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Expansion a necessity at Country

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Guido Passarelli and Mike Paccone are builders. And, like all good builders, they build. Houses mostly. But, two summers ago, they built something different — a bowling alley on Hylan Blvd. between Delaware and Hartman Aves. in Dongan Hills.

It was to become known as Country Lanes, and it was also to become very popular — very quickly. It has, in fact, become so popular that its 12 lanes aren't enough to meet the demand.

So Guido and Mike plan to do what any good builders would do. Build some more. "We're just been waiting for the OK, which is just a formality," Angelo Albanese, manager of Country Lanes, said the other day. "We expect to get it approved, and hopefully the construction we start by April 1."

When they're through, which Albanese figures will be by June, 18 lanes will be added, making Country the island's largest bowling center with 48 lanes.

"We're very much in demand by leagues," Albanese explained. "We just don't have enough space now to put everyone who wants to bowl here."

Angelo explained that the new lanes will extend "about 15 feet" into what is now 300 feet of parking lot.

According to Angelo, who had the architect's drawing in front of him, all 48 lanes will go directly across, meaning the wall at the back end of the building will have to be knocked down.

But Albanese added that, although the construction is scheduled to begin before the current bowling season is over, the work won't disturb the bowling.

"They'll start building with the wall closed and then, when they're almost done, they'll break the wall down, throw a curtain up, and finish off the last two lanes," Albanese said. "The biggest problem we'll have during the construction is parking; you know how messy things get when you're building."

Albanese said it would take "no more than two months" to have the 18 lanes ready for use, and pointed out that the bowling center itself went up from scratch in just three months. "Guido works fast," he said.

That would be enough big news to come out of one bowling center in a single week — but it wasn't.

This summer, Country Lanes will be hosting a Women's All-Star Association tournament, which, according to WASA executive director Pearl Keller,

"serves the same purpose as the regional PBA tournaments — only for women."

This is not a professional event, although some 60-80 WASA members are women pros, including Patty Costello and Betty Morris. "We get the best women bowlers in the East," Keller said. "But we're not a professional association."

The WASA will be sponsoring 12 tournaments in four states, with a net worth of \$75,000, beginning March 22 at Garden City (L.I. Blvd.). In order to join the organization, one must have an established WIBC average of 170 or better, but that's the only requirement.

It will be held over two days at Country, July 12 and 13. Normally, the competition goes like this: A six-game qualifying round, after which the top quarter of the field bowls three more games. Then the top six bowl six more games of match play, with a final position round, to establish a winner.

The entry fee for the tournament is \$30, while the minimum first-place prize is \$800.

"I know Pearl a long time," Albanese said. "She got in touch with me recently and asked if we'd be interested in decided to go through with it."

Any Staten Island women wishing to participate in the WASA should either contact WASA tournament director Gert Downey, 211 South Broadway, Tarrytown, N.Y. 10591, or Keller at 29 Garey Dr., Chappaqua, N.Y. 10514.

The WASA tournament will be in addition to the men's Professional Bowlers Association eastern regional that's scheduled for Country in August. And Angelo also said he'd have no objection to a local singles tournament, something like the New Year Singles Classic recently held at Bowling on the Green, taking place at Country around Memorial Day.

Country Lanes is getting to be quite a busy place.

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