



The country's largest junior bowling league - the City of Livonia recreation circuit - will be larger than ever this year.

Long recognized as the "daddy" of all recreation leagues it will jump from ten to five establishments and boast close to 1,500 bowlers.

The jump has been brought about by the addition of a new establishment - Woodland Lanes - to the roster that always has included Livonia Lanes, Merri-Bowl, Cloverlanes, and Wonderland Lanes.

Inaugurated in 1961 as a means of giving the youngsters in the city something to do during the two most dangerous hours of the day - 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. - the league has been a success from the start and the model for many other cities across the land.

"We're looking for some big things this year," Bill Zibulis, of the Recreation Department, stated as he announced that registrations will start on Oct. 1 and will be on a first come, first served basis.

"As usual," he said, "the youngsters will bowl in two

divisions during the afternoon of each school day. There'll be the juniors for ages 12 years and under and the Teenage section from 13 years up. As usual they'll bowl two games with rollofs at the close of the season to decide the title and the big banquet.

JIM RUDNICKI is walking around on Cloud Nine these days - and for a good reason. Bowling in the Kelsey-Hayes Mixed League at Westland Bowl where he carries a 166 average, he reached the goal of all bowlers last Sunday night when he posted the season's first 300 game.

He opened with a 139 and then shifted from an "outside" line to the inside and added a 178. Then he moved a bit further inside and registered 12 consecutive strikes while the other members of the league stopped bowling - just to watch him.

For a moment it seemed he was going to be denied when the No. 6 and No. 10 pins stood for a fleeting second on a first ball in the 10 frame. But they fell - and from there on there was no stopping him.

Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

The things that happen at a race track during the closing weeks of a meeting that has reached its peak and is slowly grinding to a halt are most amazing.

That's why one had to wonder what a small dissident group from the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association was thinking of when it threatened to boycott the entry box at Wolverine Raceway unless certain conditions were met.

The timing is horrible and the thinking behind the threatened boycott makes one wonder if the dissenting horsemen are thinking at all. One doesn't threaten to halt races at a track which is well past its peak... a high that was reached almost two weeks ago when Albatross' Jim was responsible for an all-time record mutual handle of \$924,444.

Since then the handle has dipped considerably and so has the attendance... a pattern that track executives know will continue for the remainder of the meeting, which closes on Oct. 30. The story has been the same in every fall harness racing meeting and there isn't any chance that it will be different this year.

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STRANGE enough, of the three events with shorter fields, two are finals of the Michigan colt stakes series. The track is putting up purses of \$10,000 each for the eight stakes which start Monday and continue through Friday.

There's another thing, the dissidents haven't learned yet... betters have long shown an unwillingness to wager much on the cheap, unreliable pacers and trotters. They want horses they can bank on... ones that perform well at all times.

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He drew a crowd of more than 12,000. He personally was responsible for the largest single night handle in Michigan history. He cost the track \$12,500 in a minus pool and brought records for the most wagered on a single race and most ever bet on a pacer or trotter in Michigan to show.

Perhaps some of the

dissidents can come up with something comparable to prove there should be more cheap claiming races on programs.

Track management is partially responsible for the protests since they have signed contracts with the MHHA which give it the right to go over stall applications and determine the number of stalls that should go to applicants.

It's high time for the MHHA to take score of its weaknesses and do something to correct them. The biggest weakness is that most Michigan owners won't pay a cent for a horse necessary to get top horses. They all have the idea that they can strike it rich by buying a horse for \$500, and when Albatross' Jim was responsible for an all-time record mutual handle of \$924,444.

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Stevenson Splits In Soccer

Spectacular work in the goal enabled Livonia Stevenson to beat Birmingham Groves, 2-0, in a North Suburban League soccer game.

It was Stevenson's first victory along with one tie in five games this season. Groves now has lost four and tied one. Tom Reid and Dave Spala scored for the Spartans but the play of Jim Dobie was outstanding.

Stevenson dropped a thriller to Birmingham Seaholm Thursday, 1-0. The Spartans have 43 candidates for the soccer varsity, outranking football by eight.

A freak goal enabled Bloomfield Lahser to turn back Country Day, 2-1. A Country Day player accidentally kicked the ball into his own net.

Matt Schlegel scored the only goal for Country Day when he booted one from in front of the Lahser net with five minutes left to go.

Rice Wins In Golf, X-Country

Brother Rice is enjoying fine fall in golf and cross country as well as football.

The Rice golfers won their first straight match without a loss when they downed Orchard Lake St. Mary, 150-201. In cross country Rice made it two straight by downing Notre Dame, 32-27, despite the fact Notre Dame runners placed first and second.

Groves Wins Golf Match From North

Birmingham Groves' golfers edged North Farmington, 163-167, in a North-west Suburban League match at the Farmington Country Club.

Bill Wilson, of Groves, and Jim Landsberg, of North Farmington, each shot a 39 to share medalist honors.

Eric Allen, Michigan State senior tailback, carried the ball 37 times against Illinois to tie the all-time Spartan mark for rushes set by Don Highsmith in 1969.

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For a few moments Steve Lambert was having the thrill of his bowling career at Country Lanes. He piled up nine strikes in a row and had visions of going all the way. Then it happened. The No. 10 pin stood and his thrill was only another broken dream.

BILLY MOORE was the man of the hour at Bel-Aire Lanes this week when he paced the Classic with a resounding 731 on games of 264, 208 and 253. Close behind came Andy De Comelo with 229, 229 and 621. John Wodarski landed third with a 652.

Among the Early Birds, Marion Mitchell was high with 284 in 587 and Dawn Dix paced the Wednesday circuit with a closing game of 197 for a 548. In the Thursday Mixed group Mary Lu Keating was high with 219-154-217 - 590, and Greg Hatter paced the men with a 227 in 654.

ESTELLE MILLER took scoring honors for the week at Plum Hollow Lanes with a 266 in 897. Joan Wagner was among the high scorers with 266 and Frank Delanty topped the men with a 263 game in the K. of C. League.

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