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## Nicholson battles back

MIKE GODARD

*Strikes n' Strokes editor*

**B**ill Nicholson is lucky to be alive. Now that he has his physical health back, the 73-year-old right-handed bowler is working full time and bowling in two leagues.

"I cut back down from four leagues last year," Nicholson laughed. "I

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# On tap for success



Mike Godard/*Strikes n' Strokes*

*The Michigan Tap Room, which is inside of Stardust Lanes, has plenty of room for its customers to enjoy sports on the big screens and their favorite craft beer.*

MIKE GODARD

*Strikes n' Strokes editor*

**D**erek Richards was looking for something unique but at the same time that could be quite popular.

Richards found that combination by creating the Michigan Tap Room inside of Saginaw's Stardust Lanes.

"We wanted to do something productive with the space," he said.

"It always looked like a natural fit for a bar.

"We knew that it would be a good addition for our corporate business. It's part of the whole concept we are working on right here," Richards added.

Richards decided on Michigan craft beer to be the theme of the room.

"My wife (Amy) and I have enjoyed trying different craft beer. It's a trending business right now,"

he said. "Samuel Adams started the wave but they aren't really a craft anymore.

"Craft brewers are small, independent and traditional," Richards continued. "We wanted a bar concept that our bowlers would love, but also one that the non-bowling customer would find equally appealing. With having a total of 22 different tap handles available, every bowler can find something

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Through Dec. 24** — Holiday Doubles Bowling Tournament at Stardust. The cost is \$15 per person. Bowlers will bowl four games and take the best three of four team games for their final score. Squad times are 9 p.m. Sundays with a 10 a.m. and noon squad on Monday, Dec. 24. Payouts will be made after the final squad. Special squads could be available. For information, call 989.793.6300.

**Saturday, Dec. 22, 1 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 31, 1:30 p.m. or 3:30 p.m.** - Adult/Youth Holiday Doubles Tournament. Cost is \$20 per team of one adult and one youth. There are four divisions, 11-and-younger (handicap); 12-20 (handicap); Scratch and Bumpers. The tournament will be held at Richfield Bowl. The tournament is USBC certified except for the Bumpers. For information call 810.736.4880.

**Monday, Dec. 24** — BAHN Scholarship Points Holiday Tournament at State Lanes. Starts at 10:30 a.m. The adult/youth tournament costs \$20 per team. For information call State Lanes at 989.799.8050.

**Monday, Dec. 24** — 11 a.m. at Crooked Creek. The 17th annual Christmas Eve Adult/Child Tournament. Cost is \$10 per person which includes lunch served by Crooked Creek. All bowlers will bowl three games with all teams advancing to the single elimination roll-off following the tournament. The top teams will receive byes in the first

round (depending of the number of teams competing). For information call Mark Faupel at 989.714.4332 or Crooked Creek at 989.781.0050.

**January 1, 2013** — Clio Bowling Arcade, the 22nd annual Duane and Norma Hicks Memorial New Years Day Scratch Tournament.

The \$75 entry fee includes jackpots and lunch. Brackets will be provided for \$5 each. Draw Lane Assignments by noon; 10 minute warmup on starting pair.

Bowl three games to pair down to top 32. Single elimination match play after that. Contact Jason at 810.686.0260 for information or to make a reservation.

**Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013** — at State Lanes at 1 p.m. The Rev. Doyle Israel Memorial Tournament. On Jan. 29, 2012, Rev. Doyle Israel was taken from us. Come join us - bring your favorite memory or memento of Doyle to share with us! All money raised will be donated for Youth Bowling Scholarships. The 9-pin, no-tap tournament features four-person teams and costs \$100 per team (\$25 per bowler). For information call 989.799.8050.

**Saturday, Jan. 12** — EBI Demo Days at State Lanes, sponsored by Strike Zone Pro Shop. PBA Professional Dan MacLelland.

Limited spots available. Must reserve spot by Friday, Jan. 11. Call 989.220.4064.

**Jan. 12 - Jan. 27** — Great Lakes Bay Region Lutheran Bowling Tournament at Bay Lanes. The cost is \$50 per bowler for team, doubles, singles and optional all events.

The funding helps community projects such as sponsor Lutheran radio broadcast so those who are home bound can listen to church. Also the past two years they have funded a \$500 scholarship to a senior at either Michigan Lutheran Seminary or Valley Lutheran. Contact Nate Hebl (989) 284-2082 or Jim Cooper (989) 860-5822.

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**This month's  
answer is the  
13th hole of the  
Woodland Hills  
Golf Course  
in Sandusky, Mich**

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**December Champs:**  
Tim Gilbert, left, Rich Merz



**November Champs:** Jamison Sullivan, left, Jessica Clapp-Hobart

## King of the Hill Baker Doubles

### Strikes n' s Strokes

Tim Gilbert and Rich Merz used their left-right punch to knock out the opponents in December's King of the Hill Bakers doubles tournament at Crooked Creek. Gilbert (right-handed) and Merz (left-handed) led the seven teams in qualifying with 1,341 with their handicap. Ryan Godard and Steve Sekovich finished second at 1,290 followed by Melissa McNally and Brad McNally with 1,269.

In the first round of the elimination matches, McNally and McNally defeated Godard and Sekovich, 505-429.

Gilbert and Merz then knocked the McNallys off, 530-469.

The team of Gilbert-Merz then eliminated the November champions Jessica Clapp-Hobart and Jamison Sullivan, 454-447. The next Bakers Doubles King of the Hill is Friday, January 4, 2013. Check in starts at 7:30 p.m., bowling to begin at 8 p.m. ♦

### Crooked Creek Ladies

#### High Game

Anne Kuflewski	227
Nancy Bell	222
Colleen McCluskey	216

#### High Series

Linda Ecker	582
Nancy Bell	579
Tina Gulczynski	571

#### Anti Rust

#### High Average Male

Bob Jacob	181
Mike Casale	172
Dale Cramton	171
Bruce Lalonde	166
Ron Faust	165

#### High Game Male

Bob Jacob	275
Ken Sawatzke	249
Dale Cramton	235
Norb Meyer	224
Mike Casale	223

#### High Series Male

Ken Sawatzke	609
Ken Thom	607
Bob Jacob	598
Norb Meyer	594

Dale Cramton 279

#### High Average Women

Nancy Bell	179
High Game Women	
Nancy Bell	235

#### High Series Women

Donna Bigelow 562

#### Eaton League

#### High Game Men

Phil Neitzke	278
Ronald O'Connor	276
Bill Seibel	274
Bill Jewel	266

#### High Series Men

Bill Seibel	771
Mel Schlicker	724
Ronald O'Connor	724
Charles Blower	680

#### High Game Women

Nellie Sonsmith	255
Gloria Weigl	227
Karen Chapin	217
Karolyne Blower	213

#### High Series Women

Nellie Sonsmith	637
Gloria Weigl	601
Jackie Husted	551

Karolyne Blower 545

### Tuesday Senior Men

#### High Average

Tim Ward	218
Rick Kanuszewski	215
Randy Hall	215
Ray Eddy Jr	212
Glen BotwrightII	204
Jim Grzesiak	203

#### High Game

Ray Eddy Jr	289
Glenn Botwright II	279
John Wrona	278
Rick Kanuszewski	277
Randy Hall	269
Jim Grzesiak	268
Keith Barko	267
Ron Chapin	266

#### High Series

Rick Kanuszewski	746
Ray Eddy Jr	731
Tim Ward	727
Glenn Botwright II	716
Randy Hall	715
Jim Grzesiak	700
Keith Barko	683
John Finkbeiner Sr	677

