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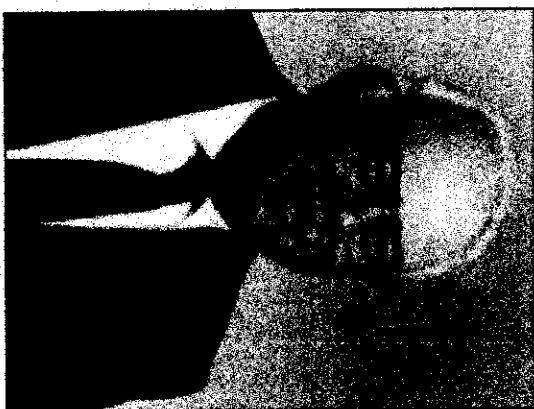
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October 24, 1993—At age 58, Phil Hirschman joined other Saginaw bowling legends when he was inducted into the Saginaw Bowling Hall of Fame.

An active bowling enthusiast, Phil Hirschman was acknowledged for his involvement in the administrative end of the sport. A long-time league official, he served as secretary of the Hurricane league for 25 years and was president of the leftovers Mixed League for



over 20 years. In 16 years Phil never missed a meeting of the Saginaw Bowling Association's Board of Directors.

He served as president of the Saginaw Bowling Association from 1984 to 1986 and serves as Zone Director for the Michigan State Bowling Association. As Zone Director he covers most of mid-Michigan for the state group.

He served as a member of the Saginaw Bowling Council and chaired the Saginaw Bowling Hall of Fame Committee.

Phil said he was encouraged to join the Saginaw bowling group by Bill Boehlke and Ray Schauman, two bowling administrators who were later named to the Hall of Fame.

Former Zone Director Paul Dinse says the state group couldn't find a better man than Phil to represent Saginaw. "He's very knowledgeable about bowling and a hard worker."

Phil has lived in Saginaw all his life and worked at Mercury Pattern Works until he retired last year.

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INTRODUCTION

Bowling - a great sport of individual and team competition; a pastime of fun and enjoyment. This collection is a summary of information on bowling alleys in the Saginaw area. It is to acquaint the reader with the past, when bowling began in Saginaw, Michigan in the late 1800s.

It all began in 1891 when a man named Frank Godard had a saloon and decided to put three alleys in the back room. It wasn't until September of 1895 that the ABC (American Bowling Congress) became organized and a standardized set of rules was established. The game went from a total 200 point game to a 20 ball or 300 point game with 12 inches between the pins.

Information was gathered through research in local libraries, old newspaper clippings and personal recollections of various individuals involved in the sport of bowling in the area.

Although the early history of the alleys is rather sketchy, interesting information on personal and team firsts is included. You'll meet interesting people who were pioneers in the sport of bowling. You discover when the rubber ball took the place of the wooden ball, when the plastic pin took the place of the wooden pin and when plastic, urethane and resin balls were introduced. You'll see the growth and development of the sport as a whole as well as its growth in the Saginaw area.

You will notice that many of the alleys have the same address. Often an excellent location was procured but the establishment may have changed names and owners numerous times. A list of early alleys that came and went can be found in appendix 5. Some alleys that were located at the same address but with different owners at various years of operation are marked with the same symbol (see appendix 5) for easy reference. Also included in the appendix is a list of house openings in chronological order, many firsts in the Saginaw area, Hall of Fame designees, first Men's, Women's and Jr.'s 300 games as well as team firsts.

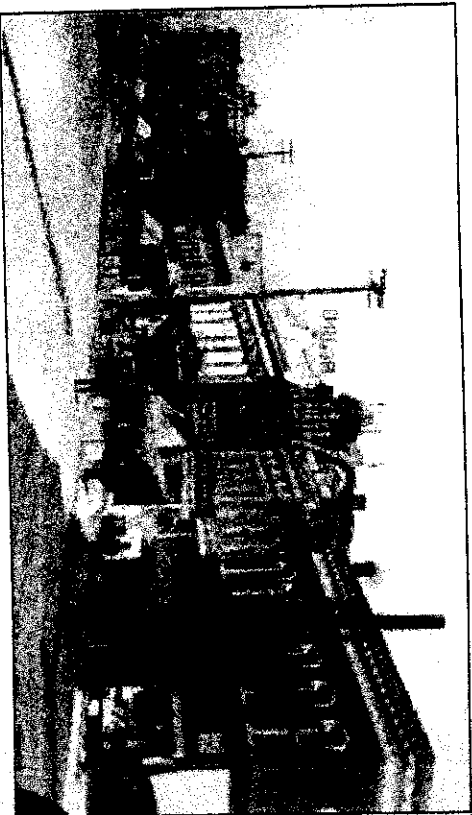
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If anyone has any further knowledge on any of the people or places mentioned, or if you have information on yet another alley not included please contact me.

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GODARD'S



413 Genessee Ave.

The first bowling alleys in Saginaw were opened in 1891 by Frank Godard at 413 Genessee between Baum and Jefferson. This location later became Home Dairy's downtown food store and eventually Salle Jewelers. In those days hunting for big game animals was an important sport. Trophy heads of deer, elk and others hung on the walls.

The Godard Alley had three lanes and Van Overens, another local alley of the time, had eight lanes. These two establishments had the two big teams from Saginaw in the Iner City League with two Bay City teams, and two Flint teams.

Frank Godard's five man team of 1905-06 (pictured) rolled into the money at ABC's tournament in Louisville by shooting 2631. On the team were (front) Martin Cooney, John H. Johnson, John Brechtelsbauer, (back) Lew E. Thompson and Frank B. Godard Sr. On the evening of April 17, 1908, Godard's had a disastrous fire. The business was listed in the Polk directory as

"Frank B. Godard, Sample Room-Bowling Alley, both telephones 497, residence at 321 Carlisle." The alleys sustained \$2000 to \$3000 damage, a tidy sum in 1908. Bowlers and card players that night were alerted to the fire when Ollie Masker, the bartender, saw Bert Jones, "a boy who sets up pins in the bowling alley," running and shouting, "The gasoline is burning!" The fire originated at the gasoline generator near the stairway to the second floor.

The oiled bowling alleys and the room, which had wood finishing throughout, were quickly engulfed in flames. The large mirror behind the bar was also destroyed. The article featured in the News laments, "On the walls of the saloon were 10 fine heads of mounted elk, deer and moose, some of the finest specimens in the state, all ruined."

