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Weekly Highlights

Worsley almost perfect:



Jerry Worsley fired the first 11 strikes with good solid pocket hits. He set himself up on the approach for his final shot with dead silence in the bowling alley knowing that everybody had their eyes glued on him. This is a tough spot to be in because your heart is in over speed conditions and you're thinking to yourself "just one more". On his final delivery Worsley missed his spot on the lanes slightly which caused his ball to come up light on the head pin leaving

the 5-7 split momentarily before the wobbling 5 pin decided to fall over. The disappointment was obvious on his face as he turned around to accept the usual applause and handshakes for his great effort. Worsley was playing the outside shot from the right hand corner of the approach and his ball was coming up really nice to the pocket on his first 11 strikes. His 299 (120 pins over average) was the high single of the week in Lambton County Tenpin Association (LCTA) bowling action. The LCTA is still looking for its first 300 this



season. He was bowling in the Border City Men's League on lanes 29 & 30 at Marcin Bowl finishing the night with 681. This writer checked back in my "Bowler Scores Information File" and found Worsley's high triple is 712 and he has one 300 which he tossed in the 1993-1994 bowling season on lanes 13 & 14 at Marcin Bowl. Jerry started bowling at age 12 but did not come up through a youth bowling organization. He said he has been knocking down the pins for 55 years. Worsley's other sporting interests are hockey and soccer. His hobbies are woodworking, fishing and riding his motorcycle. Worsley is also bowling in the Fabbri Bluewater Monday Night Men's League this year.

Youth bowler posts career high scores:



Ryan MacKinnon rolled 485 (190-175) in the Marcin Bowl Youth League on lanes 23 & 24 finishing the day with posting her career high triple and single game. Her previous sanctioned high scores were 455 and 180. Ryan is a very active, determined left handed bowler in her seventh year of bowling. She thrives on determination, perfection and competition. Ryan got hooked on bowling when her family often went out to have some fun at the alleys. When this writer

highlighted her 4 years ago her other activities included ballet/jazz, gymnastics and baseball. This writer hopes she is still engaged in these great activities.

Sitzes rolls youth top single:

Cole Sitzes rolled 274 in his last game of the day on lanes 15 & 16 in the Marcin Bowl Youth League to record the youth high single of the week. He finished the day with a fine 648 (224) triple. This writer does not know if these



are his highest sanctioned scores. Cole must be a new bowler to sanctioned organized league bowling as this writer checked back in the LCTA average year books for the last 13 years and his name was not there.

Brain gets better highlight:



Last week this writer gave Steve Brain a brief highlight for his great 244 (103 pins over average) game in the Thursday Night Mixed League (TNML) on lanes 23 & 24 at Marcin Bowl. At that time I had no picture or information on Steve so this week he gets a better highlight. Steve did not come up through a youth bowling league but started enjoying the great sport of 10 pin bowling at age 29. He has been enjoying the fun on the lanes for 35 years after he was encouraged by a friend to

give the sport a shot. The right handers career sanctioned high scores are 614 and 266. Steve's other sporting interests are golf and Kayaking while his favourite hobby is camping. This writer checked the LCTA average year books for the last 13 seasons to see how Steve was doing average wise. Starting from the 2010-2011 season and cascading upwards his averages (minus the 2021-2022 when he did not bowl) in the TNML were 162-164-169-172-170-168-164-162-160-161-157 and 160. This year he is averaging 149 after 7 weeks of bowling.

Ridealgh tops in classic league:

Bill Ridealgh fired 717 (238-227-252) on lanes 19 & 20 in the Sunday Morning Classic League (SMCL) at Marcin Bowl to record the top triple of the day in LCTA bowling competition. The lanes have been stingy for giving out 700's the last few weeks and



once again Ridealgh was the only bowler this week to achieve that goal. He is averaging 214 for 18 games which is good for the high average of the league. Last year in the SMCL he finished the year with a 202 average for 69 games. Ridealgh's career sanctioned high scores are 775 and 300 (2).

Friis is high for the ladies:



Jill Friis rolled 660 (228-217-215) on lanes 17 & 18 in the Sunday Morning Classic League (SMCL) at Marcin Bowl to register the ladies high triple of the week in LCTA bowling action. She is averaging 203 for 12 games in the league as a spare. Last year in the SMCL she finished the year with a 206 average for 36 games as a spare. Jill has sanctioned scores of 800-2 and 300- 8 to her credit.

Honourable Mention:

- Chris Murphy – 686 (249) – Border City Men's League.
- Larry Plumb – 678 (248) – Sunday Morning Classic League.
- Mike Shephard – 667 (245-245) – Thursday Night Mixed League.
- Roy Mezzatesta – 662 (259) – Border City Men's League.
- Jason Lapointe – 654 (245) – Sunday Morning Classic League.
- Mike Shephard – 651 (246) – Sunday Morning Classic League.
- Alex Salmons – 648 (247) – Sunday Morning Classic League.
- Doug Black – 648 (247) – Sunday Morning Classic League.
- Kris Mandeville – 264 – Border City Men's League.
- Ian Fraser – 256 – Thursday Night Mixed League.
- John Armstrong – 254 – Sunday Morning Classic League.
- Jeff Raymond – 248 – Sunday Morning Classic League.



