

Sports

Bowling

Sterfanski still taking aim at SIWBA title

You almost have to feel sorry for Carol Stefanski. If not for Nazareth Laursen, perhaps she would be gunning for her fourth straight Staten Island Women's Bowling Association all-events title — instead of Laursen.

However, Stefanski, the runner-up to Laursen in 1988 and '89 and a third-place finisher a year ago (behind Laursen and Peggy Garbarino), knows she can't change the course of history. Nor does she want to.

"It's just the way things turned out," said Stefanski, who'll be gunning for her first SIWBA title when the 43rd Annual Championship Tournament kicks off today (1 p.m.) at Rab's Bowling on the Green. "I don't feel sorry for myself and don't want others to either."

The way Stefanski sees it, winning a Staten Island Women's Bowling Association championship tournament would still like to win one.

"I would love to finish first," said Stefanski, whose 213 entering average is the tourney's highest.

But the world isn't going to end if she doesn't win.

"I love bowling. I love the sport," she said. "What's important to me is that I have fun."

And that's what she'll try to do this time around instead of getting caught up in the Stefanski-versus-Laursen hoopla.

"I don't go there to beat Naz and I don't think she goes there to beat me," the 29-year-old, right-hander explained. "I just go to my best."

Don't get Stefanski wrong. Actually, she's pretty good friends with Laursen and openly admits if she can't win there's no one else she rather see win.

"You want to see someone who deserves it win it," said Stefanski, a Great Kills resident. "I think what she accomplished is great. To come out of Country Lanes where Laursen does most of her bowling and manages and bowl nine games in a strange house once a year and do what she does is great."

The feeling prevails, however, that unless Laursen disappears from the face of the earth during the next three weeks, she will repeat and Stefanski will fall short — again.

Stefanski will approach things differently this time around in hopes of changing her luck.

"I think one of my problems was that I never bowled on the last day," explained Stefanski. "I was at a disadvantage (bowling in the early stages of the tourney) because I was just bowing to do my best. I wasn't shooting for a particular score."

Stefanski's all-events score has typically been the one to beat heading into the last weekend. That's when Laursen usually does most of her bowling and perhaps was at an advantage, knowing what she had to beat.

"This time I'll know what I have to beat instead of others knowing what they have to beat," Stefanski said. "Unless someone is standing behind me keeping score, they won't know what I'm bowling."

Stefanski, however, isn't sure that factor will be a major advantage.

"I won't know until I'm put in that position," she said. "I might need a 700 and fall flat on my face and bowl a 300."

As for Stefanski's game, she says it's not where it should be at the end of the year.

"I can't say I'm bowling extremely well," said Stefanski, averaging in the low 200s in all her leagues combined. "I'm too erratic."

Yet she remains optimistic.

"There's no reason why I can't win," she said. "All I need is to put together a few good games. I'm gonna do my best."

Now only if Laursen will cooperate.

Gerbino wins New Jersey JBT

Jim Gerbino, a member of the Staten Island Young American Bowling Alliance, captured his first New Jersey Junior Bowling Tour title last week at Parkway Lanes in Elmwood Park, N.J.

The 14-year-old Gerbino outrolled top-seeded Jim Pivola of Perth Amboy, N.J., 198-179, in the championship game of the TV-formatted steepladder finals.

Gerbino earned second position in the steepladder finals by knocking over 1,339 (gross) pins in the eight-game qualifier.

En route to the championship, Gerbino knocked off fellow Islander Mike O'Brien, 226-207, in the semifinal match.

O'Brien, seeded fifth in the steepladder finals, defeated Steve Shaart of Hewlett, L.I., 216-211, in the opener and George Shelly of Oradell, N.J., 201-140, in the quarter-finals, before losing to Gerbino.

O'Brien, the current points leader in the handicap division, had to settle for third place.

SIYABA TJB continues today

The Staten Island Young American Bowling Alliance's Touring Junior Bowlers Club's fifth stop of the year continues this afternoon at Victory Lanes.

Qualifying in the scratch division is slated for 1 p.m.

A portion of the handicap event was rolled last week, but 24 kegers will return today for a two-game qualifier at 2:30.

Allieri, Goldfarb perfect at Rab's

You can add two more perfects to the growing list of Island 300s, which now stands at seven for the year.

