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S.I. Women's Association keeps the girls on the go

Staten Island's women bowlers, after having several high-scoring yesterdays, are not resting on their laurels. They're busily preparing for the tomorrows, by going places and doing things.

The prime mover in keeping things hopping for the distaff side is the Staten Island Women's Bowling Association which keeps records, runs clinics for league officers, awards trophies, judges authenticity of scores, schedules and administers to the SIWBA Tournament and gets involved in other sundried matters such as the formation and administration of the new "600" Club.

The newly elected president of the association, Gloria Simonson, fully expects that the 4,450 membership will grow as the current crop of junior bowlers reaches senior league bowling age.

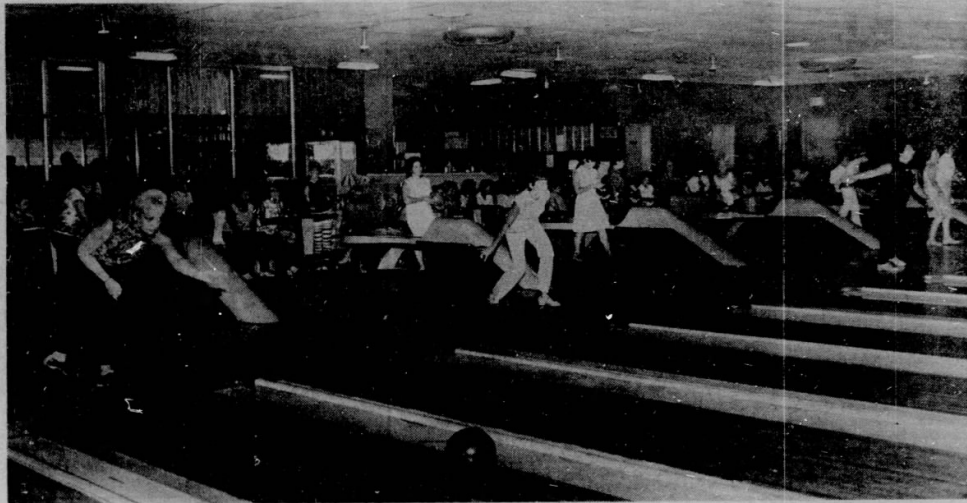
"At this time," starts Gloria, "we have four major leagues on the Island, and it's just a matter of time before there's a need for more."

"While you always see excellent shooters in leagues like the Tuesday Night Scratch Ladies League at Bowling on the Green, the E. Z. Vending Majorities at the Colonial Lanes, the Staten Island Monday Night Classic League at Coral and the Keglerettes at the Sunset Lanes, you also can catch some very good bowlers toiling in the handicap leagues around the Island."

"A lot of the gals bowl during the day when the kids are at school. They feel they have to be at home during the evening. But as they build up their average, they get the urge to go into a major league and try their ability against the higher-averaged women."

To give you an idea of what sort of high scores the ladies will be shooting at this coming season, in the last couple of years the following sanctioned games were recorded: Ruth Stasiak, 277; Phyllis Tinori, 268; Rosemarie Toto, (17 years old at the time) 268; Gert Pair, 266; Inez Woodward, 265; Maureen Dobbins, 264; and Helen Cobb, 262.

In September of 1967 at Bowling on the Green, Trudy



The girls, it seems, love it at the Coral Lane.

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Pellegrino stood them on their heads with a 675 series. In the same year, Fran Pedreira was a couple of pins off with a 671 with the Keglerettes.

Fran carried her good bowling into the following season by winning the All-Events title in the SIWBA Tournament at the Sunset Lanes.

Other high series include Peggy Maguire's 669 at the Coral Lanes this past season, Maureen Madalone's 666 at the Coliseum in September, '67, and Dot Velie's 664 this past February at Sunset.

The highest average for a woman during the past season, 181, was carried by the present president of SIWBA, Gloria Simonson.

Those gals who hit a 600-plus series are eligible to join the "600" Club which is in the throes of being formed within the association.

"Any girl," starts Gloria on another of her favorite subjects, "who has a sanctioned 600 series to her credit is eligible to join this club and we're planning a

lot of things, like local tournaments, special prizes, off Island tournaments and so forth.

"The thing for the girls to do is to get in touch with me, or any officer of the SIWBA like Peggy Cherrick (vice-president), Mary Topp (secretary), Eudice Wolf (treasurer), or Molly Ruocco (Sgt. at Arms), so we can help."

"We have already contacted quite a few of the women who have bowled a 600 series, but we don't for a minute think that we have contacted them all."

"The ones we haven't contacted are the ones that we'd like to reach through the paper and ask them or one of their friends to get in touch with SIWBA so that we can get the ball rolling toward getting all the 600 bowlers in the club."

Two of the eligibles are, of course, Gloria Simonson and Fran Pedreira. These two won the SIWBA's All-Events title the last two years, Gloria taking it at the Colonial Lanes in 1968 and Fran

winning at Sunset last March.

This year it will be interesting to see if a girl with a high handicap or a 599 Club member wins the crown when the 23rd SIWBA Tournament rolls at the Coral Lanes.

Mary Topp, the keeper of records, and the walking encyclopedia of the rules and regulations for the SIWBA, wants all the members of the association to know that among many other things, there are three things which should be kept first and foremost in the minds of the ladies.

"Every August," begins Mary, "we run a workshop for the officers of the leagues, so as to help them with the various forms that are necessary for the things that go on in the league."

"Everything is explained at this workshop, and it's important for the league officials to know what they're expected to know."

"Every secretary of every league is notified early in the month so that plans can be made to attend the workshop later on in the month."

"The next important thing is for the leagues to forward to us at SIWBA the slate of new officers so that we know who to notify when anything comes up."

"If we send out information to girls who are no longer in office, the correspondence just doesn't reach the proper people."

"The leagues should forward to us the end of year

averages, because for anyone who competes in tournaments, we are the people who have to verify the averages when the tourney directors are looking to award prizes."

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