## Youth scores

### Boys High Game

Landon Valley	267
John Durek	257
Josh Gunning-Anderson	

257

254

245

244

234

233

226

### Girls High Game

Carly Macomber 233

Tammy Crawford 195

Mikayla Trevino 177

Lauren Quarters 173

Carissa MacLennan 169

Hannah Strand 169

Larissa Lou Gonzalez 158

Jayann Schimmoller 157

Cassandra Brockless 156

### Boys High Series

Paul Clark 706

John Durek 653

Kyle Ackerman 649

Aaron LaBelle 630

Drew Roosa 620

Kyle Tuttle 598

Kershaw Durek 594

Seth Gilbert 592

Daniel Rios 582

### Girls High Series

Carly Macomber 610

Tammy Crawford 478

Carissa MacLennan 462

Cassandra Brockless 446

Larissa Lou Gonzalez 444

Lauren Quarters 437

Jayann Schimmoller 432

Mikayla Trevino 409

Hannah Strand 401

### Boys High Averages

Kyle Ackerman 201

Paul Clark 197

Drew Roosa 190

Austin Himmelein 184

Kyle Tuttle 180

Kershaw Durek 175

Adam Clauss 172

Daniel Rios 169

Tyler Kelly 166

Chris Waskiewicz 165

### Girls High Averages

Carly Macomber 186

Tammy Crawford 142

Carissa MacLennan 139

Jayann Schimmoller 137

Cassandra Brockless 129

Lauren Quarters 124

Cassidy Marsh 122

Hallie Clark 119

Hannah Strand 118

Larissa Lou Gonzalez 113

### Boys High Over Average

John Durek +194

Aaron LaBelle +153

Josh Goushaw +151

Drake McFarland +144

Landon Valley +123

Seth Gilbert +118

Paul Clark +118

Tyler Watkins +116

Josh Gunning-Anderson +102

Brett Fallis +101

### Girls High Over Average

Larissa Lou Gonzalez +114

Mikayla Trevino +103

Lauren Quarters +77

Mallory Kretz +66

Cassandra Brockless +65

Carly Macomber +52

Hannah Strand +47

Tammy Crawford +46

Carissa MacLennan +45

Brooke Kulick +41



## New Year's Eve Bowling Family Party

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## Robinson rolls whopping 843

**MIKE GODARD***Strikes n' Strokes editor*

Claude Robinson rolled his highest series to date in early October, but not without a little razzing from his teammates and friends.

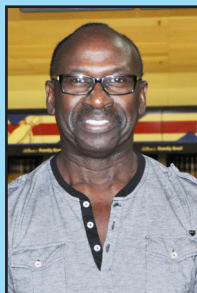
Robinson, who was bowling in the LeFevre's Family Bowl Burt Watson Trios league with his sons, rolled games of 295, 279 and 269 for an 843 series.

It was his second 800-plus series.

"Don't go there," laughed Robinson when asked about his 295 game.

"I left the whole left hand side

of the rack," he said. "It was a bad shot. I pushed the ball away and just dropped the ball. I really pounded the ball all night long. I had 31 strikes in that series."



Robinson almost had another 800 series recently while bowling at Family Bowl in the Carmargo League. I had games of 286, 279 and 225 for 789," he said.

"I threw a bad shot and it went Brooklyn in the 10th frame of the last game.

"A strike on the first ball would have given me the 800." ♦

## New, used ball gives Birch an award score

**MIKE GODARD***Strikes n' Strokes editor*

Kevin Birch made the right choice.

The 22-year-old had just gone through practice prior to the start of the Monday Nite 14 League at LeFevre's Family Bowl.

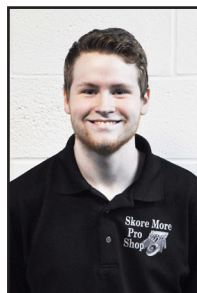
"I split three times and changed balls twice during practice," Birch said. "I maybe struck one time."

His choice was a recently acquired ball.

"I got some new equipment," he said. "I got a DV8 Marauder that Tom Smallwood had used a little bit at the PBA World Series.

"I had it re-drilled for me," he added. "I had a couple of 700 series (yesterday) in practice. This was the first time I used it for league play."

Birch kept striking throughout the night and rolled games of 255, 279 and 289 for an 823 series. His highest series prior to that was 715.



"I'm not sure how I did it," he said. "I just threw it and it found the pocket. It seemed like I had a 20-board area.

"I knew I had a chance (for an 800-plus series). I could do the math," he added.

"I felt that I needed to strike through the ninth frame."

And Birch did just that.

"At that point, I really didn't care about the 300," said Birch right after bowling his award series.

"I'm very excited. I made a call to my mom but I haven't posted it on Facebook, yet"

Birch, who works for Family Bowl, graduated from Genesee High School (Flint area).

"I bowled four years in high school," he said. "I averaged in the 170s back then. In high school, I either averaged 220 or 150

"I am a little more consistent (now)," Birch added. ♦

## In the zone

**MIKE GODARD***Strikes n' Strokes editor*

300s in the same set.

"I just missed my mark by a little bit," he added.

Brian "Bubba" Ball was locked into a zone – for 23 straight balls.

"I had a typical warm-up shot," Ball said. "I had a couple that went through the nose. Other than that, everything was fine.

"I usually start out around the 10-15 (boards)," he said.

"I didn't have to move all day."

Ball opened his shift in the Monday Nite 14 League at LeFevre's Family Bowl with his 39th perfect game. He nearly got No. 40 in the first next game as he strung out the next 11 shots.

"I was more nervous in the second game," Ball said. "I never had two



Ball left the 6-10 for his first 298 game he has rolled. It wasn't the first time that Ball has put together 23 straight strikes.

"I had 300 and 299 when I was bowling in Clearwater (Florida in 1994)," Ball said. He added a 268 game for his highest series of 867.

In the recent Monday night league, Ball started his third game with a strike and a missed 10-pin.

"I had another strike and spare," added Ball, who needed a 202 game for an 800 series. "Then, I had five straight (strikes) to seal the deal.

Ball finished with a 226 game and 824 for his ninth 800-plus series. ♦

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# First perfect something special for Jerry Carbeno

**GREG RICCARDI***Strikes n' Strokes*

Mayville's Jerry Carbeno had quite the year. He married Dawn, his longtime girlfriend, on Nov. 12, 2011.

Then, less than a month shy of his first anniversary, the big left-hander shot his second 300 game in 12 years of bowling.

"It was the middle game," he said. "I couldn't carry a 7-pin until I moved a couple of boards right."

Adding to the drama of the perfecto was the fact that the lanes broke down for at least 10 minutes after Carbeno's first strike in the 10th frame.

"But that actually helped me get over some nerves," he said. "It gave me time to sit, think, slow down."

The ball he threw following the long delay was a good hit, but that wasn't exactly the case for the final roll.

"I lost my balance, fell off to the side, and the

ball went 'Brooklyn'...but it carried," said Carbeno, whose nervousness didn't fully subside until well into the third game.

"My knees didn't quit shaking until about the 8th frame," he laughed.

The team Carbeno bowls with on the Thursday Cass River Trader men's league is called Boyd's Boys, in honor of the late Evans Boyd, who passed away last year.

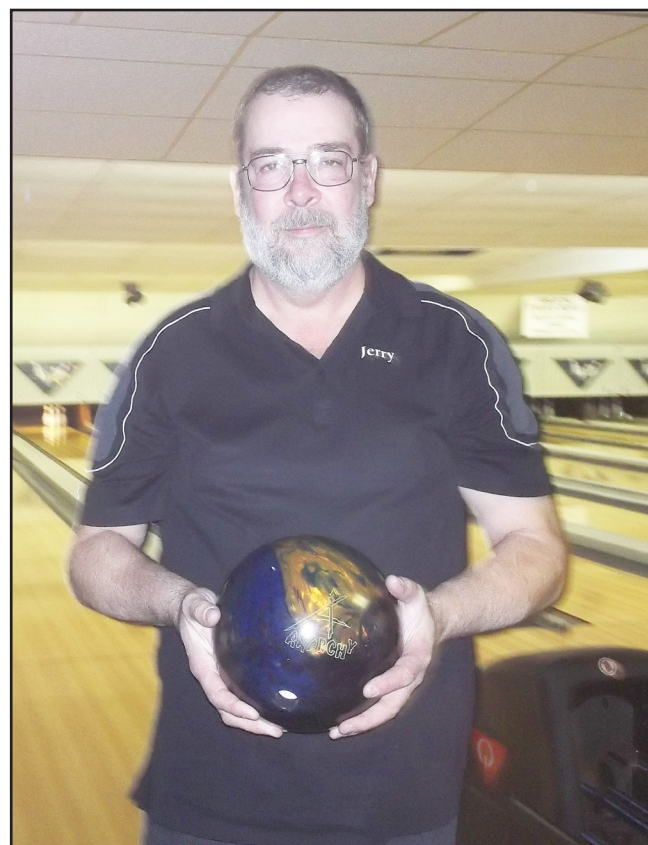
And that's appropriate, since Carbeno gives Boyd, a fellow southpaw, a lot of credit for improvement in his game.