The latest to turn the trick were Joe Allieri and Lee Goldfarb, who both accomplished the feat Wednesday night in the Hyland Dairy Masters League at Rab's Bowling on the Green.

It was the third 300 rolled at Rab's in less than a week. Bob Hanel did it on Valentine's Day.

For Allieri, a Great Kills resident, it was his third career 300.

Indelicato's 800 was Island's 18th

Anthony Indelicato became the 18th person to reach the 800-plateau on Staten Island when he rolled an 802 Monday night in the Staten Island Suture Majors league at Country Lanes.

The 21-year-old New Springville resident fired games of 267, 278 and 257.

Indelicato's pinfall fell 23 pins shy of the Island record of 825 set by Bob Simonelli Sr. in 1984 at the defunct Strike City Lanes in Mariners Harbor.

May sparks in February

Speaking of records, Bobby May established a new series mark at Victory Lanes by rolling a 726 last Monday night in the Mike Marotte Memorial League.

The right-hander tossed games of 259, 276 and 257.

May also helped his Dependable Auto Body free-man team set house records for game (1,214) and series (3,447).

May's teammates are Mike Smilowitz, Joe Sansone, Paul Quattrocchi and Tom Demonech.

Chiarella cops Rab's Skins Game

By JOE D'AMODIO
ADVANCE STAFF WRITER

Brooklyn resident Steve Chiarella's trip across the bridge was well worth it as he bagged \$2,500 in the exciting Rab's Skins Game yesterday at Rab's Bowling on the Green.

"You certainly made enough to cover the toll (to the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge)," said one joking spectator to Chiarella as he exited.

Chiarella, a 28-year-old, right-hander, edged Island favorite Joe Albanese by winning five frames to Albanese's four in an event resembling the Professional Bowlers Association's Shootout.

"I figured I was going to win two or three games but I never thought I'd win five," Chiarella said with a sigh. "It's just great to come out here and do what I did."

Chiarella, who averages 215 in the Staten Island Toyota Majors at Country Lanes, got off to a slow start by winning only one (the second frame) of the first five frames. The Brooklynite, however, finished with a furious charge as he won four out of the final five frames. Those frames were the sixth, eighth, ninth and 10th.

"I was locked in," said Chiarella, who at one point put together 11 consecutive strikes.

Albanese was just as locked in through first five frames as the 44-year-old Etanville resident captured the first, third, fourth and fifth frames.

"The kid is back," declared Albanese, who looked like the bowler he once was back in the late 1970s and early '80s. "I came out free-wheeling. I was on fire."

What happened in the latter frames?

"I just didn't get the breaks," explained Albanese, who's averaging a whopping 232 in the Wednesday night Hyland Dairy League at Rab's. "You have to get lucky to win in this game."

John Eadicicco, another favorite at the Green, grabbed the seventh frame and made off with \$500.

The left-handed Rob Marchisello, who bowls out of Showplace Bowling Center, failed to win a frame but still earned \$400 for making the final four.

NOTES: The 16 finalists were cut to eight bowlers after a two-game qualifier. The field was then reduced to the final four after another two-game qualifier.

Overall, the tourney drew 272 entrants. This was the second such event conducted by Rab's owner Ralph Wilkinson.

Prize by skins breakdown (frames won in parentheses):
Steve Chiarella (2, 8, 9, 10)
Joe Albanese (1, 3, 4, 10)
John Eadicicco (7)
Rob Marchisello (5)

Final standings with prize money (top four were the Rab's Skins Game finalists):
1. Steve Chiarella \$2,500
2. Joe Albanese \$2,000
3. John Eadicicco \$1,000
4. Rob Marchisello \$400
5. Tom McChesney \$200
6. Joe de la Paz \$200
7. Pete Arnesi \$200
8. Mike Spadaro \$200
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10. Tom McChesney \$200
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* The event paid 37 apiece overall.

Roundup

Miller, Shulman receive awards

By ADVANCE STAFF WRITER

Ten varsity and nine junior varsity players received honors at the Port Richmond football awards dinner at the school cafeteria last night.

Advance All Star Rob Miller received both the Michael Burchie Memorial Award and the 1990 Special Teams Award while fellow All Star Matt Shulman accepted the Daniel Moreau Memorial Award and the Academic Award.