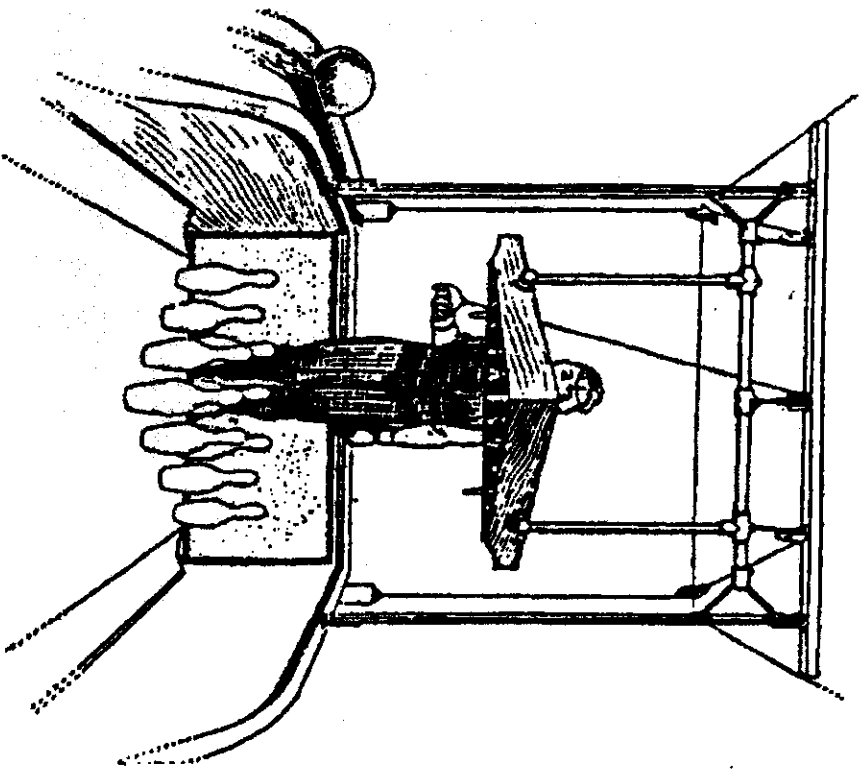
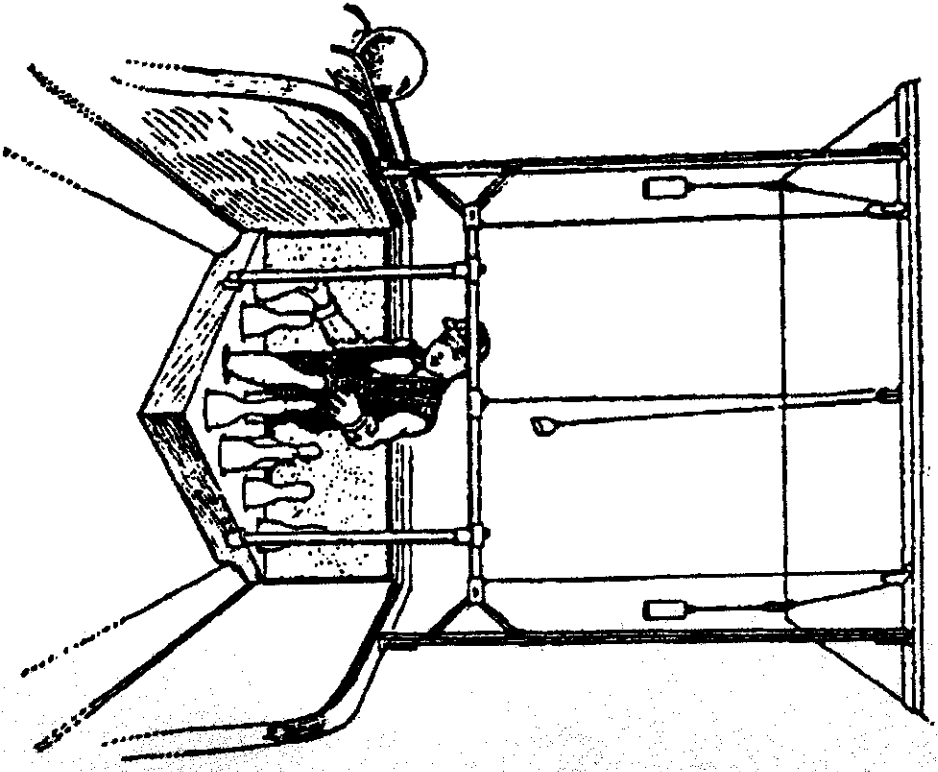
Immediately after the start of the fire, smoke began pouring into the adjacent Bijou Theater (also shown in the picture). The opening act of Fox and Foxies Circus had just begun. The stage soon filled with smoke. Actors and spectators, who had paid fifteen cents for the evening performance, fled.

Godard's was reopened in 1909 with four alleys.



Godard's championship team of 1905-06

Something new under the sun—a machine to spot pins...



...What will they think of next?
(July 8, 1905)

FRANK AND ELMER GODARD

The Godard name is synonymous with bowling in the early years in Saginaw. Frank Godard Sr. seemed to have started the bowling craze but other family members kept up the tradition. From



the time he opened the first bowling alleys in Saginaw in 1899 his name and picture began appearing in the news.

Frank Godard Sr. is featured here in an article which appeared in the Saginaw News, March 30, 1952. It is featured in a section called "Those Good Old Days..." Frank Godard's legendary team had just brought home the state championship for Saginaw. The year was 1909. The team's winning score was 2,784. The trophy was a big bright bowling-ball-on-pedestal that sat on the flag-draped hood of the car. Pictured with Frank B. Godard (right) is Samuel H. Heginbottom, who built the car in his Federal Avenue bicycle shop located on the sight that later became the News pressroom.

The advertisement on the oval background behind the trophy is a billboard extolling the virtues of Fairy Soap, with the legend: "Have You a little Fairy in Your Home?" The picture was taken in front of what later became the Sears-Roebuck store.

