisfied. I wish him
well. He's a great colleague and
a great friend. I have nothing
but good to say about him. He's
as good as any as far as molding
kids into good citizens.

Austin, a Churchill graduate,
was a standout high school hurdler who ran track at Contral
Michigan University. He took
over the Churchill varsity Job
after Tom Lang stepped down
following the 1995-96 season.

Austin formerly was an assistant coach at Dearborn High
School.

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Tuesday, Thursday through Sat-urday evenings.

The mixed lengues offer any combination of male or females.

The lanes feature real wood with everything on an even level, meaning absolutely no steps to trip or stumble on. (Believe me, this can and does happen else-where.

where.

The scoring machines, the latest model by Qubica, are user friendly and do everything but serve coffee.

As a critic, I gave this place my usual inspection and it passed with flying colors. When fully completed, it will be a full-service operation with the pleasant environment that they have to offer. The Langa family has been in the bowling business for a long time in this area.

Most renders can remember the enrly days of Nor West Lanes at the corner of Northwestern Highway and 14 Mile

Rond.
Old timers may remember those days when there was Bob Seeley on piano and Ron Henkel on banje doing a singa-long routine sometimes leading up to a conga line in and out the exits.
Those were fun times for bowlers or anyone else who might have just come in for nizza.

Pat Langan, a resident of West Bloomfield, says that this new facility will be home to many

bowling parties, birthday or cor-porate.

There is a sound system with easy listening music in the back-ground. According to Pat, the best feature of all is the clean air system which will benefit those who are bothered by cigarette smoke.

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They have carried over this system from the food market, and it moves the stale air quickly to the recirculation system where it is cooled and heated to

produce a fresher flow of air all the time.

The Langan family has built a great reputation in the Greater Detroit area, and this is the fifth bowling center in their system.

Pat's brothers and sisters—Tom, Jr., Carol, Mary Maragaret and Michael — are all planning to bring the area bowlers a most enjoyable environment for their bowling pleasure.

(Al Harrison covers bowling for the Observer).





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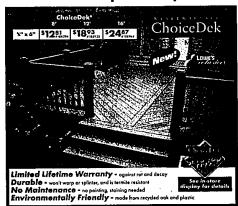


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