

13th season marks anniversary for Ten Pin Alley

Where did the Summer go? Here it is Labor Day already and this date marks the 13th consecutive season of the Ten Pin Alley bowling column in the pages of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

I have been very lucky so far, as I have not missed a weekly deadline.

I had some help though along the way as Brad Emons filled in for one week, while I had my heart valve surgery seven years ago.



Ten Pin Alley
Bill Harrison

I hope you readers have enjoyed these words of wisdom that are intended to show some of the many aspects of this game we love to play.

These years have been filled with many great memories and special occasions, but mostly of all, with some very special people. That's what it is all about, really.

The game has hardly changed in over one hundred years of organized bowling. We have seen some of the great bowlers along the way, some very special occasions like new records being set every so often.

I cannot begin to mention all of those who have graced these pages over the years, but there was only one Joe Norris.

Tom McKay certainly made his mark, as well as some of the old timers we can remember like it was yesterday.

They include Eddie Lubanski, the late Billy G. Tony Lindemann, Anita Cantaline, Alea Sill, Bob Strampe, John Mazza, Mary Mohase, Cheryl Danick, Bob Chamberlain, Mike Samardzija, Gene Stus, Ken Kussick, Lee Snow, and many others who made their claim to fame with special talent for throwing a bowling ball.

Many more who were behind the scenes, but so very important to the sport of bowling in this area such as: Mark and Diane Voight, Scott Bennett, Mark Martin, Lew Saad, the late John P. Gavia.

Others include Dorothy Thompson, John Chmelko, Warren Teubert, Marvin Dooley, Rose Marsh, the late Peggy Satko, Henry Miste, Al Winkel, Dan Ottman, Matt Fiorito, Rick Strobl, George Frybly, Pat Russell, Ed Wright, Larry Paladino, Ron Lancaster, Jack Dahlstrom, Lew Ansara, Harry Burkey, Jarvis Wochke, George Zalinea, Michael Capaldi, Charley Organ, Nick Witkowski, Kenny Bashara, Adeline and Alan

Dibiassi, Ken Lauterbach, Carmen Allen, Ron Seibel, Ken Charrette, John Bennett, Tom Relich, Randy Pierce, Quintin Greene, Phil Horowitz, Betty Heider, Jim Lhamon, along with so many more who have all been involved in bowling.

They have been the story-makers so far, and there will be many more new names and faces to grace these pages.

Many of these names are some from the past, those who have built a solid foundation for other to follow.

Others who have been stand-out performers on the lanes and the list could really go on and on.

Bowling is alive and well in our area. The new season should bring about some very interesting stories of events, new records to be set and more new names and faces to appear on the bowling scene.

Let's all get rolling and have a great season in 2002-03.

■ The Blue Ribbon Bowling Group, which consists of ten bowling centers in this area, have put the two sports of hockey and bowling together in a most unique way following last week-end's Michigan Hockey and Sports Show at the Novi Expo Center.

They set up a mock bowling lane in the display area, with any attendee given an opportunity to roll a strike by using a hockey stick to propel the bowling ball. It was called "Hockey-Bowling."

Any adults or kids who were able to strike qualified for a random drawing in which six of the new Brunswick Vis-a-Ball Detroit Red Wings - Stanley Cup Champions, which will be given away in another drawing this week.

The purpose of all of this, according to Blue Ribbon spokesman, Rick Raehner, "is to generate more interest in bowling among the local hockey leagues and organizations."

They can also stage bowling parties and fundraisers in addition to the Bud Lite NHL hockey leagues which are now being formed at each Blue Ribbon Group bowling center.

The leagues will begin in early October preceded by a special night of free bowling in late September to generate interest in joining the leagues at each of the centers including Novi Bowl, Drakeville Lanes, Westland Bowl, Mayflower Lanes, Taylor Lanes, Roosevelt Lanes, Beech Lanes, Cherry Hill Lanes, Ford Lanes and Woodland Lanes.

For more information, call any of the listed bowling centers or Rick Raehner at (248) 679-9516.

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Fall hunting kicks off with early goose season

Fall isn't quite in the air, but the Sept. 1 early goose season opener officially marked the start of fall hunting seasons in Michigan.



Outdoor Insights
Bill Parker

The state has been holding early goose seasons for several years in hopes of managing the burgeoning population of resident giant Canada geese.

Michigan is home to well over a half-million Canada geese. These are "resident" birds that don't migrate south each fall, but spend nearly their entire lives here in Michigan. Two years ago, the statewide resident goose population was estimated at a half-million birds. With the flock growing by approximately 16 percent annually, hunters will have no shortage of birds this fall.