Godard's name appears again as his lanes host the World's Fair Bowling contest. Mr. Godard offered a round-trip ticket to St. Louis and entrance fee into the world's tournament of bowlers as the prize. J. Brechelsbauer won the contest to represent Saginaw in what was being hailed as the "greatest contest of the kind ever witnessed". Brechelsbauer was considered one of the best bowlers in the city, "...with strengths in the direction of steadiness and high average scores."

Elmer Godard, Frank's son, was often featured in the local papers as well. With features on his 729 season record at Hesse lanes to his first 300 rolled at Saginaw Recreation Lanes, Elmer was a regular feature. Newspapers report on December 22, 1922, "After 21 years of bowling, veteran southpaw Elmer Godard achieved the lifetime ambition of all bowlers, a perfect 300!" He made 16 strikes in a row. It was the second of the season locally (the fourth 300 game rolled in Saginaw history at the time). Albert Myers, J.H. Kilpatrick and John Baker had the first 300 games at the old Saginaw Recreation at 218 Federal in a pool game where there were no sanctions. 3 years earlier Elmer missed the perfect 300 by one pin, when the ball hit the head pin too full and left one pin standing.



Pictured here with his doubles partner Hugo Botsstedt in the 1950 Lufkin Bowling Tournament is Elmer Godard (left). The article which appeared April 18, 1950 extols, "experience is the best teacher." Godard with 50 years experience and Botsstedt with 45 are presented plaques at Parkland Lanes because of their fine records. They then went out and snared the tournament doubles crown.

SAGINAW CLUB

219 N. Washington

One of the oldest and richest clubs in Saginaw started back in the late 1800s. These bowling alleys were located in the basement of what they called the East Saginaw Club. The club house was finished in May, 1890.

The Coasters' manager was Sam Karp, who at the time arranged, scheduled and supervised all bowling. At that time New York State had the greatest bowlers around and earned the reputation of "Champion of Champions." Sam Karp got the New York bowlers to make Saginaw one of their stops.

Sam was secretary of the Interstate Bowling League and held office in the American Bowling Congress

In the early days of bowling, clubs like the Saginaw Club had one or two or sometimes even three alleys for Club Members only. At that time you would have thought bowling was only a man's sport. Many ladies were in attendance and after the evening games were finished, spectators and bowlers would retire to the banquet room where they had a dutch lunch.

In the 1800s Sam Karp wanted to make bowling a national pastime. For many years it was. As we near the year 2000, after over 100 years, bowling seems to be a dying sport.

ELKS LODGE #47

Germania (now Federal) and Warren

The Elks sought bids in June of 1906, and a ground breaking ceremony followed in July. The lodge was dedicated on November 18, 1907. The Elks purchased the property, 120 feet on Federal and 60 feet on Warren, for \$5,000 in 1904. It was originally the location of the James S. Webber home.

The new building was an impressive two story with paving brick and cut stone. It had a deep basement that was already equipped with bowling alleys, billiard and pool room, grill, reading room and a library.

In 1910 Frank Schoen almost had a 300 game, falling just one pin short with a 299.

For the New Year's Eve party, tables were set up throughout the building, even in the bowling alley.

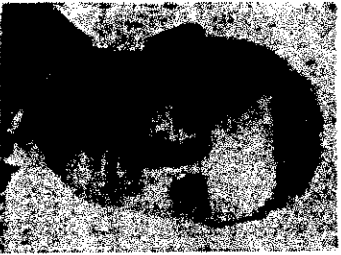
VAN OVEREN ALLEYS

114 S. Franklin

Located over the Van Overen Saloon was Van Overen Billiard Hall and Bowling Alley. It contained eight lanes. In 1913 Abe Van Overen held a state tournament at his facility. It was a first for Saginaw, to host a state tournament.

Mayor A.W. Tausend was at the opening, along with state officers: Martin Cooney, President; F.G. Godard, Vice President; and C.M. Howell, Secretary.

In 1919 the Lutheran league was one of the first leagues to bowl on the eight alleys. Clarence (Foxiel) George bowled in the Lutheran league when it first started. He died in 1994 after bowling 75 years in the Lutheran league.