"He and John Ross helped me a lot," said Carbeno.

The ball he used for the feat was a nearly-new Storm Anarchy, and there's a story behind that, too.

"I got it (at) my wedding," he recalled. "I was expecting her to give me the ring, and she gave me the ball instead!"

All things considered, the past 12 months have been memorable for Jerry Carbeno. ♦



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##### High Game

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Matt Harrington	290
Dave Borgerding	290
Justin Ruth	289
Joel Rauch	280
Jason Rae	279
Randy Reed	278
Jeff Yens	276
Ethan Stabenau	276
James Bodeis	276
Alan Gabalis	269
Brian Baber	268
John Ross Jr	266
Bill Barkowska Jr	266
Russ Coutcher	266
Casey Hendricks	266

##### High Series

Matt Harrington	809
John Goss	759
Justin Ruth	722
Brian Baber	717
Bill Barkowska	715
Alan Gabalis	714
Joel Rauch	713
Dave Borgerding	708
Ethan Stabenau	704
Calvin Bodeis	697

#### John Ross Jr

Kody Wisniewski	687
Shannon Matthews	682
Jason Rae	678
Casey Hendricks	672
<b>Sunday Funnies</b>	
<b>High Game Men</b>	
Pat Montgomery	247
Steve Gregory	233
Bob Bannon	212
Darrin Smith	196
Eric Schultz	133

##### High Series Men

Chad Gregory	640
Roger Baxter	606
Jeffrey Haver	557
Jason Miles	490
Robert Gerwolds	439
<b>High Game Women</b>	
Christine Powers	190
Jenipher Haver	169
Sue Gregory	164
Jennifer Patrick	161
Niki Choate	127
<b>High Series Women</b>	
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Laura Sullivan	444
Tiffany Pung	429

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<b>High Game Men</b>	
Darrell Chambers	240
Jerry Hutchins	213
Curtis Henderson	210
Eugene McLellan	197
<b>High Series Men</b>	
Frank Hornback	693
Donald Lawson	638
Butch Binder	600
Bob Grieve	546

##### High Game Women

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Virginia Naracon	189
MaryJane Robison	142
<b>High Series Women</b>	
Marie Warren	505
Ellen Hornback	477
Charlotte Wilson	371
<b>High Average Men</b>	
Donald Lawson	191
Frank Hornback	190
Darrell Chambers	184
<b>High Average Women</b>	
Betty DeRosia	148
Marie Warren	142
Ellen Hornback	138



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**Northern Sport****High Game**

Sam Doman	287
Alex Dwornick	279
Chad Dice	278

**High Series**

Aaron Lorincz	751
Alex Dwornick	707
Joe Leiner	705

**Northern Saints****High Average Men**

Steve Eddy	203
Sam Ulstad	196
Dean Acker	191
Mark Dombrowski	181
Lerry Krohn	181

**High Game Men**

Mark Dombrowski	277
Steve Eddy	268
Dean Acker	265

**High Series Men**

Mark Dombrowski	721
Roger Simons	676
Steve Eddy	659

**High Average Women**

Bonny Bailey	183
Ronda Eddy	147
Marcy Krohn	142
Nicole Smith	137
Christa Krohn	133

**High Game Women**

Bonny Bailey	221
Marcy Krohn	206
Ronda Eddy	193
Bonny Bailey	562
Ronda Eddy	481

Marcy Krohn 448

**Sandy Ridge****High Game Men**

Bob Baker	184
Bruce Griffiths	184
Mike Den	182
Tom Pulaski	170
Mike Hoggard	166

**High Game Men**

Bob Baker	278
Bruce Griffiths	231
Mike Dehn	230

**High Series**

Bob Baker	771
Bruce Griffiths	646
Mike Dehn	591

**High Average Women**

Kathi Moorehead	161
Billie Pulaski	159
Cathy Brown	151

**High Series Women**

Dinah Garland	148
Laura Clard	143
Vicki Clark	217

**High Game Women**

Kathi Moorehead	215
Billie Pulaski	199
Kathi Moorehead	538
Billie Pulaski	524
Laura Lee	500

**Sunday Funnies****High Average Men**

Dennis Carey	194
Roly Barth	179
Erik Snyder	176
Paul Bell Jr	173

Scott Smith 171

**High Game Men**

Erik Snyder	266
Paul Bell Jr.	255
Dennis Carey	235

**High Series Men**

Dennis Carey	687
Roly Barth	622
Erik Snyder	621

**High Average Women**

Janet Masur	171
Shelly Kratz	148
Christine Burzynski	145

**High Series Women**

Becky Smith	136
Mary Bell	131
Becky Smith	479

**High Game Women**

Janet Masur	222
Shelly Kratz	198
Mary Bell	197

**High Series Women**

Janet Masur	579
Shelly Kratz	483
Becky Smith	479

**Tumblers****High Average**

Steve Feinauer	195
Gregg Smith	194
Bill Gordert	194
Chris Rugenstein	192
Jason Long	189

**High Game Men**

Bill Gordert	287
Steve Feinauer	257
JC Scott	248

**High Series Men**

Chris Rugenstein	678
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Gregg Smith 659

Pat Owens 656

**High Average Women**

Mary Marshall	206
Kellie Krafft	187
Mary Lou Leslie	183
Brenda Gordert	174
Kathi Moorehead	170

**High Game Women**

Mary Marshall	257
Kellie Krafft	249
Mary Lou Leslie	244

**High Series Women**

Mary Marshall	671
Mary Lou Leslie	604
Kathy Moorehead	599

**Northern Recs****High Average**

LuannRussell	166
Jan Cousineau	161
Jenny Weaver	158
Kathi Moorehead	157
Pam Topor	156

Barb Owens 156

Brenda Sohasky 155

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Ella Wise 154

Diana Ferree 152

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LuannRussell 230

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Michael Truemner 277		<b>High Series</b>
<b>High Series</b>	<b>High Series Men</b>	Trista Jeske 631
Wayne Helm 745	Brian Glady 566	Sue Specht 605
Dennis Broughman 740	Dick Howard 478	Linda Damm-Frost 576
Justin Morel 723	Rick O'Connor 418	<b>Helm Electric Classic High Game</b>
<b>High Team Game</b>	<b>High Game Women</b>	Tony Reinert 289
Bell - Wasik 708	Sue Eilers 213	Doug Oprea 248
Team 4 660	Duane Foster 211	Wayne Helm 246
2 Rights & A Wrong 658	Jo Ann Gray 200	Dan Bhyrdo 246
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# Saginaw teammates have perfect games on same shift

**MIKE GODARD***Strikes n' Strokes editor*

Glen Rowley's night at Stardust Lanes went from a nightmare to a sweet dream. Meanwhile one of his teammates, Dave Treib, was remembering some fatherly advice he had given his daughter.

Rowley and Treib each rolled a 300 game on the same night (in different games) while bowling in the Wednesday night Central League.

"I was moving around, trying to find the pocket," Rowley said. "Then, when I found it, I kept leaving 10-pins . . . and missing them. That was a 10-pin nightmare.

"With four opens it wasn't hard to shoot a 138 game," he added. "I found it, (the line without leaving the 10 pin) in the 10th frame of

the first game. Then, I didn't have to move the rest of the night."

Rowley's previously high game in his career was a 266 count.

Rowley, 42, kept on striking and striking to start out the second game.

"This was the first time that I had reached the 10th frame," Rowley said. "My knees were really knocking.

"But it came to me, you know," he added. "I am here to have fun. Here to have a good time. I'm still going to throw the ball. If it's good, it's good. If not, I am still going to have a good time."

Rowley's three shots in the 10th frame knocked every pin down as he earned his first 300 game, using an Alpha Max that he had purchased



Mike Godard/Strikes n' Strokes

Glenn Rowley, left, rolled his first 300 game while his teammate Dave Treib, scored his second ace. They both came in the same series.

