

It's tight race for top bowler

It's neck-and-neck in the race for Chronicle-Telegram Bowler of the Year in both the men's and women's divisions.

As of this week John Shreve Sr. and Mike Vitovetz were tied with 10 series of 700 or more each. Jim Moran III was third with five.

The men have rolled 117,706 so far this season, with the top series bowled just this past week by Shawn Pope in Wellington. Pope put together games of 734, 279 and 279 for a 792 series. Highest before that was Tom Reid's 778 in the Grafton Classic just before Christmas.

On the women's side, Johnny Capers is leading with 7 series of 800 or more, followed by Judy Kovacs with 5 and Pam Gard, with 3.

The women have rolled 91,400 series.

Slovak Classic

A total of 54 Lorain County bowlers were among those who cashed in on the 30th Annual American Slovak Lanes Singles Classic in Lorain.

The top county finisher was Al Janusz of Lorain who rolled a 1,382 six-game handicap total to win \$2,500. In the actual division, Elyria's Rusty Groener was the top finisher with a 1,209 total, for \$25.

Kathy Trifiletti of Lorain was second in the optional women's only handicap division with a 1,289 for \$75.

Top overall performers were Garry Thompson, Cleveland, 1,394 for \$4,500 in the handicap division and Greg Paterey, Youngstown, 1,274 for \$1,500 in the actual division.

Bert Bruehler was the top Elyria bowler in the handicap division with a 1,289, good for \$50.

In the other optional categories, the Lorain doubles team of Rich Hretnina and Rich Novak were tops with a 2,632 handicap for \$200 and Greg Paterey and Duke Davidson were top actual doubles with a 2,422 for \$100.

Fifteen bowlers got \$100 each for the highest single games, led by Rusty Groener with 279. Other local winners were Tom Hemminger, Lorain, 257, Harold Kellner, Lorain, 255, John Adams, Vermilion, 253, and Richard Bowser, Lorain, 252.

Pro bowling

With his win in the Fresno Open last week, Marshall Holman wedged himself into seventh place on the money list. Of course, everyone is a mile behind Bob Benoit, who won

Milton grabs Miami tourney

MIAMI (AP) — Tom Milton of St. Petersburg, Fla., capitalized on his opponent's only bad shot to capture the title Saturday in the \$150,000 Professional Bowlers Association Miller Lite Classic.

Milton defeated rookie Rick Steelsmith, Wichita, Kan., 233-221, to lock up his fifth PBA crown and the \$27,000 winner's share.

Both bowlers started the championship match with four strikes. Milton spared in the fifth, but Steelsmith left the difficult 4-6-7-10 split and failed to convert.

"I feel extremely fortunate. Rick got a couple of bad breaks and I managed to stay in the match," Milton said.

Steelsmith, who leads all rookies in tour earnings, had a chance to beat Milton by finishing with four strikes. He carried the first in the ninth frame, but left a 10-pin on his first ball in the 10th frame.

Milton then needed either a strike or a spare and got two strikes in the 10th to sew up the title.

Bowling scores



Crying towel

Joe Glavin

\$180,000 a few weeks ago with his perfect game on national television.

After Benoit, however, the difference between second and fifth place is only \$1,000.

Here's the list, as of Saturday:

Bob Benoit	\$75,500
Arturo Mourach	\$38,100
Joe Benoit	\$26,500
Roger Swisher	\$26,200
Mark Roth	\$23,050
Walter Ray Williams	\$20,670
Marshall Benoit	\$20,540
Mike Jansco	\$21,200
Porvitz Granger	\$21,000
Tony Benoit	\$16,350

Junior Bowlers

Junior Bowlers of the Week are:

PREP-BANTAM: Dan Wickersham, 11, who averages 68 in the AM Preps, shot a 138-327 series, 128 pins over his average. He is a fifth-grader at Lear North School and is the son of Ed and Kathy Wickersham.

Aubrey Peck, 10, who averages 104 in the Rainbow Bantams, show a 158-440 series, 128 pins over her average. She is a fifth-grader at Ely School and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Peck.