C.M. Howell, secretary



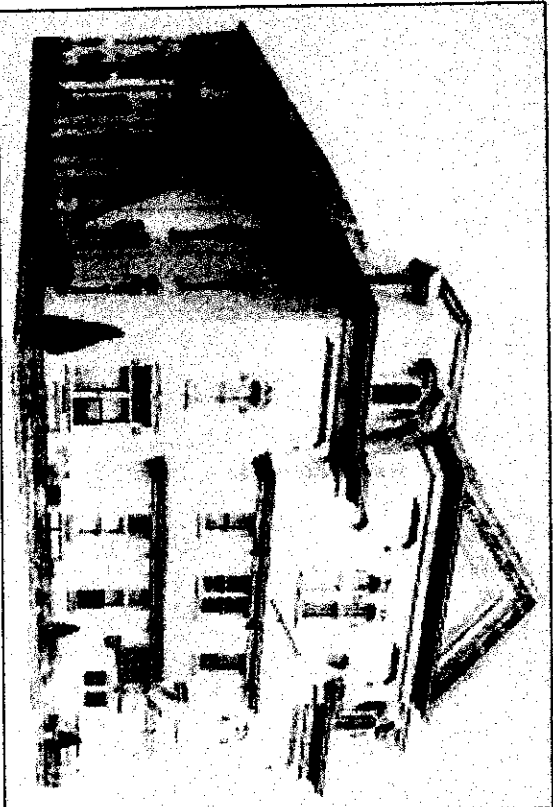
Martin Cooney, president



F.G. Godard, vice president

1911 State Bowling Association Officials

GERMANIA

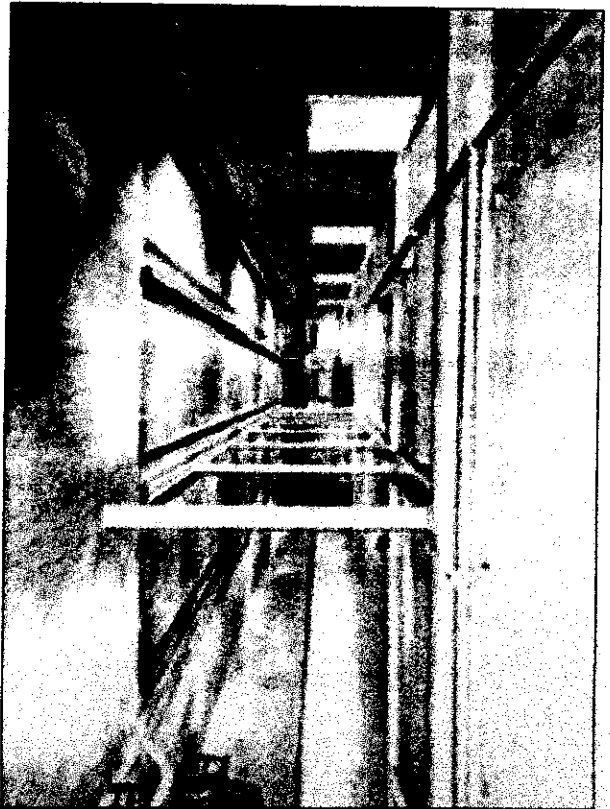


1001-1003 Lapeer

During the 1916-17 bowling season, Germania had only three alleys with an eight team league. In 1926 one new alley was added to the old alleys in the basement at a cost of around \$650.00. This allowed them to add four more teams for the 1925-26 season.

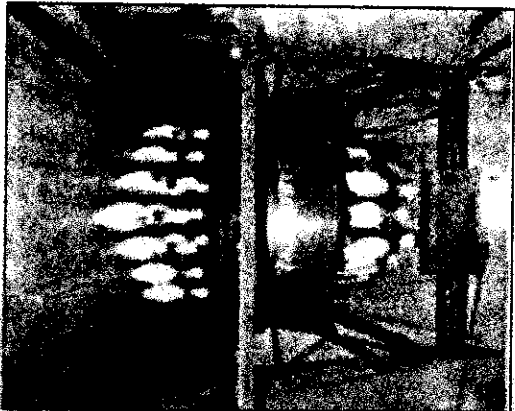
By 1935 more alleys were desperately needed to support the league that had grown to 24 teams. Finally on March 27, 1937 the old lanes were closed and six new ones were opened. The leagues jumped to 32 teams and by 1938-39 had grown to 42 teams.

With the Selective Service Act, the '40s saw a drop in teams to 30 from its previous 42. However, in 1947-48 two more alleys were added bringing the total to eight. Due to absenteeism the Germania Bowling Association changed from bowling every night

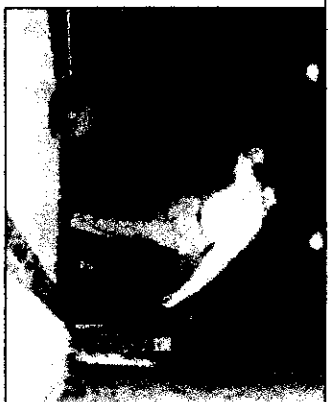


to a fixed night to bowl. The Men's Bowling League bowled on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. There were two shifts each night at 6:45 and 9:00.

On April 24, 1956 a special meeting was called to consider the purchase or rental of automatic pinsetting machines. Up until this time pinboys would manually set the pins. After a lengthy discussion a unanimous vote was passed to purchase the new Brunswick Automatics.



The 1956 presiding President of the Germania, Art Kincaid, was the only bowler to ever roll a perfect 300 game. On his first night of bowling during the 1943-44 season Kincaid rolled the first and what was to be the only 300 game ever rolled on the old Germania Alleys.



Art Kincaid

A fire on October 20, 1968 destroyed the original Germania. That year the Men's league finished their season at the Bowl-O-Mat, while the ladies finished their season at Timber Town Lanes.

On November 18, 1969, just over one year later, a new building at the south end of Wheeler Street on Saginaw's west side (formerly Hidden Hollow Golf Club) was made ready for the 1969 bowling season with twelve lanes.



Germania Mens' Bowling Association officers, 1955-56. (Seated L to R) Al Kurtz, vice president; Henry Strochi, president; (standing L to R) Zeke Kwiatkowski, treasurer; Lyle Massman, secretary.

SAGINAW RECREATION BUILDING

218 Federal Avenue

In 1918 Saginaw Recreation moved into the building at 218 Federal which housed a cigar store and billiard tables. The alleys were located upstairs.

SUHR SALOON

2715 S. Washington

Walter Mohr and Merlin C. Suhr owned and operated the Suhr Saloon and Billiard Bowling Alley. The bowling alley located upstairs above the saloon in South Saginaw consisted of only two lanes.

HASKALL RECREATION

218 Federal

Haskall's opened in 1926 with nine alleys. It was housed in the Saginaw Recreation Building that had opened in 1918 with billiards and bowling. Roy Haskall was the owner and Tod Moskal set pins in 1927.

The first 300 game on record was rolled by John Baker in 1922. It was a nonsanctioned 300, bowled in a pot game. The first sanctioned 300 game in Saginaw was bowled by Victor Hansen in 1929.

HESSE BROTHERS RECREATION

115 South Water

Built in the late 1920s by the Morley brothers for Carl, William, and Dewey Hesse, The Hesse Brothers Recreation Center was located at 115 S. Water. When it opened in 1929 it consisted of 20 lanes situated on the second floor of the building. Beneath it, at ground level, was Kerns Inc., wholesaler of beauty and barber supplies.

The Hesse Brothers had the Morleys construct the building because they felt the local bowling spots were too busy. Hesse Brothers Recreation was touted in the news as quite a showplace. Its 20 lanes had pinboys because there weren't automatic pinsetters in those days.

Its wide, staircase to the second floor was a welcoming entrance into a room filled with billiard and pool tables. With prohibition the alley was to be dry but a huge soda fountain offered bowlers and guests needed refreshment. When Prohibition ended, Hesse had a chance to get one of Saginaw's first liquor licenses, but he didn't because, according to his wife, "He didn't feel like he needed that headache." Hesse Alleys embodied their slogan, "Bowl for Health and Recreation."

Mayor Robert C. Weber rolled out the first ball. However, during the Great Depression, the Hesse Brothers had big problems. They were going in debt to the tune of \$3000 a month. To keep the bowlers bowling they charged only 5 cents per game just to pay the pin boy. There was no charge for the bowling itself.

Carl Hesse had one of the best teams in the 1930s. The Garber Buick Team consisted of Carl Hesse, Paul Dye, Billy Monroe, Archie Zander and Al Gaudreau. In their 1935-36 season they rolled a nice 3100, with games of 1045, 1082, and 973.