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<b>OLD SCHOOL</b>		Brian McMahon	243	<b>HIGH SERIES MEN</b>	
<b>HIGH AVERAGE MEN</b>		Jesse Gonzales	240	Emerson Sykes	745
Mareono Gonzales	238	Steve Novak	232	Tex Williams	722
Jesse Gonzales	237	<b>HIGH SERIES MEN</b>		Jim Mitas	705
Reggie Smith	233	Dan Lazzaro	824	<b>HIGH GAME MEN</b>	
<b>HIGH SERIES MEN</b>		Jeff Bauer	783	Tex Williams	278
Mareono Gonzales	795	Kyle Spadine	782	Emerson Sykes	266
Gerald Little	777	<b>HIGH GAME MEN</b>		Willie Lee	264
Jesse Gonzales	770	Jeff Bauer	300	<b>HIGH AVG WOMEN</b>	
<b>HIGH GAME MEN</b>		Dan Lazzaro	299	Theresa Marshall	201
Brendon Wheeler	300	Jeremy Dixon	299	Kelly Horner	191
Mareono Gonzales	300	<b>HIGH AVG WOMEN</b>		Debbie Mitas	188
Jesse Gonzales	300	Kristy Kerr	213	<b>HIGH SERIES WOMEN</b>	
Sidney Danner	300	Jennifer Kocks	211	Kelly Horner	653
<b>HIGH AVG WOMEN</b>		Jess Hobart	209	Theresa Marshall	645
Tracie Page	221	<b>HIGH SERIES WOMEN</b>		Debbie Mitas	640
Kristy Kerr	216	Alyssa Seibel	700	<b>HIGH GAME WOMEN</b>	
Stephanie Jones	214	Jess Hobart	700	Debbie Mitas	254
<b>HIGH SERIES WOMEN</b>		Kristy Kerr	699	Kelly Horner	244
Tracie Page	744	<b>HIGH GAME WOMEN</b>		Theresa Marshall	236
Stephanie Jones	740	Jennifer Kocks	279	<b>SENIOR CLASSIC</b>	
Marilyn Williams	689	Alyssa Seibel	260	<b>HIGH AVERAGE</b>	
<b>HIGH GAME WOMEN</b>		Kristy Kerr	259	Rick LaRue	233
Stephanie Jones	300	<b>LATE RISERS</b>		Bob Hughes	220
Marilyn Williams	289	<b>HIGH AVERAGE MEN</b>		Hal Dise	216
Kristy Kerr	276	Hollywood Reinke	228	<b>HIGH SERIES</b>	
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# Doran finds Senior Shootout to his liking

**MIKE GODARD***Strikes n' Strokes editor*

Len Doran went back to basics. A little video watching didn't hurt either.

"I had been struggling all last year and the start of this year," the 62-year-old right-hander said. "I received one of those CDs from the USBC and started to watch it. I wrote a few notes down, went back to the basics and practice.

"I also got one of my old bowling balls back out," he added. "It was about six years old. I haven't purchased a new ball in the last two years."

The combination of his changes resulted in three consecutive wins in the State Lanes Wednesday afternoon Senior Shootout.

Doran shot actual series of 783, 747 and 774.

The Senior Shootout is open to all senior bowlers. Bowling starts at 1 p.m. and only costs \$8 per week. That includes the weekly handicap pots and prize money.

The league is a non-committal league as you can bowl when you want and yet, your average continues to rise or fall like a regular league.

"I really like bowling in this league," Doran said. "You have to think while you are bowling because you change lanes every game. Your first and second game could be on drier lanes than the third. You have to be ready. You have to adjust right away. If you don't, by the time you figure it out, it would be too late. It tickles me that for three weeks in a row I shot well."

Doran recently had a 720 series bowling in the Friday afternoon Raymond Jones Senior League, also at State Lanes.

"This has been a good house for me as of late," he added. "I was only going to bowl in one league this year. Now, I am in five, including subbing on my wife's league."

Doran kept getting calls from friends to sub in their leagues and, before long, became a regular fixture. ♦

## Holden nails down third 800-plus series

**MIKE GODARD***Strikes n' Strokes editor*

Friday afternoon Raymond Jones Senior League.

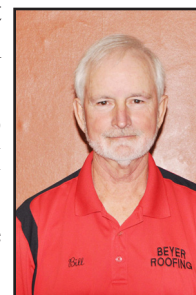
"It was the first time I had reached the 10th frame with all strikes," he said. "I've had 11 straight three times but each one I started with an open."

Holden left the 6-10 on the 11th shot in his first game in the recent 800-plus series. After finishing with a 288, he added games of 249, 267 for an 804 series.

"I stayed in the same spot for all three games," he said.

"I didn't miss the pocket once all day.

"One reason I started back bowling is that I want to get a 300 game. That would be great. I already have two hole-in-ones." ♦



Bill Holden, 66, started bowling regularly about two and one-half years ago. Prior to that, the 66-year-old avid golfer was just subbing in leagues once in awhile.

"It was probably five to six years prior to that when I bowled in a league," he said. "And, that was only one time per week.

"I never had time for it," he added. "Now, I do . . . a lot more time."

Holden, who is now retired from Eaton Manufacturing, shot his third 800 series in the last three years.

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Jeff Parsons 267

**High Series Men**

Shawn Lapere 746

Dan Ratell 725

Jeff Parsons 695

**High Game Women**

Christinea Parson 225

Sue Forbes 225

Melissa Howson 211

**High Series Women**

Christinea Parsons 608

Sue Forbes 579

Sue Lapere 537

**Valley Pro Shop League****High Game Men**

Marc Rooker 300

Lee Welch 300

Nick Kraus 298

**High Series Men**

Marc Rooker 821

Nick Kraus 737

Ron Glanz 734

**High Game Women**

Marisa Pressnell 267

Vicky Kuch 262

Nancy Kayden 225

**High Series Women**

Marisa Pressnell 681

Vicky Kuch 585

Nancy Kayden 578

**Valley No Stars****High Game Men**

Bill Cline 297

Wade Gwizdala 290

Jerod Stout 287

**High Series Men**

Steve Eddy 748

Chris Inman 742

Greg Haremski 734

**High Game Women**

Raul Sausedo 258

Shannon Smith 217

Tammy Mulka 199

**High Series Women**

Raul Sausedo 603

Shannon Smith 558

Racelle Schlamke 496

**Valley Nite Owls****High Game**

Andy Richardson 289

Sam Nguyen 289

LeRoy Owen 268

**High Series**

Ryan Pashak 704

Mark Schultz 696

LeRoy Owen 689

**Women's SemiClassic A****High Game**

Paula Stanford 300

Courtney King 257

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**High Series**

Paula Stanford 691

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The Caro High School boys and girls bowling team started their 2012-13 high school season. Above, two of Caro's girls practice before their match Saturday, Dec. 15, at State Lanes.

## Candy Cane Tourney continues its successful run

**GREG RICCARDI**

*Strikes n' Strokes*

December 1st was the date for this year's Candy Cane handicap tournament, a popular annual fundraising event that benefits the Caro High School bowling team and the Kiwanis Club of the Caro area.

Sixty-five bowlers took part in the event, up one from the previous two years.

As might be expected, Caro bowlers dominated the leaderboard, although participants came from all around the area.

The top prize of \$100 was claimed by Jason Enos, who posted a handicap total of 845. Five pins behind was Mike Cryderman, who won \$75, followed by Mike Amend's 806 (\$50).

The top women's handicap score belonged to Tammy Schmaltz, who took home \$30 for her 792 effort. Others who cashed included former CHS bowler Kyle Reid (768—\$25), Sharon McPhail (757—\$20), Missy Fee (756—\$15) and Richard Nightingale (753—\$10).

### Brentwood Classic High Average Men

Brian DeBeaubien	191
Bud Anthes	190
Ken Beachy	189

### High Game Men

Bud Anthes	266
Kris Repshinska	235
Duane Johnson	235

### High Series Men

Duane Johnson	677
Bud Anthes	675
Brian Debeaubien	653

### High Average Women

Ashley Debeaubien	163
Lori Comment	160
Jill Beachy	160

### High Game Women

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### High Series Women

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Ashley Debeaubien	527

### Kings and Queens High Average Male

David Roberts	193
Dan Downing	192
Mike Popovich	188

### High Game Men

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Dan Downing	258

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Kristen Stahl	586
Diane Stahl	581

### 3M League High Average

Don Morton	217
Mike DuRussel	200
Alex Williams	193

### High Game

Don Morton	278
Brad Ball	268
Jerry Walker	258
Mike DuRussel	258

### High Series

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Mike DuRussel	688
Jerry Walker	649

### Brentwood Ladies

<b>High Average</b>	
Jean Mills	170
Donna Romain	161
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### High Game

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Donna Romain	223
Cheryl Trisch	222

### High Series

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# Martin's relax approach nets his first perfect game

**MIKE GODARD***Strikes n' Strokes editor*

Simeon Martin wasn't greedy.