In the Lower Peninsula, the early season runs Sept. 1-15, with the exception of the Saginaw Bay management area (Saginaw, Tuscola and Huron counties), which has a Sept. 1-10 season. The early season also runs Sept. 1-10 in

the Upper Peninsula. The Michigan DNR and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service are in the third year of an extensive three-year banding study in that area to determine how much of the harvest during the early season is made up of resident birds and how much is made up of early migrant birds.

The DNR feels most of the early season harvest is made up of migrant geese and wants to hold a more liberal early season there. The FWS, which regulates migratory birds across the nation, thinks hunters are killing migrant birds during the early season, which would put a stress on the James Bay Population. If the DNR's hunches are correct, there may be more liberal goose regs on Saginaw Bay next year or in 2004.

During the regular season, which runs Sept. 16-Oct. 6, over 70 percent of the harvest is comprised of migratory geese.

The bag limit for the early season is five geese per day, two in the Saginaw management unit and in several other Goose Management Areas. Consult the DNR's 2002 Waterfowl Guide for details, due out at license dealers later this week.

The season opens Sept. 10 and is followed by the small game season opener on Sept.

15. Hunters should enjoy very early hunting for bear and small game species.

Bear numbers are reported up across the Upper Peninsula and much of the northern Lower Peninsula. The population has been expanding and is estimated at some 15,000 bears across the northern two-thirds of the state. Hunting season runs through Oct. 26 by special permit only.

Rabbits and squirrels are plentiful across the state, from Monroe to Marquette and all points in between.

Grouse numbers are headed toward the downside of a predictable 10-year cycle, but hunters should still see a decent season, especially in the UP, where spring counts were similar to last year.

BOWHUNTER JAMBOREE

Archery deer hunters can test their mettle against hunting situations at the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club's annual Bowhunter Jamboree. Scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 14-15, the jamboree features a 3D-target 3D shoot on the club's walk-through course, novelty shoots, swap tables and door prizes. In addition, there will be trophies for the highest shooters in all divisions and all children age 11 and under will receive a ribbon. OCSC is located at 4770

Waterford Road in Clarkston. Call the clubhouse at (248) 623-0444 for more information.

RIVER CLEAN-UP ON TAP

It's not too late to sign up for the annual Clinton River Clean-up Day on Saturday, Sept. 21. Volunteers are needed at 12 different sites to remove litter and debris from the banks and bed of the river and its tributaries.

Clean-up efforts will be held at the Voorhees Lake Wetland Preserve in Orion Township, Riverside Park in Auburn Hills, Sergeant's Creek in Rochester Hills, Paint Creek at the Dinosaur Hills Nature Preserve in Rochester, and the Clinton River between Bloomer Park and Yates Cider Mill in Rochester Hills, and other locations.

To volunteer and for additional information, call Leigh Taggart at (248) 842-4892, Heather Van Den Berg at (248) 614-8139 or Jessica Opfer at (248) 214-7610.

Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

NEW PREP SHOW

State Champs, a new weekly TV show on WDIV Channel 4 devoted to high school sports in southeast Michigan, will air at noon each Sunday.

The show, hosted by Fred McLeod of WDIV, is scheduled to broadcast 42 shows featuring boys and girls high school sports in the station's nine-county viewing.

State Champs is also seeking to audition high school corre-

spondents the weeks of Sept. 30 and Oct. 7 at five shopping malls throughout the metro area.

For more information, visit www.statechamps.tv.

COHN FEATURED SPEAKER

ESPN SportsCenter anchor Linda Cohn will be the featured guest speaker at the Women's Economic Club, Thursday, Sept. 12, at the new home of the Detroit Lions, Ford Field.

Tickets are \$50 for members and \$55 for guests.

The program includes a strolling gourmet dinner and Football 101, a humorous synopsis of the game, which will precede a tour of the new home of the Lions.

For more information or reservations, call (313) 963-5088 or visit www.womenseconomicclub.org.

COACHES NEEDED

■ The University of Detroit

Mercy track team is seeking qualified candidates for a part-time throwing coach position.

Candidates would coach athletes in the shot put, discus, javelin, hammer and indoor weight throw.

A coach with experience in this field is preferred. You may mail your resume with references to: Guy Murray, director of track and field, University of Detroit Mercy, P.O. Box 19900, Detroit, MI 48219; fax it to (313) 993-1715; or email it to murrayg@udmercy.edu.

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