In 1934 Carl Hesse won the Michigan State Lion's Club

tournament in Flint.

The next year, 1935, Hesse housed the 32nd annual State Tournament with 320 five man teams, 500 doubles and 1000 singles. Entry cost was a mere \$2.00 per man, per event.

In 1942, thirteen years after it opened, Charles (Chuck) B. Stevens, age 25, rolled the first 300 game on the Hesse Alleys. Proprietor Carl Hesse estimated it was the first perfect game in more than two million lines rolled at his place since it opened in the fall of 1929.

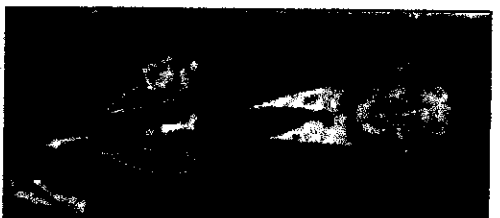
Stevens' 300 game came on the last game of the series, and actually he had 15 strikes in a row. Stevens was a 191 average bowler in the Mutual League where he bowled on the Sacco team (Smith Agricultural Chemical Company, where he worked). He had bowled for only five years. He was hoping to roll in the state tournament before having to join the army.

Tod Moskal was one of the early managers. Hesse Brothers Recreation Center was sold in 1946 to Leo and Emelle Kahon and later became Parkland Lanes.

Chuck Stevens



Champion bowler
Carl Hesse



MOOSE BOWLING ALLEYS

220 N. Hamilton

The Moose, as it was called, consisted of ten perfect alleys owned and operated by Moose Lodge #82. In the 1930s the Moose was in competition with alleys like the Hesse Brothers Recreation for City Tournaments. Ray Drown was one of the Moose managers.

The Moose had a great building with three floors. There was a large club house with a bar in the basement, bowling alleys and an office on the first floor and a large banquet room on the second floor.

Back in the 1940s a 300 game was a great accomplishment because they weren't very common and the score would be published in the paper. In 1942 Wes Brown hit the first 300 game. It was the first 300 game in the ten years that the Moose had been open. Florian Czerwinski had a 300 game in 1952.

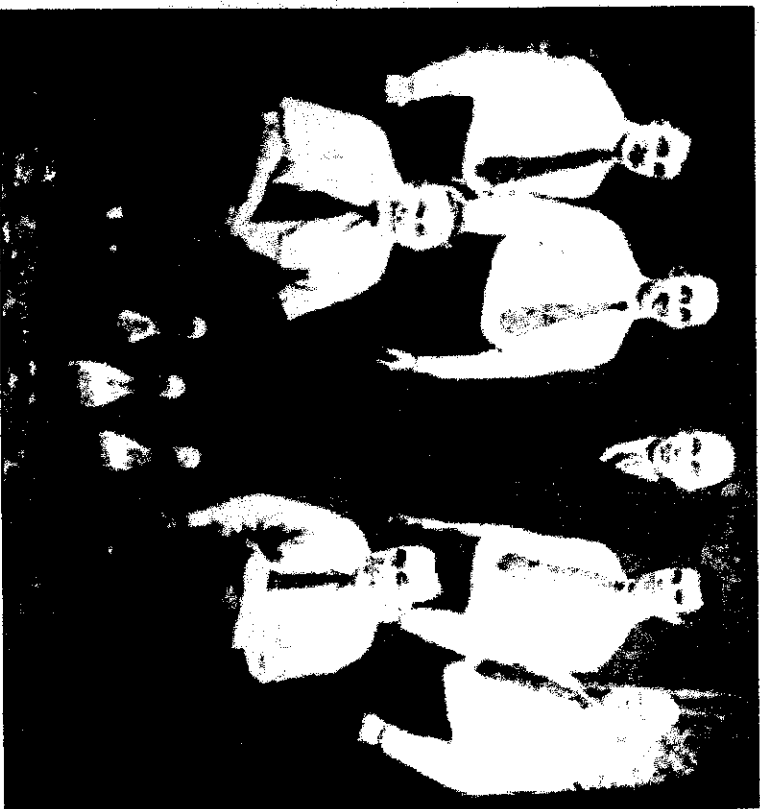
Walter Maher was manager in 1947. Don Suhr was the manager when the house closed.

In 1952-53, 200 men bowlers met at the Moose Temple to voice full accord with the work of the committee which sought a three-point program to cover league bowling. The three point program included

1. A 30-week minimum league bowling season at 32 cents per line and a guaranteed 100% attendance.
2. Use of all-wood bowling pins but with use of false (plastic) bottom pins permissible if war or other conditions warrant.
3. Electric foul line service to be provided at no additional cost.

With a rousing vote of confidence to back them, members of the committee representing the men's City Bowling Association continued to push to reach agreement with alley proprietors. Bowlers, team captains, CBA delegates and participants voted to

continue their boycott on the city's five main alleys until agreement was reached.



The first team ever to break 2900. Their actual total of 2912 was rolled during the 1934 ABC tournament in Indianapolis.

ST. JOHNS

2nd and Federal

In the 1930s St. Johns Lutheran School had two lanes located in their basement. Not much is known about the alleys.

Hall of Famers Bill Boehlke and Paul Dinse said they both set pins there. Paul reported that the alleys had a hand setter and a foot pedal that made pegs come up through the floor to set the pins on and then the pegs were lowered back down even with the floor.

EASTOWN RECREATION

1228 E. Genessee Avenue

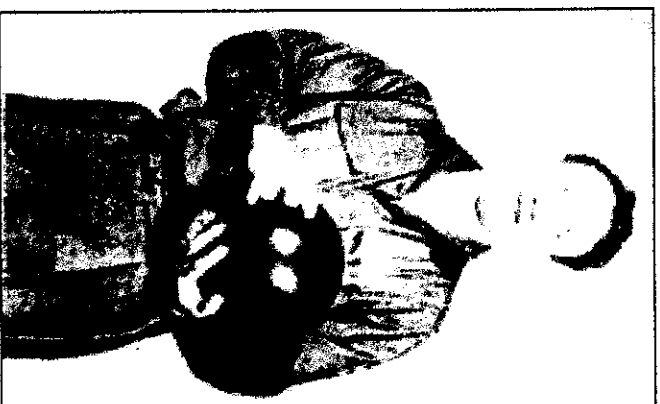
The house opened in 1938. In 1941, Tony Grzesiak was a student at Saginaw High. He went to Eastown lanes to speak with Mr. Towner, the proprietor, about starting a high school bowling league. They started a fifteen week schedule, paying 50 cents for three games.