So when the 42-year-old missed his opportunity for his first 800 series by one pin, he wasn't too upset. After all, Martin rolled his first 300 game in the process. Martin rolled games of 220, 279 and 300 for a 799 series in the Candlelite Tuesday night Tavern League.

"Even though I missed it by one pin," Martin said. "I wasn't upset about it. I had my 300 game. Nothing could stop me from celebrating. I couldn't even sleep that night."

Martin was pretty much right on throughout the whole night.

"I started out playing a tighter line," he said. "If I swing the ball out when I bowl at Candlelite, I tend to leave the corner pins. But that cost me as I a couple of splits because I came in too tight."

"So, I started to swing the ball and it was carrying," he added. "I had a bunch of strikes in the first game, the two splits cost me."

Martin started out the second

game with the front eight. Then a solid 8-pin stopped the streak and Martin struck out for 279.

"The shot was right there," he said. "I kept carrying the 10-pin and the only tap was the 8-pin. I made up my mind right there, I was going to shoot my 300."

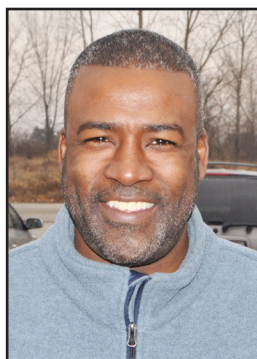
"But you know everybody says that," he laughed. "But how often does that happen."

Martin kept on striking and he was within one shot from his perfect.

"I felt like I had an elephant on my chest," he said. "I just didn't want to throw the ball into the gutter. "Once I let the ball go, I threw my arms up in the air," Martin added. "I hit the mark, had the right speed and the ball was banking into the pocket. The only thing that could have stopped me was a 10-pin."

Martin kept his slate clean by not leaving any 10-pins throughout the whole night and had his first 300 game.

"For a minute, I felt like a pro-



fessional bowler," Martin said.

He bowls with his cousin Darren Lindsay and brother James Martin.

"They both have 300 games," Simeon Martin said. "They told me that I can finally sit at the table and have a conversation."

Martin's priorities over the years have changed when it comes to bowling.

"I used to bowl five or six times per week," Martin said. "I am down to once right now and sometimes that is too much. "I have two daughters that are big into sports right now. One's in volleyball and the other in basketball. They both need

rides and want you to be there.

"That's okay with me," he added. "Before you know it, they are all grown up, it's gone and no way you can get that time back. There's always time for me to bowl."

His priority regarding bowling has also changed.

"I used to like to bowl in a very competitive league," he said. "Don't get me wrong, I love to win. But I want to use the time I am bowling to socialize with my friends. I want to have fun and use bowling as a time to relax."

"I think that's why have been bowling better this year," added Martin, who recently had a 775 series. "When I am relaxed, I tend to bowl better." ♦

## Saginaw Senior Team Tournament 30th annual (Candlelite)

Team	Series	Hnd	Total	WOMEN'S HIGH HDCP SERIES			
OLDER THAN DIRT IV				NAME	Series	Hnd	Total
	2753	0	2753	Vanessa Tyson	648	123	771
Gerald Little	679	0	679	Chris Laux	630	108	738
Clarence Fraziers	698	0	698	Lee Tobias	470	267	737
Gene Phillips	664	0	664	MEN'S HIGH HDCP GAME			
Randy Hall	712	0	712	NAME	Game	Hnd	Total
WOMEN'S HIGH HDCP GAME				Ernie Swanton	279	20	299
NAME	Game	Hnd	Total	Tom Hoffman	279	8	287
Lee Tobias	206	89	295	Mike Casale	241	44	285
Rose Stedry	267	24	291	MEN'S HIGH HDCP SERIES			
Vanessa Tyson	233	41	274	NAME	Series	Hnd	Total
				Greg Neiderquill	773	42	815
				Roman Johnson	769	0	769
				Sam Winters	566	192	758

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MEN**

GAME	
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Tom Gordon	279
Jeff Henne	279
Dennis Terrill	279
Greg Haremski	279
Dan Ratell	277
Wayne Kozuch	275
Eric Clark	268
Scott Wajrowski	267
Steve Kuch	257
Randy Dunham	257

**SERIES/MOST O.A.**

Dan Ratell	725/+149
Jeff Henne	768/+147
Rod Bell	624/+147
Wayne Kozuch	662/+143
Russ King	635/+140
Harry Welch	666/+138
Josh Marvis	684/+129
Dave Martin	606/+123

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**WOMEN****GAME**

Paula Stanford	300
Tammy Cook	257
Marisa Pressnell	247
Christinea Parsons	236
Shirley Buechler	221
Stephanie Rooker	215
Dawn Uhl	209
Tonia Walter	208
Sue Forbes	204
Vicku Kuch	201

**SERIES/MOST O.A.**

Kerrie Letts	561/+144
Paula Stanford	691/+142
Tammy Cook	732/+120
Marilyn Duhe	542/+92
Virginia Hess	479/+80
Shannon Smith	556/+79
Doreen Pharris	383/+77
Pam Spencer	413/+77

Chris Quinder 348/+72

Dawn Uhl 536/+71

**SENIOR MEN GAME**

Howard King	247
Jim Morgan	223
CJ Duhe	214

**SERIES/MOST O.A.**

Gale Crandell	417/+102
Robert Cobane	355/+61
Joe DuFort	471/+54

**SR WOMEN GAME**

Elaine Wetherell	205
Karen Lawrence	179
Gertre Tiede	176

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Dixie Prince	438/+63
Tam Meixner	438/+57
Elaine Wetherell	497/+56

**NORTHERN LANES****Men's Over Avg Over**

Jim LaFramboise	762 165
Kris Pepper	824 158
Craig Breault	658 124
Aaron Lorincz	751 112
Bobby Wright	557 110
Ken Craig	596 110
Erik Snyder	621 108
Roly Barth	622 100
Jason Gehoski	685 100
Randy Gauthier	711 96
Paul Coronado	624 96
Troy Emerson	300
Kris Pepper	299
Danny Babcock	277
Kyle Hess	276
Dennis Terrill	269
Bo Goergen	269
Mel Schreck	268

Jim LaFramboise 268

Aaron Lorincz 267

Lance Wilson 265

**Senior Mens Over Ave**

Bud Swanson	516 93
Byron Charters	534 75
Ron Heins	549 39

**Sr Mens High Game**

Bud Swanson	209
Roger Roebuck	202
Byron Charters	193

**Womens Pins Over Ave**

Amanda Gray	468 126
Deb Purvis	564 108
Kayla King	642 99
Jeanie White	567 81
Jan Garver	496 79
Carol Tuttle	496 79
Kathy Ochs	462 78
Shelley Smith	591 78
Theresa Srebinski	451 76
Stacy Krueger	429 75

**Mens High Game**

Jan Garver	496 79
Carol Tuttle	496 79
Kathy Ochs	462 78
Shelley Smith	591 78
Theresa Srebinski	451 76
Stacy Krueger	429 75

Dianne Breternitz

519 75

**Womens High Game**

Mary Marshall 288

Kellie Krafft 225

Jen Rubenacker 221

Kayla King 216

Kristine Bailey 214

Pam Topor 204

Becki Roberts 204

Jeanie White 203

Jamie Smith 203

Deb Purvis 201

**Sr Womens Over Ave**

Lynda Perry 456 114

Jan Graham 417 57

Eileen Stoops 463 49

**Sr Womens High Game**

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## Captain/Sponsor Tournament

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The 49th annual Midland USBC Captain/Sponsor Tournament will be held at noon, Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013. There is a banquet to follow — catered by Northern Lanes.

The “Bowling Family of the Year” and “Sponsor of the Year” awards will be presented at the Banquet.

Prizes to be given away at the banquet.

Only \$20 per bowler. A \$5 participation fee is required for non-sanctioned participants (excludes sponsors).

