

SPORTS

Money Honeys a hit with Oregon's biggest bowling league

by Renee Cherry

Portland Community Bowling Association started its sixth year, Sunday, January 8, not only as a non-profit organization but with the prestige of being the largest bowling league in the state. Considering the number of bowlers here in Oregon this is quite an honor (and feat). PCBA went from 32 teams last year to a whopping 54 teams this year. Since there are so many people eager to bowl and only 36 lanes at Pro 300 Lanes, the present location, the league was broken down into time periods: the 11:00 o'clock *eye opener* league and the 2:00 o'clock *hangover* league. In all, 264 bowlers showed up at Pro 300 in quest of bowling excellence. And I must say that not all of us found it.

Margaret Strachan, City Council member of Portland, was on hand to roll out the first ball of the season. Even though she used the "famous" rose ball, she only managed to knock down one pin. All of us are hoping that

this was not a prelude to coming attractions for the year.

Tom Geil, organizer of the league, welcomed all new bowlers and explained some of the basics of league bowling, such as monte carlo tickets. For those who don't know, monte carlo is played two different ways: one way to earn money is to purchase tickets from a Money Honey (5 for a dollar) and hope your number is called. The other way to earn little tidbits is if a colored pin is set in the head position and you happen to bowl a strike, you win 50¢. If the colored pins show up in the head position and the second or the third you would receive 75¢. And if the colored pins show up in all three positions you win \$1.50!

Halfway through a bowling line they stop the action, and the race for the jackpot is on. If your number is called (this is where your tickets come in) and you bowl a strike you will win whatever amount is in the jackpot. If by chance the money is not won in three tries all the bucks will be held over for the final jackpot which occurs halfway through the third and final bowling line.

Some readers might be wondering: What is a Money Honey? Well, the more appropriate question would be who are the Money Honeys? Money Honeys are the unsung heroines of the bowling alleys. They flutter about not only dispensing money, but giving comfort where needed, trading beauty tips,

and bringing joy to all. I noticed this year they have new shirts which they, of course, wear over the wonderful outfits. These sparkling people who grace our Sunday mornings are: Lisa Day and Monica Rey.

There are plenty of high rollers with Cherry Hartman hitting a 207, Robert Huffman with 205, Bill Gerald 204; Mic Duggan 202, Reese House, Hank Cupper and Louie Litowski all rolling a 201 and Rob Brown with a 200 even. All of these bowlers will now enter the 200 Club.

High individual averages and top team scores will be listed next issue. With the large turnout of bowlers the scores were not computed by press time.

All bowlers will be classified into five different groups according to their averages. These averages include a handicap of five points per open frame. The top bowlers in each class will receive a certificate and a trophy at the end of the year. Teams will also be grouped into five classes, so even if a team does not have a high average bowler, they can still be competitive as a team.

Because of the large turnout of bowlers the monte carlo jackpot amounts were quite high. In all, \$248.00 was won at the first session and by sheer coincidence the second session gave out the same amount. Chuck C. from the JR's Transvestites team walked off with the largest jackpot of \$148.00.

A pair of bowling shoes donated by the Pro

300 Lanes were won by Denny from the Tooze Florist team.

If by chance anyone else out there is not bowling, and would like to, just show up at the alley one half hour before one of the sessions starts and you could bowl as an alternate for a team that is shy a member.

The following are the league bowling dates: Jan. 22 & 29, Feb. 5, 19, March 4, 18 & 25, April 1, 7 & 29, May 13. May 20th is the championship day; May 23 is the awards banquet.

On April 15 the league holds a special session, The Ham Bowl. In this event if you roll a strike in the 3rd, 6th, & 9th frames of one game you would win a ham, just in time for Easter!

June 1st through 3rd is a time to definitely mark on your calendar, as that is the date for Portland's 2nd Rose Bowl Classic. Last year's Classic was a huge success with teams from Seattle, San Francisco, Sacramento and other exciting places rolling in for some tough competition.

So if you want to bowl or keep score or just have fun rooting on bowlers, stop by on one of the above dates and times to join in. We *always* have a party after at one of the local pubs to hear the day's scores and spend the jackpot winners' prize money.



TRAVEL

Ahh, Hawaii!!

by David Brewer

All in all, Hawaii is a wonderful vacation spot, just five and one half hours from Portland. And if you play the 1/2 way point game on board United Airlines, the correct time was ... 4:21 minutes ... I know, I won two bottles of champagne. Just lucky, I guess. We downed one with the crew and other passengers. The other was just put away for a rainy

day. Speaking of which, there was an average temperature of 78 for the major part of the stay. However, on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day it looked as if we had a monsoon, all with winds that moved the sculpture at the Hyatt Regency HNL at least 4 feet in either direction, and rains of 7 inches on Maui. It really was a great trip and I recommend that if you plan to go for either of the holidays in 1984 or sooner, please book early as some people are having problems finding reasonable hotels and condos due to high season rates. P.S. — I never have seen more gay women in Honolulu for the holidays. Quite impressive. We shan't say anything at this point about the European men; and the Canucks.

OK, Let's talk 1984. In 1984 lots of changes are going to take place. Schedule changes are fixed for the end of January and the 1st of February. Be aware that wrong times result in missed flights and connections. Price increases will take place as of March 1, and most importantly, travel on the west coast will go up, and up, and up due to the Olympics in Los Angeles. Denver is going up by almost \$100 for excursion tickets as of March 1. Of course, changes are likely at any moment, and in the travel industry, change seems to be the rule. So if you are planning to see your parents, friends, or even take that well-deserved vacation this summer, book it now, pay for it, and the price will be locked in.

Boarding passes are a new and improved

way of getting out of the lines and crowds. If your travel agent doesn't automatically do it for you, ask for it, as it saves time and lotsa frustration when you find that you and your friend cannot sit together on that flight to Pocatello to see the Princess Theatre (really doesn't exist — I looked).

Let's get some people together and go to Bend for a ski-trip. I haven't been once this year and I am ready, so give a call (225-0064) and let's coordinate a trip.

Again, if you have any destinations that you feel would be of interest, let me know and I will investigate what I can and report back to you.