In 1942 Tod Moskal became manager. That was the year Tod won the All-Events at the ABC with a 1973 pin count.

In 1945 John Nyeste became proprietor and owner of Eastown Recreation. Before becoming manager he was known for taking care of the Blind Institute Bowling Alley.

Gofy Garinger rolled the first 300 game at Eastown in 1952. Even though in those days that was quite an accomplishment it was rolled during a practice game so it didn't count.

In 1954 Frank Myers became manager until the house closed in 1957.



Tod Moskal

FALCON LANES

838 S. 14th St.

Opening in 1938 Falcon Lanes had two lanes which ran alongside a bar in the basement.

Tom Noonan set pins there and reports that he was paid ten cents a line.

From 1960-62 George managed the lanes. Falcon Lanes closed in 1975 after the lanes burned.

BLIND INSTITUTE

1000 Houghton

Special bowling lanes were located at the Blind Institute which was located between Cooper and Houghton. It's three or four buildings filled the block. There were just two lanes located upstairs in one of the buildings.

Russ Marl and Ken Strasburg ran the bowling lanes. Ken Strasburg was one of the first secretaries for the Saginaw Blind Institute. Later Gene L. Koerber not only served as secretary but also took the handicapped bowlers all over the state to bowl.

In the late '40s John Nyeste, who was owner and manager of Eastown Lanes, also took care of the lanes at the Blind Institute. He donated the pins for the two lanes.

In 1953 Gene Koerber got the blind teams sanctioned with ABC. Saginaw Blind Bowling consisted of ten teams. Each team had two blind bowlers, two partially sighted bowlers and one sighted bowler.

The Blind Institute lanes closed in the late '50s

RECREATION CENTER

1201 Thompson (at the corner of 4th)

Built by Frank Anderson and leased to William Warner, the Recreation Center opened in 1942 with twenty lanes. Although the lanes were open and doing big business since December, months later it was reported that proprietors Henry Tuuk and William Warner invited the bowling public to inspect their 20 alleys at a 6-match game program to celebrate the Grand Opening. The feature match of the night was Paul Dye's Garber-Buick team of Saginaw rolling against George Bryant's Schmidt's team of Detroit. The Schmidt line up included Jimmy McMahon from Jersey City, where he was rated among the top notch bowlers of the east.

Anderson bought out Warner's shares in 1942 and added twenty more lanes in 1946.

Hank Tuuk was the original manager but gave up the job to Johnie Petro in 1947. (It was said that Tuuk was the bookkeeper for the Purple Gang in the early '40s.) Another change in 1947 was the addition of a lounge called "The 11th Frame."

The first 300 game was bowled in 1942 by Frank Schoen in a pot game with Paul Dye and Burt Egan. Mike Green later bowled a 300 game in 1944 on alleys 5-6.

In 1949 the Recreation Center had the opportunity to be a guinea pig and try out the new Kimber Boloms or Plastic Bottom Pins for ABC. An elimination tournament brought some of the best bowlers from the state to Saginaw. Paul Dye, manager at that time said the alleys were in excellent condition. Scores however, were low. Teams from Detroit who were reporting scores of 3300 and 3400 in the news were scoring much lower. The Strohs team scored a little above 2800 and only two sets of 2900 scores were bowled. This was also the first year for using the new Brunswick Semi-Automatic Spotters.

In 1953, manager Gene Westlock saw the first black men

allowed to bowl in a Saginaw Bowling Alley. (see Bobby Bond) Recreation Center hosted the 1957 Men's State Bowling Tournament. More than 6,000 bowlers competed. Saginaw was awarded the tournament after three hotly contested ballots. They won out over Battle Creek and Lansing. It was the first time Saginaw had hosted the tourney since 1950.

In 1958 Paul Dirse, one of Saginaw's top bowlers, succeeded Gene Westlock as manager. The 43 year old, a member of the championship Drewry's bowling team, had won or shared nearly every city bowling title including the City Singles and Masters Elimination Singles Championships. He had also served two terms as president of the bowling association.

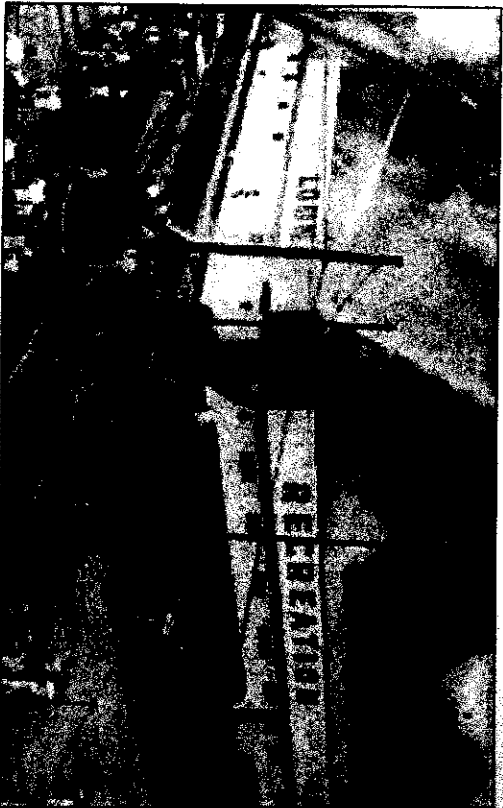
Recreation Center joined four other centers in remodeling improvements during the summer of 1959. In a \$1,500,000 project two parking lots were added to accommodate more bowlers. Telescope equipment, new ball returns and a completely redecorated interior awaited bowlers for their new season.

In 1963 there was trouble at the Recreation Center. Former, long-term operator of the center, Henry Tuuk filed a \$1,750,000 damage suit against Frank Andersen, the building owner. Tuuk charged that in 1959 Andersen raised the rent to \$10,545 a year, which he could not pay and profitably run the bowling alley. Thus Andersen forced him out of business. Tuuk reported that he had purchased \$33,000 worth of pinsetting equipment and invested thousands of dollars in licenses and other new equipment which he was unable to retrieve after Andersen obtained an injunction in 1962. After Tuuk was evicted he alleged that it ruined his bowling ball repair and alteration business.

