

# Mishandling of league money can lead to a sticky situation

This is Pete's story. It's a true story. It brings to mind a tale that must be told, not just for bowlers, but for everyone.

Pete (not his real name) was an excellent bowler and team player.

He could be counted on by his teammates to come through in the clutch when they needed a crucial mark to win the game.

He bowled in several leagues and was the secretary-treasurer of one of them.

Now there are many different versions of what took place, mostly untrue.

What is true is the fact that he left the league funds short by almost \$20,000 when he turned in the prize money just before the banquet.

Many thought that he was surely a big-time gambler who could not get out from under when he dug himself a hole.

Others figured he may have squandered it on wine, women and song, also not true.

The lesson to be learned here is in regard to the American Bowling Congress's policy of league bonding for all sanctioned leagues at no extra cost.

Pete had taken care of the league money, bringing it home every week for years. It was his duty as treasurer to safeguard the money.

If the need for a few dollars came along, he would borrow it from the fund, knowing that he would replace it on the next payday, which he always did until one year it just got out of hand.

He borrowed without putting it back, and before he knew it, Pete had dug himself a pretty deep hole. There was no way out and he left the league high and dry.

Fortunately for the bowlers, the bonding company paid off the league, not without some hassle because where was the president when he was supposed to make his monthly check-up?

At the trial, Pete pleaded guilty and the judge gave him one year in prison with a suspended sentence since he did have a good job and promised to make full restitution to the bonding people within five years.

With the help of a part time job, and working 80 hours a week, the money was fully paid back in four years.

Meanwhile, he lost his friends, his wife and his dog for various reasons.

As for Pete, he is now back bowling after being suspended for several years. He wanted his story to be told because it could happen to anyone.

If in reading this sad tale, one

person could be saved from getting in too deep like Pete. And an unsanctioned league would see the hidden extra values in joining ABC or Women's International Bowling Congress, this story is well worth being told.

Thanks, Pete.

This year it's like a game of musical pro shop chairs, as some very established shops are moving from one place to another.

Many bowlers from all over the area have been to the one at Taylor Lanes, home of the PBA Greater Detroit Open on the pro tour.

Lou Ivanick has just taken over in this location, moving from Indian Lanes.

Scott Williams, the long time operator at Taylor, has moved to Indian.

It sounds like they just traded places.

Lou, who is also a Greater Detroit Bowling Association director and a very competitive bowler himself, had recently suffered a stroke and is now recovering nicely.

He has plenty of help, with standout PWBA bowler Lisa Bishop on hand to do the fitting, drilling and everything else.

Kevin Tuttle has moved out of Millford Lanes and will be taking over the new pro shop operation at Langan's All Star

Lanes in Walled Lake.

Meanwhile, Thunderbolt's pro shop has a new owner taking over right now, and that is Jerry Tomczak.

The pro shop operator is surely high up in the pecking order of importance to bowlers. Even if you don't need a new ball, it's a good idea to contact the pro shop people in your bowling center, get to know them and if you need advice, just ask.

The local bowling community lost one of its venerable leaders as Irving Davis of West Bloomfield passed away last week.

Irving was a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association since 1958 and was also a life member and past president of the organization.

When he spoke, people listened. He had bowled in many leagues over the years and even subbed the past few years on my own Sunday Goodtimers League at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills.

He was also a member of the Jewish War Veterans, along with other groups.

One of the things he loved was to attend any meetings where there would be lots of discussion. He was always right in the middle of it.

Irving served the bowling community well, he will be long remembered by the GDBA offi-

cials and those who he came in contact with wherever he went. He was able to bowl in 40 ABC national tournaments and made sure he got in his 21 games last year to be eligible to compete in the 2003 ABC in

Knoxville, Tenn. His loving wife of 60 years, Friedel, was with him at his side whenever he had to go anywhere.

A great many of the Jewish war vets and 12 GDBA direc-

tors were all in uniform at the funeral services, giving him one final salute in procession. Al Harrison is a resident of Garden City and working with the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (734) 422-1609.



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### COACH'S CORNER OUTING

Coach's Corner will stage its first golf outing, a four-man scramble, Saturday, Aug. 24, at the Links of Novi.

The event will begin with a modified shotgun start at 12:20 p.m. (Golfers Nos. 1 and 10). The cost is \$100 per person (includes 18 holes of golf, cart, food at the turn, prizes, steak dinner and refreshments to follow following the golf at Coach's Corner, located at Seven Mile and Farmington roads. Reservations must be made by Friday, Aug. 16 with full payment due by Aug. 24. For more information, call (248) 615-1330.



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