Other varsity awards went to Jose Fain, Nicholas Bilotti Most Cooperative Player, Steve Martino, most improved player, offense, John Allano, MVP, defense, Dan Centaro, most consistent offensive lineman, Scott McBratney, most consistent defensive lineman, Chris Alers, most consistent offensive lineman, and Paul Littoze and Jeff Shea, coaches awards.

Junior varsity honors went to Hugh McGuinness, Joseph DeVoe, Michael A. Dugan, Oakes, most consistent defensive lineman, Joe DeSantis, most consistent offensive lineman, Danny Ostapiak, most consistent defensive back, Rosevelt Rice, most consistent offensive back, Tony D'Alessandro, most cooperative player, Greg Posella and Ray Kestner, most improved player, and Frank Caldera, academic award.



Rob Miller Wins 2 awards

Single goals from Brian Macleod, Matt Modica, James Sparacino and Greg Reilly lifted Jo-Jo's Auto Parts to a 4-2 victory over Constructive Ideas in 16-18 division action.

Ice hockey

Kevin Mathern and Brian Farrell recorded hat tricks to pace the Centrals over the Pirates Purple-1 in Staten Island Ice Hockey Association junior varsity action at Abe Stark rink, Brooklyn. The Centrals upped their record to 14-0 on the season.

Road racing

Rich Orazem finished in 16 minutes and nine seconds to capture the SIAC weekly Run For Fun at Cive Lakes Park, Chris Shady finished second with a time of 16:14. Bob Orazem, Rich's brother, finished third in 16:47.

Marilyn Ventura was the first female to cross the finish line in 21:49.

Dog show

MIDDLETOWN, N.J. — Zuma, a Brittany owned and handled by Dominick Fasanella of Great Kills, scored 19 1/2 points out of a possible 200 to capture fourth place in the Novice B group of the First Dog Training Club Show of Northern New Jersey. Zuma was the highest scoring Brittany in the trial.

Har's Tuf L1J Sister in Jeans, a miniature pinscher owned and handled by Aurea M. Vega of New

Brighton, captured her second leg in Novice B competition at the action center with a score of 170.

Toby, a golden retriever owned and handled by Karen Hagstrand of Bulls Head, scored 192 of 200 to take first in the Utility Class A and gain his first leg for a UD title.

Soccer

CLARK, N.J. — The Staten Island Wildcats split a soccer double-header in the Patrick Conley Tournament at Arthur Johnson High School, Michelle LaTour recorded a hat trick in a 3-1 win over the Clark Crystals. She also scored a goal in a 4-2 loss to the Summit (N.J.) Shots. Tourney action continues today for the Wildcats.

Bowling

Anthony Rehtfield paced the Colonial Pals Bowling with a 205 gem in action at Rab's Bowling on the Green.

Yesterday's noteworthy scores, by last name:

County Lanes
A Very Special Place: John Decker 188, Ed Meisel

Softball registration

The Island Sports Softball League will hold registration for its hardtop league tomorrow night at 7:30 at P.S. 41, New Dorp. For information contact: Vic Guidotti at 667-2088.

Registration for its dirt league will be held Wednesday night at 7:30 at the same location. For information contact: John Gino at 973-7801.

The N.Y.C.A. Men's Softball League still has several openings for teams. Games are played on Saturdays and Sundays at Corporal Thompson Field, West Brighton, Stapleton and South Beach. For information on the dirt league call Ron Burgess at 961-4228.

College wrestling

Seahawk matmen drop two matches

By ADVANCE STAFF WRITER

Wagner College dropped both ends of a triangular wrestling meet against Rutgers and Boston College yesterday at Sutter Gym, Grymes Hill.

Wrestling for the last time in their careers, seniors Dan Sanchez and Frank Swart finished on a high note.

Sanchez was victorious in his two 190-pound division matches. He pinned Rutgers' Greg Langer in 1:13 and then recorded a 3-1 win over the Terriers' Chris Meaux.

Swart, after losing his opening match, came back to capture his final match by pinning Dan Semkewitz of Boston University in 5:37 in the 167-pound division.

Boston University bested Rutgers 29-18 to capture the meet.

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