On a happier note, in 1965-67, there was a super bowler, Lee Lamat, in the Saginaw area. He was an inspiration to junior bowlers. He helped many a youngster and was known to give away many bowling balls to kids to help them get started in the sport.

Trouble struck once again on August 9, 1968 when fire brought an end to the Recreation Center lanes. Fire loss was estimated in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Workmen had just finished lacquering the lanes when fumes ignited. There was

an explosion and the blaze that followed totally destroyed the center. Firemen labeled the fire as an arson attempt by thieves to cover a burglary trail. Crowds that gathered at the fire began throwing rocks, knives were drawn and beating incidents were reported later that evening. Gottie Garinger, manager at that time had just left the building and was unharmed. William Whitson, who was inside closing doors and windows escaped the burning building with only a cut to his right arm.



Fire destroys Recreation Lanes, August 9, 1968

PARKLAND LANES

115 S. Water

When the building housing the Hesse property was purchased by Leo and Emelie Kahan in 1946, it became the Parkland Lanes.

The Nazis had chased Leo Kahan from his native Berlin, Germany eleven years earlier. The couple opened Fashion Outlet, a discount clothing store on August 21, 1949. They were discouraged from opening a store on Water Street as it had a very bad reputation as a redlight district with many 'customers' who weren't looking for women's wear. Their store, however, was a great success, as it grew from hard work and low prices.

"Everyone was a person, no one was just a customer... they wanted to buy cheap. We treated them with dignity," says Emelie Kahan.



Parkland Lanes, which later became known as the 'House of High Scores', was owned and operated by Frank and Georgino Tolomio in 1946-47. Lewis Kasco became manager in 1947.

of foul lights were installed. Before that time, a foul judge was a man would sit at the end of the house and look across the alleys for anyone who would step over the foul line. Sign Zakrowski was foul judge in 1938-39. Foul judges were used six years through the '40s. Up until 1949 bowlers had to pay a dollar for each game for the foul judge. However, when the foul lights were installed the bowlers didn't feel they should have to pay for the improvements.

The \$50 Parkland was awarded the City Tournament. The City Tournament was again held at Parkland in 1954-55. Parkland made a bid of 38 cents per line, with a rebate of 7 or 8 cents, if the number of entries reached 200.

Parkland, the Moose and the Bowling Bar, ran a 180 or over average tournament which consisted of five games over ten lanes in each house. The winner represented Saginaw in the Masters at the ABC tournament.

Some other names associated with the Parkland are George Souther, who was manager in 1953, Richard DeKop (see p. 41) who set pins in 1957 and Randall Boertman who rolled the first 300 pin at Parkland lanes.

The popularity of Parkland came to an end in the 1960s after the bowling business moved to the suburbs. In 1967, the Roller Dome, roller-skating rink, opened there. Three years later the second floor was converted to the Downtown Club, a training center for Golden Glove Boxers until fire destroyed the building April 9, 1986. As an article exclaims, "A Page of Local History Goes Up in Smoke."



BOWLING BAR

3936 Dixie Highway

March 22, 1946 begins the building of a new \$200,000 bowling establishment a quarter mile south of the city limits in Buena Vista Township. Jack Freid, proprietor of Consumers Market, a southside food store heads up the new endeavor.

The structure was to be 150 X 150 feet in size, housing 20 alleys installed by Brunswick - Balke - Collender. The cement block, cinder block, concrete with steel joist and brick faced building would be fire proof and air conditioned. A special acoustical treatment was installed to deaden the sound. These alleys were the latest style with electric telescope and tele foul. Leather settees were added for the comfort of bowlers and spectators alike. A restaurant specializing in steaks and chops was added June 23, 1947.



In 1953, Bowling Bar was again host, for the third consecutive year, of the Men's City Bowling Tournament. Manager Jack Freid

offering at 38 cents per line with no charge for teleplay. He also offered free use of check room services and a \$200 Parkland Lanes offered three games for \$1.00 but skated its alleys for the dates needed. Recreation Center used to be lost out to Bowling Bar's bonus plan.

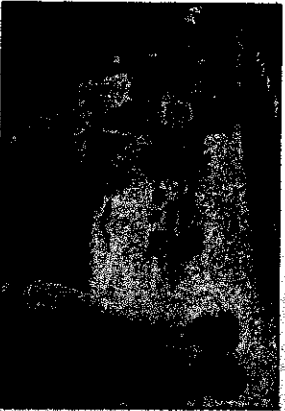
October 12, 1956 saw automatic pinspotters come to the Bowling Bar, making it the third establishment to change from pin boys to the new automated machines.

In August of 1963 the Bowling Bar was remodeled. Old seats were removed, new wallpaper, fruitwood paneling and carpet were added. New entrances and sound and fireproof ceilings were included. A new concourse was built, lanes were resurfaced and AMF



resurfaced installed. Even the Quicke Bar was remodeled. New alleys were added on April 24, 1966, bringing the Bowling to 40 lanes and bringing the total number of lanes to 111.

Ray "Stark" Moskal and Lee who managed the Bowling 21 years. Tom also from a short time. Roy managed the Bowling as the Saginaw Association in 1968, at the time of Boy City General Manager.



Lee and Tom Moskal overlook newly remodeled lanes.

Ray and Tom Moskal bowled at the Bowling Bar was bowled in 1968 by G. Anderson.

KOSCIUSZKO BOWLING ALLEYS

1720 Perkins St.

"Open bowling Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For Reservations call 9234." This was 1947. With three Brunswick lanes in the basement and one score table, a ten team league bowled Monday through Thursday. Two teams bowled at a time with two shifts a night. There was a bar room in the basement with seating behind two hand dryers that were next to the score table.

Albin Grzesick managed Kosciuszko Lanes in 1940. In 1941 Tony Grzesick became manager. Grzesick set the pins for Martin Wrona on October 28, 1941 when he shot his 300 game, a first at Kosciuszko Lanes. Aside from achieving the thrill of a bowler's lifetime Wrona also received a gold medal from ABC. Wrona says he wasn't at all worried as he lined up for his 12th strike, but admits he had a bad moment as the No. 7 pin stood up after the rest of the pins had gone down, then wobbled and fell late to make it a perfect game.