- TJ Kinny - 247 – Border City Men’s League.
- Bryce Watson – 240 – Sunday Morning Classic League.
- Terrell Walker-Gray – 217 – Marcin Youth League.
- Scott Boulton – 217 (+84) – Border City Men’s League.
- Robert Bonhomme – 226 (+81) – Friday Night Fun Mixed League.
- Sean Burr – 233 (+72) – Friday Night Fun Mixed League.
- Eric Cunningham – 189 (+71) – Border City Men’s League.
- Cam Parkkila – 230 (+67) – Friday Night Fun Mixed League.
- Steve Blyzniuk – 181 (+67) – Border City Men’s League.
- Mike Guzik – 203 (+65) – Border City Men’s League.
- Helen Mackie – 200 (+64) – Target Trios Mixed League.
- Harry Hassett – 187 (+63) – Thursday Night Mixed League.
- Carrie Thompson – 201 (+59) – Friday Night Fun Mixed League.
- Alexandra Barnes – 116 (+59) – Target Trios Mixed League.
- Bill Cole – 231 (+58) – Border City Men’s League.
- Michelle Fraser – 236 (+57) – Thursday Night Mixed League.
- Connor A Smith – 219 (+53) – Border City Men’s League.
- Sharon Lewicki – 209 (+53) – Friday Night Fun Mixed League.
- Rigby Callander (93 years young) – 187 (+53) – Thursday Night Mixed League.
- Sarah Savage – 181 (+53) – Thursday Night Mixed League.
- Zack Roehler – Converted 6-7 split – Border City Men’s League.

Other Men’s Notable Scores:

Aiden Osborn 637, Brad Best 635, Brad Best 633, Kyle Adamson 626 (233), Roy Mezzatesta 623 (239), Kerry Friis 233, Larry Plumb 230 and Rob Vandermeer 230.



Other Ladies Notable Scores:

Sarah Ingles 200, Dara Sinclair 199 and Sharon Lewicki 194.

Other Youth Notable Scores from last three weeks:

Cole Sitzes 213 –190, Joshua Shura 216 - 213 - 200, William Laframboise 212, Blake Ingles 211 – 197, Breaden Scott 205 – 191, Brayden Steadman 196–191 and Terrell Walker-Gray 190.

LCTA Featured Bowler of the Week:



The LCTA featured bowler of the week is Roni Shephard. Roni started bowling at age 3 coming up through the SOCOMO (Sombra – Courtright – Mooretown) Bowling Association at Airey Lanes. Shephard, a right handed bowler, received her bowling coaching from her grandfather Bud Sparling, her mother and her aunt. She bowled till about age 35 then took 10 years off from the lanes when her kids started playing travel sports. She returned

to bowling again last year. It was only natural for her to get involved in 10 pin bowling as a youngster. Roni said “my whole family always bowled so it was something we always did. It was a big part of our



lives". She played other sports in her younger years but now she likes watching sports in general. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her kids and grandkids. Her career sanctioned high scores are 620 and 240.

Memory Lane:

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Jim Bourgeois was one of Sarnia's greatest bowlers

By JIM MILLER
of The Observer

Jim Bourgeois was once described as the Nolan Ryan of 10-pin bowling in Sarnia.

The Sarnia man, who had 26 career perfect games, plus five 800 triples, died this week at work of a heart attack. He was 57.

Born in Nova Scotia, Bourgeois moved to Sarnia at the age of 13 and attended St. Patrick's High School. He was active in fastball and baseball and owns four no-hitters during his minor years.

He didn't discover a true love for bowling until he was 30 and joined a league at Northgate Bowl. From that moment, he was hooked.

He rolled perfect games in Port Huron, Detroit, Ann Arbor, Hamilton, Markham, Sarnia and Windsor. His first 300 game was in 1979 at Thunderbowl Lanes. His last was in the winter of 2000.

"I love bowling because I like people," Bourgeois said in a 1999 interview.

His proudest accomplishment was winning the Coca-Cola tournament at Lake Huron Lanes in the mid 1980s.

His exploits in bowling included an eighth place finish in Markham at his one and only professional event.

He went out in style. Fittingly, this past Sunday, he rolled a 298 single at Marcin Bowl.

The only goal Bourgeois never achieved was back-to-back perfect games. He came close once, finishing with 590 over two games.

Hiway Bowl owner Sonny Schofield



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"If you were having a bad game, you could always count on Jim to give you a pat on the back, a handshake or a kind word of encouragement," said Schofield. "He was so well liked by everyone. He had so much talent but he was always modest and a low-key guy. His record of 26 perfect games in Sarnia will probably never be broken."

In addition to playing, Bourgeois did some coaching in youth bowling.

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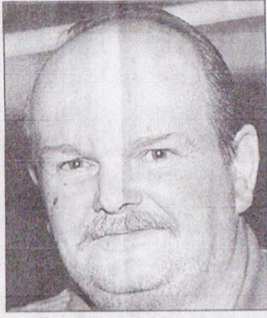
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