Entries are available at Valley Lanes and Northern Lanes. Please return form and fees to Rick Goergen, Sue Tice, John Hitsman or Cora Hitsman. Checks payable to Midland USBC. Sponsor of the Year nomination forms may be included with your entry. Deadline for entries is 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013. No late entries will be accepted. ♦

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## Beers enjoys special memories and takes home senior actual 700 Club title

**MIKE GODARD***Strikes n' Strokes editor*

Ross Beers captured the Bay Area 700 Club senior division actual title that was held on Dec. 7 and 8 at Bay Lanes.

He also finished tied for first in the handicap division. Had he paid the extra fee for the regular division, his name would have been atop of that leader board as well

"I didn't get into the part of the tournament," he said. "Looking back, I wish I would have now. I had

a great shot that day.

"I liked how the ball was reacting," added Beers, who used a 50-year-old plastic ball to claim his second Bay Area 700 Club senior title.

Beers, who is in the Saginaw Bowling Hall of Fame, rolled games of 258, 259, 254 and 222 for 993 actual and 1057 with his handicap.

Ron LaForest finished tied with



Beers at 1057 for the handicap title. Another Saginaw Bowling Hall of Fame member, Kurt Lambert, won the Open scratch titles with a 982 series (four games). Jerry Bushong was the overall handicap winner at 1056.

Ron Kraska had the high game of the tournament with a 288.

Beers had the high front-three-game series at 771 followed by Lambert (726), Howard "World" McMullen (716) and Dale Hofmeister Jr. (716).

In addition to taking home one

of the top prizes, Beers also came away from the tourney with some special memories.

"I got to bowl with Rolland DeJohn," Beers said. "He rolled a 300 game last year when he was 89."

"He was on the same pair with us," he added.

"I was very impressed with him. He rolls the ball well and had good speed on the ball. I had several friends on my pair. I had a great time bowling with them. And, it was worth the price of gold, just to watch him (DeJohn) bowl." ♦

## Bowlers of the Week

**Name**      **Center Score**   **POA**   **AVG**  
**November 24, 2012**

**Men**

Jim Suchodolski	Alert	720	219	167
Senior Men				

**Women**

Kassandra Rugenstein	Bay	693	162	177
Tuesday Ladies Trios				

**Boys**

Evan Barton	Monitor	621	210	137
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**Girls**

Fayth Ferrer	Alert	202	109	31
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**December 01, 2012****Men**

Thomas Labelle	Bay	636	199	145
4 O'Clock High				

**Women**

Ann Payne	Monitor	704	125	193
Monitor Ladies Classic				

**Boys**

Kyle Gillespie	Monitor	662	161	167
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**Girls**

Keely Balcer	Alert	373	127	82
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**December 8, 2012****Men**

Ryan Roznowski	Bay	719	194	175
Big Money League				

**Women**

Tiffany Piesik	Monitor	451	139	104
SuperBowl				

**Boys**

Tim Kuch	Monitor	793	148	215
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**Girls**

Kira Waterman	Alert	206	104	34
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## Hofmeister wins MMBA Bowler of the Year

Dale Hofmeister won the 2012 "Bowler of the Year" award for the Budweiser Michigan Majors Bowling Association.

The awards are decided on a point basis only.

The points are earned for position placed in each tournament, plus the top three money and average leaders, high qualifier and all 300, 299, 298 games in MMBA competition.

Hofmeister won for the 3rd time to join Dick Beattie and Harry Sullins



for the most Bowler of Year awards. Hofmeister also won in 2000 and 2010.

He just keeps rolling along as he just completed his

25th year in the MMBA.

Hofmeister made the finals five times winning two titles plus one 2nd place finish. This increased his titles to 19 an all-time record. ♦

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## Just in the nick of time

**Mike Godard**

*Strikes n' Strokes editor*

Every Saturday, Kaleb Griesmayer has to rush to make the Poor Charley on time. Because he works most Saturday's until 1 p.m., Griesmayer shows up just in time to get a couple of warm up shots. At the Crooked Creek stop, Griesmayer topped all comers to win his first title.

"I've been chasing this trophy for at least five years," he said. "I am always trying to rush to get here. I missed only one tournament."

### Week 4 at LeFevres



Eric Sturm



Bob Maciejewski

### Week 5 at Bay Lanes



Tanner Spencer



Greg Lamson

### Week 6 at Crooked Creek



Kaleb Griesmayer



David Roupe

Not only did Griesmayer win the tournament, he was the high qualifier for the 200-under division. ♦



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Winning performance — Kaleb Griesmayer

## Charley's 9-pin, no-tap tourney

Tournament time at State Lanes started Oct. 27 and will run to April 28, 2013. Nine-pin, no-tap format that is open to men and women. Handicap is 85 percent from 240.

The cost is \$12 per bowler for three games. The top 10 handicap scores will return to bowl on Saturday, May 4 for \$2,000 in prize money based on 500 entries. One out of every eight bowlers will cash. There are only six bowlers per squad. There are additional prizes for actual, seniors, women and group organizers of four bowlers or more per squad. Bowlers can bowl any time based on availability. Only lanes 23 and 24 will be used; Lanes 1 and 2 will be alternates. To make a reservation, call 989.799.8050. ♦

## Poor Charley 2012-2013 Tournament Schedule

Registration starts at noon

Tournament starts at 1 p.m.

Cost is \$35 per bowler (four games guaranteed)

For information call Chuck Moskal at 989.777.1385

Date	Center	Winner	Runnerup	Score
Nov. 10	Family Bowl	Eric Sturm	Ed Goosby	234-216
Nov. 17	Family Bowl	Pete Gutkowski	Mike Wiltse	264-227
Nov. 24	State Lanes	Brad Lederer	James Woods	243-236
Dec. 1	Family Bowl	Eric Sturm	Bob Maciejewski	265-184
Dec. 8	Bay Lanes	Tanner Spencer	Greg Lamson	258-232
Dec. 15	Crooked Creek	Kaleb Griesmayer	David Roupe	273-217
Dec. 22	Candlelite Bowl			
Dec. 29	Candlelite Bowl			
Jan. 5	Alert Lanes			
Jan. 12	Crooked Creek			
Jan. 19	State Lanes			
Jan. 26	Family Bowl			
Feb. 2	Alert Lanes			
Feb. 9	State Lanes			
Feb. 16	State Lanes			
Feb. 23	Crooked Creek			
Mar. 2	State Lanes			
Mar. 9	State Lanes			
Mar. 16	Bay Lanes			
Mar. 23	No tournament			
Mar. 30	Bay Lanes			
Apr. 6	State Lanes			
Apr. 13	State Lanes			

### 2011-12 Winners

Russ Mallory, Cory Gushikama, Matt Arnold, Terry Martin, Ron McNally, Steve Novak, Henry Fee, Chris Gollakner (three times), Brad Lederer, Kurt Lambert, Mark Cramer, Drew Szuran, Tracy Toronjo, John Schneider, Jack Maynard, Dale Wachowicz, Homer Cook, Matt Faustin, Tyler Brooks, David Roupe.

(Championship Tournament)

Top 40 point winners will be invited to participate in the Championship Tournament.

No Tourney on March 23, Poor Charley Away doubles weekend.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 29 AT CANDLELITE

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SATURDAY, JAN. 12 AT CROOKED CREEK

SAT., JAN. 19 AT STATE LANES

SAT., JAN. 26 AT FAMILY BOWL



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## Special offer for Men's and Women's sponsors for City Tourney

The sixth annual Open and Women's City Tournament will be held from Saturday, Jan 12, 2013 through Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013.

Both the Open and Women's tournaments will be held at Candlelite Bowl.

The Saginaw USBC will pay any sponsor the brings in four teams to either tournament one \$50 entry fee (\$40 for the women's tourney) for that sponsor.

The squad times for the team tournament are 11:30 a.m. on Saturday,

Jan. 12; 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13 and 9 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 20.

Squad times for the doubles and singles are 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12; 9 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 13 and Sunday, Jan. 20.

The men's teams are four-person teams while the women's teams are three-person. Also, in the women's City Tournament there are only team and singles events.

For information on the tournaments contact Mark Sedlar at 989.792.6216. ♦

## Saginaw USBC offers incentive for women's teams going to state

The Saginaw USBC will pay any Saginaw women's team going to the 2013 state tournament (Candlelite for team; LeFevre's for doubles and singles) \$50 toward their team entry fee.