JUNIOR-SENIOR: Ted Burdoff, 12, who carries a 120 average in the Kid's Classic, rolled a 193-479 series, 119 pins over his average. He is a seventh-grader at Midview Middle School.

Melissa Chobody, 15, averages 128 in the Rainbow Juniors, shot a 189-485 series, 137 pins over her average. She is a sophomore at Keystone High School and is the daughter of Joe and Fran Chobody.

Other top junior scores:
KID'S CLASSIC: Dennis Coey, 113, Macon, N.C., 118, Chad Uehlin, 102, Joe Burdoff, 151
RAINBOW JUNIOR: The Sawas, 158-471, Mike Smith, 227-576, Jeff Traylor, 201, Art Benoit, 185-483, 113-311, and PREP Bantam: Wooten, 126-326, Jay Kruga, 105, Nathan Bant, 108

SUPER STAR: Alan Slovic, 187, Rhoads, N.C., 182, David Andrew, 287, Tony Jackson, 226, Albert Talar, 200, Gary Henry, 202.
JUNIOR-SENIOR CLASSIC: Samantha DeBry, 223
ANIMALS: Mike Strick, 148
RAINBOW BANTAM: Anthony Kendall, 110, 311, Brett Davis, 140
RUNNY FRANTOMS: Max Laughton, 118, Duane Dewey, 103.
BUTTER CLIPPERS: Tyler Kana, 126, Stacy David, 125

Pro bowling

\$150,000 MILLER CLASSIC
MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Rick Steelsmith won the PBA \$150,000 Miller Lite Classic with seven consecutive 100s in the final frame.
Tom Milton of St. Petersburg, Fla., 378 to 340, Steelsmith, Wichita, Kan., 320 to 280, 310 to 280, 300 to 280, 290 to 280, 280 to 280, 270 to 280, 260 to 280, 250 to 280, 240 to 280, 230 to 280, 220 to 280, 210 to 280, 200 to 280, 190 to 280, 180 to 280, 170 to 280, 160 to 280, 150 to 280, 140 to 280, 130 to 280, 120 to 280, 110 to 280, 100 to 280, 90 to 280, 80 to 280, 70 to 280, 60 to 280, 50 to 280, 40 to 280, 30 to 280, 20 to 280, 10 to 280, 0 to 280.

Steelsmith earned \$14,000 for the runner-up spot.

Milton became the third bowler in the seven PBA events this year to march through the field for his win. Marshall Holman and Mike Jansco were the first two.

Milton opened the nationally televised championship round by knocking off left-hander Brad Snell of Des Plaines, Ill., 275-215.

Milton then slipped past 10-time PBA champ Pete Weber, Florissant, Mo., 235-220.

In the semifinal, Milton eliminated his second southpaw of the day, Dennis Horan Jr., Santa Clara, Calif., 227-195.

Horan collected \$3,500; Weber \$7,800; and Snell \$6,000.

Zucker Family ready to serve mariners

For the last 63 years, Zucker Marine has been synonymous with and accepted by an ever-expanding yachting community.

This family began building its boating dynasty when the senior Albert (Bert) Zucker opened a humble marine outlet on Cleveland's St. Clair Avenue in early 1926 — an era when times were tough and only the wealthy could afford the luxury of a boat.

Today, hardly any of the boats the Zucker boys, Bert, Jr. and twin brother Jack, stock would even fit into their father's old showroom.

These brothers were weaned on the marine business, and they have made the best of their dad's legacy.

In a joint venture, Bert and Jack opened up their first marine store in Chagrin Falls in 1955.

They used hard work, dedication, reputation and consumer respect to remain in the same location until last week when they recently completed a brand new 50,000 square foot complex at the corner of I-90 and Rt. 611 (off Chester Rd.) in Lorain.

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Outdoors

Sam Groll

through the National Marine Manufacturers Association, forced Jack and me to re-evaluate our industry, position and future in order to satisfy consumer trends," Bert explained.

"We sold our Chagrin Falls location and plan to open an identical complex like the one in Lorain, at the corner of Rts. 2 and 615 (Mentor), sometime in 1988.

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September, followed by a third outlet in Akron next year," he stated.