The Women's State tournament is comprised of five-women to a team. The state tourney will run from Saturday, Feb. 2 through Sunday, May 12 (Mother's Day weekend) unless extended. There are three divisions.

The cost is \$25 per person per event. Optional all-events is \$3. There is also optional scratch divisions. For information call 616.635.2032 or email miwomenbowlers@comcast.net. ♦

## Eschenbacher, Macomber lead Saginaw City Youth Tournament

Wyatt Eschenbacher led the Saginaw City tournament with a 725 series including 265 game. Kershaw Durek finished with a 710 series and 266 game; followed by Drew Roosa (704); David Gutierrez (701); John Durek (279) and Austin Himmelein (268)

Carly Macomber led the girls with a 683 series including a 265 game.

Kiersten Mead finished with a 667 series and 268 game followed by Shauna Treib (664, 237) and Samantha Kubiak (638, 244). ♦

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ings of the Youth City Tournament and the Saginaw Senior Team Tournament. There is also a link on the Website for pictures from the Senior Tournament. ♦



Mike Godard/Strikes n' Strokes

Randy Hall, left, watches his ball roll down the lane during practice in the Saginaw Senior Team Tournament. Long-time organizer of the successful event, Jean Hoffman, makes a couple of announcements.

## Bowlers of the Week

11/24/12	Laurie Harrington	+163	Kevin Birch	+192
12/01/12	Deidre Stewart	+151	Simeon Martin	+181
12/08/12	Maureen Grandy	+132	Kevin Birch	+256

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# Off to warmer pastures

**MIKE GODARD**

*Strikes n' Strokes editor*

J. Nevelle Kirby was at a crossroads. At one point this past summer; Kirby was looking at going into General Motors. At the time, Kirby was running the Pro Shop inside Galaxy Lanes.

"I would never stop bowling," he said. "I would still be involved in the game, but not necessarily the industry."

But in late July, Kirby's future took a turn for warmer pastures – running the bowling pro shop at Deltona Lanes (Orange City, Fla.) under Bowling-Ball.com

"One of my Facebook friends just happened to be looking somewhere, I 'm not sure what," he said. "But she sent me a message regarding if I had seen an ad regarding a job."

"I hadn't, but I would look into it," he said. "On July 26, after seeing the ad, I immediately sent off my resume."

Kirby didn't tell many people about it.

"I didn't want to get anybody in an uproar (about him leaving the area)," he said. "I was willing to let the chips fall where they lay."

"After they received my resume, and I learned that I made it past the first phase," Kirby added. "That's when I let my family know that it potentially could happen."

According to Kirby, they had a few candidates and were talking about flying them down for final interviews.

"They contacted my references and it went from there. We did an interview over the phone," he said. "Because of the references and talking with other people in the industry, my reputation preceded me and they felt they didn't have to do any more. They were comfortable with me that we didn't have to do the face-to-face interviews."

At that point, Kirby, 39, was planning the move down south.

And, on Sep. 3, Kirby took over the pro shop duties down there.

"Things are going well," he said. "It's not getting used to the job because the job is basically the same as what I was doing up here. It's getting used to the people; how they like to do things and getting myself established with the people in the area."

Kirby said that bowling is a "different animal" in the Florida community.

"There aren't that many high-profile leagues," he said. "There might be bigger prize funds but the daily money, like pots and brackets, aren't there."

"In our center, we have only four sanctioned leagues," he added. "But every night of the week, the center is busy with leagues. It's definitely more laid back here than it is in Michigan."

Kirby only bowls in one league per week right now in the 40-lane house where his pros shop is located.



"It's a far cry from bowling three to five times per week," he said. "Usually, one of those leagues was like practice for me."

## Practice?

"Anyone that knows me, knows I don't like to practice," he said. "I've had to resort to that lately. These lanes are one of the toughest scoring centers around here. It's hard to get the corner pins out."

"I started to feel like I am bowling better recently," he added. "I just had my first 300 game here last week."

"Back in Michigan, we used to say wait until the cold weather hits before seeing an increase in scores," he said. "We can't say that here."

"The high school competition is already done," he added. "It (bowling) is considered a fall sport. There is more golfing going on now because it's too hot during the summer."

"The bowling leagues continue throughout the summer because people want to get out of the heat," he added.

"I found out there are three seasons here: hot, hotter and the love bug," he said. "I don't know what they (love bugs) are. I think they are some type of lady bugs."

"I haven't gotten to that season, yet," Kirby laughed.

In the meantime, Kirby has started to make a mark with some of his customers.

"I made a connection with some of the junior bowlers down here," he

added. "I've also been working with some of the other bowlers. I'm just trying to make my presence felt."

One of those other bowlers is mid-Michigan native Walter Lang.

"He's one of my customers down here," he said. "He's from Frankenthuth and used to bowl at Candlelite. He moved down here in the early 1990s."

"I do miss my friends and family dearly," Kirby added. "My sister (Tracie Page), Kristy Kerr and Brendan Wheeler won the first half of the Sunday night league (Old School at Stardust)," he said. "When I bowled with them last year, we won that league."

"We also won the Friday Nite Live league (at Candlelite) last year," he added.

"I really miss that. I have been texting with them back and forth giving them a few suggestions along the way. I'm not one to have been away as long as I have been."

Kirby is looking forward to the future his new job may bring.

"I'm still on staff with Storm," he said. "Right now, I don't have a lot to do with the website (bowlingball.com). Hopefully in the next release, I will be able to do a video."

Kirby was hoping to come back for a visit, but the plan fell through.

"The shop has been very busy lately," he said.

"I do miss everybody, (but) I am not disappointed with my move . . . I don't live my life with regrets." ♦

## Jones honors late son's memory with perfect game

**MIKE GODARD**

*Strikes n' Strokes editor*

Last year's Saginaw women's bowler-of-the-year, Stephanie Jones, almost didn't bowl this season.

"My heart is just not into bowling. My son (Freddie Jones-Har-

vey) died July 21," Jones said. "But my youngest daughter told me before the start of the season, that Freddie would have wanted me to continue on."

Jones recently



Stephanie Jones

rolled the sixth 300 game of her career.

She was bowling in the Old School League at Stardust Lanes.

"I never thought I would get one here (Stardust)," she said. "I almost didn't go that night."

Jones didn't make any moves as she approached her third game.

"The difference was that I was carrying the 7-pin," added the left-hander.

"Once I got to the sixth frame, I made up my mind that I was going to get one for him. He loved to bowl and always wanted to get one (300 game) so bad. I guess I had a purpose that night." ♦



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## Heins learned from the best of the best



**MIKE GODARD**

*Strikes n' Strokes editor*

Tom Heins started drilling bowling balls in 1965. He hasn't stopped since nor does he have any plans of stopping soon.

The 63-year-old owns Ideal Bowling Equipment at 3666 Bay Road in Saginaw, just north of Olive Garden. Ideal has been there since April 1, 1983.

"Eddie Chmielewski taught me how to work the drill press," Heins said. "It's his fault. I never stopped."

Heins entire life has been centered around bowling, as a mechanic, assistant manager, manager and in the pro shop business.

"I worked at Timbertown and was the day and night manager," he added. "I would rotate one week working in the day and the next week at night. I also drilled some balls with Dave Doak."

"I also have worked with Chuck Moskal, Gene Weslock, Bill Strike and Corky DeGraff," he added. "I've worked with the best of the best."

In 1977, Heins gave up his career in the bowling centers when Moskal asked him to work at his shop in the Bay Plaza on Bay Road.

"We were there until 1983," Heins said. "He was doing both at the same time and needed some help."

"He didn't realize how busy he was going to be there. We had four or five people working there at the time," Heins recalled.

"It was a lot different back then," added Heins.

"We only had to stock up on two or three different balls that were popular," he continued. "The LT 48 was the big name back then. You can't do that today. There are so many choices to choose from. But also, today we can get a quick turnaround from our supplier on an order."

The urethane ball was scary at first to drill.

"They were \$100 balls back then and if you screwed up, that was a \$100 mistake," he added. "But the reactive resin is the biggest change in bowling balls from back then. With the different weight blocks, every ball does something a little bit different."

Heins has been working in a "stand-alone shop" (not inside a bowling center) for the past 35 years.