All of these expansion plans are directly related to the survey Bert alluded to because boaters want to shop at a marine showroom, not more than 25 miles in any direction from home.

"In keeping with this documented fact, we can now serve western Cuyahoga County and all of Lorain County. The same will be true for our Mentor and Akron stores," Bert stated.

"We have learned a lot about this business in 63 years," he modestly admitted, "and our expansion is a dream come true."

"Jack, his son Mike, and I can now visualize the reality of our

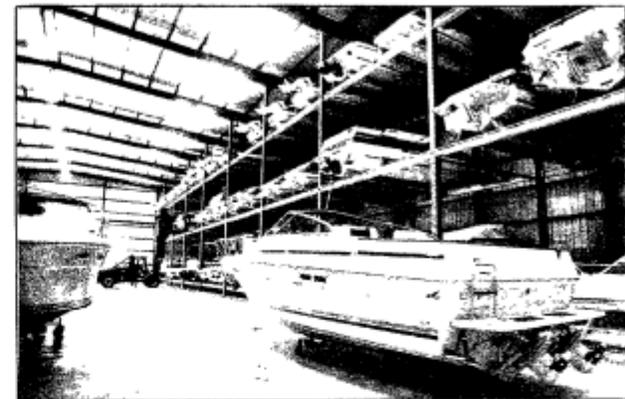
aspirations because these facilities are being designed with state-of-the-art technology, so they are strategically laid out for optimum, very efficient service.

"Once construction plans are complete at the other two sites, we intend to better serve the diversified needs of boaters according to projected growth, location and demand.

"For now, let me say the Zucker family is mighty proud to be a part of Lorain County.

"We look forward to efficiently meeting our commitment to this county's growing number of boaters and anglers."

Welcome to the land of big water and finker walleye. Bert, Jack and Mike Zucker



C-7/Bob Kells

ZUCKER MARINE opened last week, but crews are still busy maneuvering new boat inventories.

Boating vacations insure marine investments

Wouldn't it be grand if a majority of people preparing to make a major investment were permitted to actually live in a home for a month, as an example, before they forked over their capital?

This identical program is available to yachters in the market for a specialized craft. National marine experts indicate many boaters have accepted the industry's slowest trend and opportunity.

So far, their philosophy seems to be working extremely well. Under normal circumstances, buyers may be considering, say, three different models, all fairly equal in price, size, and equipment.

To better evaluate each and make a final decision, many have taken to participating in this new plan by renting (chartering) their individual selections for a week or longer.

Numerous charter companies across America can be found listing their service in national magazines and local newspapers.

Another idea would be to contact the Virgin Island Charter League, which is a non-profit organization of commercially licensed captains who can help interested parties get in touch with the right people handling their desired size, model and priced craft.

They print and stock a brochure which details names and what can be expected from a crewed charter, also giving specific details on their member boats, accommodations, services, etc. Phone them toll-free at 1-800-524-2061.

Chartering rates have become pretty standard these days and some even include a package deal consisting of everything from air fare to a cook.

Big time sailors who may be considering a large sailboat like to visit the Virgin Islands where they may charter a 37-foot sailyacht with captain, cook, and all food-beverages for a week. Fees for this kind of arrangement can run \$2,100 for two per week.

Powerboaters, on the other

hand, can choose their favorite boat, a 40-foot motor accommodating four people with the same package for about \$3,500 to \$4,500.

Under normal circumstances, experienced mariners can charter (bareboat) no captain, cook, or groceries. Many major companies suggest charterers take a captain for at least the first day (not mandatory) to acquaint the helmsman with the boat's electronics, water and local hazards.

Of course, this kind of venture isn't for everyone, but for those contemplating a major boat investment, it has to be consid-

ered a prime opportunity.

On a more affordable level new buyers who purchase at the Midway Mall Boat Show or at a local dealer can ask for a test ride and they, too, can expect to be cheerfully serviced.

Car dealers have been in-tune with this kind of program for years. After all, who would be a car without first taking it for a roadtest?

Boat dealers welcome the opportunity to take their clients out for a leisure spin on the water, weather permitting, and just about everyone provides this service free of charge, as a rule rather than exception.

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