"That hasn't been a problem," he said. "If I was in the bowling center, I would spend so much time watching people bowl. I wouldn't be able to get all my work done."

"Right now, I work on bowling balls from the time I get here until

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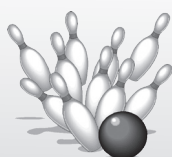
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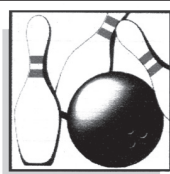


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FROM COVER **TAP ROOM** *Stardust Lanes opened its craft bar, Dec. 31, 2011*

they'd like!"

In recent years, Stardust changed its pool room into Bonkers, a redemption center arcade. They moved the pool room to where the Michigan Tap Room is now located. They also added a six-lane VIP Suite.

"Pool is a great activity for our customers," Richards said. "But it takes up a lot of square feet. The capacity is somewhat limited.

"We moved a couple of tables into Aces Sports Bar (also inside Stardust Lanes)," he added. "That way, some of the Suite customers can gravitate toward Aces and play pool." (There is also one table inside of the Suites).

According to Richards, open areas is the trend right now.

"We want our customers to get the feel of what Stardust is all about," Richards said.

"When they come in, they see the game room. As they enter the center, customers can see the lanes to the right and the Tap Room to the left. And, straight ahead is the Suites.

"When they come in, we want them to take in the whole experience of our center.."

Richards, who is one of the managers of Stardust, really wanted to give the Tap Room a Michigan flavor.

"There is a lot of great beer everywhere," he said. "But we feel that Michigan brews the best beer in the country. We have 16 taps just for Michigan craft beer.

"We have a couple of local favorites," he said. "But we change up the others."



If you are not sure that you would enjoy a craft beer, the Michigan Tap Room has the solution.

"We have what we call flights," Richards said. "You can purchase a sample of four different types of craft beer. We want our customers to find out the Michigan beer that they really like"

"It's a good way to try them out."

Once the project was finalized, it took about six months to put it together.

"My dad (owner Gary Richards) and Leroy Anderson (another manager) put their hats on with the thinking of this project," Derek Richards said. "But in the end, it was my call."

The Michigan Tap Room opened last New Year's Eve and it has been a success ever since.

"A lot of our bowlers like it," Richards said. "And we also brought in an entirely new clientele for us. And, when we run our corporate events, it has been pretty popular with them." ♦





**FROM COVER NICHOLSON** *A 73-year-old Saginaw bowler battles back to revitalize his life: shoots his first perfecto and just missed on another*

couldn't squeeze any more in."

After the end of the 2005-06 season, Nicholson wasn't in a laughing mood.

"I had Atrial Fib (a fluttering of the heart)," he said. "They put me on a blood thinner. Shortly after that, I ending up cutting my ankle, and it healed.

"But one day, I woke up and wasn't able to walk," he said. "I found out that I had bled internally. If my house had gone on fire, I would have never made it out.

"There was a time that if I felt I had to use the bathroom at 11:30, I needed to start walking to it by 10," Nicholson added. "I even had trouble lifting my leg over the small lip of a shower. If I had a race with a tortoise, it would go right by me."

Nicholson was bound and determined not to let that stop him.

"I fought back," he said. "It seemed like thousands of exercises," he added. "I went from 18 months of exercise



and from a walker, then to a cane. My daughter, Heather, is a physical therapist. She came to me three days a week to really help get back.

"(In 2008) I went up to the secretary of this league (Monday Nite 14 at LeFevre's Family Bowl), and told him I wanted to get on a team for the next season," he said. "Here, I was coming into the center with a walker and asking him to find a spot to bowl."

Nicholson found a team and averaged 189 in the Monday Nite 14 League the first year.

"I went from not walking to averaging 185, then 195 and now 205," he said. "That's amazing after what I had gone through."

In early October of this year, Nicholson rolled a 299 game, leaving a ringing 10-pin, in the Friday night Businessmen League, also at Family Bowl.

"I played sports my whole life," he said. "I played basketball in the Navy and world class softball. "So I know what pressure is like. You have to focus and concentrate on what you are doing.

"But my knees were really shaking on that 12th ball," he said.

Then, a little more than one month

later, Nicholson was once again in the position of needing just one more strike for a 300.

While bowling in the Monday Nite 14 league, Nicholson struggled in the first game.

"I had four splits in the warm-ups," he said. "Three of them were 4-8-10s. I was wondering what the heck was going on.

"I was wandering all over the place," he said. "In fact, I opened in the 10th frame. So I made a small adjustment."

That small adjustment turned into a huge number – 300.

"It was a fortunate situation," he said. "After missing that chance earlier, I told myself 'let me get the opportunity to get to the 10th frame.'

"What was amazing about this game was to see all 12 balls hit the pocket, with no messengers or late falling pins," he added. "How often do you see that?"

"When it came down to the 10th frame," Nicholson continued.

"I looked around and could see all the bowlers goose necking me (looking to watch him bowl). I just wanted to be smooth."

Three strikes later, Nicholson rolled his first perfect game.

"I came back with a 238 game and finished with a 694 series," he said. "Missed my 700 by six pins, not bad with a 156 game.

"It was six or seven days later that I came down from it (the high of throwing a 300 game)," he said.

"I called my twin brother. I said 'hey, you old fart, how many 300 games do you have?' He doesn't have any. But he shot right back at me and asked 'how many 800 series I have?' You see, he had two and I haven't had one yet."

Nicholson nearly did it again the following Friday in the West Side Businessmen League.

"I had the last five strikes in a row for a 238 game. We won by 17 pins," Nicholson said. "Then I had four more I the second game; left a ringing 10 (pin), missed it, then struck out. I had 16 of 17 strikes.

"Getting that first 300 made it all the more pleasurable considering where I was," Nicholson said. "This was one of my bucket list items."

And it was definitely something he wasn't thinking about six years ago. ♦

**FROM PAGE 9 ACES** *Teammates roll perfect games on the same shift*

off Greg Doak.

"I gave the ball to Tom (Heins) at Ideal and he drilled it perfectly," Rowley said. "I have to give credit to one my teammates, Jim Doak.

"I have known him for two years," he said. "He has been instrumental in helping my average increase 20 pins over the past couple of years.

"Just by knowing him has helped," Rowley added. "He doesn't try to help unless I ask. All the success I have had can be attributed to him and his patience. I don't want to give Jim too many accolades, it might swell up that head of his. But seriously, once he came aboard, he took us from good to great."

It was Dave Treib's second perfecto. When he approached his 10th frame of his third game with all strikes on the sheet, he reflected on the advice

he gave his daughter, Shauna, when she had her first 300 game.

"I kept remembering what I told her," Treib said. "Get the first two, take a step back and take a deep breath. Before you get up there, sit back and think about it.

"As I started my approach, I caught a glimpse of a bowler several lanes down out of my eye," he added. "I really concentrated on my mark when I started toward the foul line.

Treib, 47, recalled that his knees were really knocking when he closed out his first 300 game.

"This time, I learned from it, and took a deep breath and didn't rush the shot," he added. "Glen and I have bowled together for 13 years. Our team has changed throughout that time but the one constant has been the two of us." ♦

**FROM PAGE 21 HEINS** *Pro Shop owner has been in business for years*

the time I go home," he added. "It's kind of perfect right now, I'm pretty busy."

This past summer was a different experience for Heins. The Moskal Trophy Shop business moved out in March.

"Summer is a slow time for bowling as it is," Heins said. "But, before, I would at least see people come in for the trophy business. It was pretty slow this past summer."

Heins was an accomplished bowler during his days on the lanes.

He had a high average of 223 and participated in nearly all of the King of the Hill tournaments, and won several of them throughout his career. He also found himself bowling in leagues five nights per week. Heins never had an award

score or 11 in a row, but in one year he threw a dozen 289 games.

"The King of the Hill tournament would be on Saturday, and if I wanted to, I could practice on Sunday," Heins added. "Once I started working for Chuck, my bowling slowed down. We were working to 8 p.m. on most days. That, and when my grandson started playing hockey, I found myself at the rink most nights."

Heins stopped bowling in 1997.

"I hurt my knees when I slipped on some ice outside my home," he said. "I don't foresee getting back to bowling. Besides having sore knees and sore shoulder, I am just way too busy during the bowling season. We have a full-service shop here. The only thing we can't do is lessons." ♦



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