In 1947 Bert SonSmith rolled a perfect 300. The Kosciuszko Club hosted its last league in 1971.

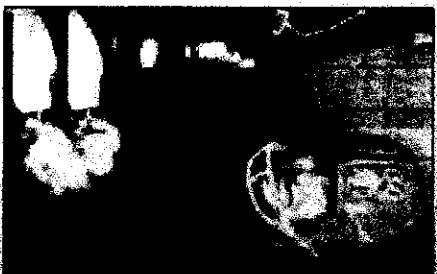


Martin Wrona

RICHARD DEKOP

Sixty-seven-year-old Richard DeKop was the last of a vanishing breed in America. DeKop was one of two pinsetters at Kosciuszko Hall, an old time Polish Club located on the corner of Perkins and 12th St.

At 5 foot 6 inches and 135 pounds, DeKop and his teenage partner, Joe Leszczynski, a student at Saginaw High set pins for the 10-team Merchants league. The club was too small to warrant automatic pinsetters.



Richard has been setting pins since 1945 at Parkland Lanes.

Setting pins is no easy job. At 67 DeKop with his helmet and shin guards for protection, recalls a wild pin smacking him above the right eye, making it necessary for him to get five stitches. DeKop says he has been hit from ankle to knee and from wrist to shoulder. Richard is missing the ring finger on his right hand at the first knuckle, resulting from a freak accident when his finger was jammed between two balls. DeKop is a spry, wiry old-timer who can set two lanes if he has to and not keep bowlers waiting. Richard DeKop certainly wasn't in it for the money. He made \$7.50 a week for setting 15 games.

INDIVIDUAL SANCTION SYSTEM

In 1952-53 bowlers began carrying American Bowling Congress identification cards as the individual sanction system went into effect. Under the new plan a sanctioned bowler would be eligible to roll with as many teams as he desires after paying the individual sanction fee.

The fee was \$1 per individual which would have been the same as the team \$5 sanction fee they were already paying.

The Association also voted to empower its executive board to name a secretary-treasurer, removing that office from the ballot. The Association went on record as opposing accreditation of alley proprietors or their employees as delegates to the ABC.

At this time ABC also declared that in the event of a tie game, each team involved would be awarded a half point or a half game won or lost. This displaced the former practice of rolling an extra frame to decide a winner after a tie.

BOWLIUM ALLEYS

1601 N. 6th

Newly built, owned and operated by the local 688 UAW-CIO, Bowlium alleys opened December 23, 1956. Located on 6th Street just west of Washington, it held ten Brunswick lanes with automatic pinsetting machines. It was the first establishment in Michigan, north of Pontiac to have this type of automatics.

The alleys were to be opened everyday, including Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. The alleys were to be opened until 2 a.m. to accommodate second shift industrial workers who desired to bowl after work. Free instructions were offered to beginning bowlers in the afternoons and evenings.

The Bowlium was also open during the summer months with the benefit of air conditioning.

Alfred Bellant was the first manager with Robert Jogelka working as mechanic. Bobby Bond was another manager of the Bowlium Alleys.

Robert Hughes rolled the first 300 game in 1974, edging out Juris Sturis who had a 299 in 1960.

LLOYD KEINATH

Lloyd Keinath reigned as Saginaw's 1955 Masters' Champion and Saginaw Bowling Association's representative in the masters tourney in conjunction with the ABC tournament. He carried the city's honor into a national tourney at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Keinath rolled over three strange alleys against 39 of the best of Saginaw's bowlers in 15 games. He totaled 2,985 for his 15 games with a 199 average.

After the first five games at Parkland Keinath was 7th out of 40. But he took off at the Bowling Bar Alleys with a 174, 202, 221, 236 and 201 for a 206.8 average. Hardly any of the tourney officials considered Keinath when in seventh place, but Keinath prevailed.

Andy Glavanovich was in second and Joe Smith was in third. Stan Wisniewski led the field into the final block of bowling, but he faded fast. Wisniewski ended in fifth place. Only Glavanovich and Smith had a chance to beat Keinath in the final game. Neither met the challenge.

Keinath finished first, with 2985. Smith took second with 2950. Glavanovich had 2947 for third. Defending champ, Al Mayer, who was fourth going into the final five finished tenth in the competition. Second place earned Smith \$60 in prize money. Third place brought in \$20 and fourth place took home \$17.



BOWL-O-MAT

6220 State St.

Opened in 1959 Bowl-O-Mat was constructed with 40 lanes. Its unique design consisted of two rows of 20 alleys each separated by a concourse. When they were building Bowl-O-Mat in 1958 they installed the first ten lanes and machines from Eastown lanes in the northwest corner of the house. These became lanes 10 - 20.

A large cocktail lounge was situated in the center of the house with a pool table located between the bar and the food counter at the far end. A large room in the southwest corner later became a lounge. A nursery was also provided for bowlers convenience.

Bowl-O-Mat was the house to bowl. When it first opened it always had a full house. They had to turn bowlers away. They had great summer leagues and a good Jr. league.

Frank Meyer was the first manager, coming from Eastown from 1959-1962. Stan Jarzabkowski was manager for about three years before going to Timber Town. Other managers were Betty Gordon, Ward Prindle (assistant 1965) Denny Torgerson, 1975.

Don Warner had the first 300 game on a Thursday night in 1962.

Bowl-O-Mat closed its doors in 1982.

STATE LANES

5707 State St.

With 24 lanes, Joe Deisler opened State Lanes on September 8, 1959. One of its unique features was the under-alley ball returns. It also included the AMF automatic pinspotters, a cocktail lounge and nursery. Gene Weslock was the first manager. Other general managers were George Pappas Jr., Bill Strike, Don Montalbano, Gene Hayes and Denny Niederstadt.

While Joe Deisler owned State Lanes, his son, Jim, was killed in an automobile accident. A tournament was named in his honor. Joe Smith was the manager at this time.

In 1962, Charlie Toloya had the first 300 game.

In 1981, when Gene Hayes was manager, both Stardust and State Lanes got a face lift inside and out, at the cost of \$225,000.

State Lanes hosted the first pro tournament in Saginaw's bowling history during Memorial Day weekend in 1983. Problems arose when scores seemed too good to be true. 10 bowlers rolled 300 games, with one bowler having a pair of perfect games. There were seven 299s, two 298s and three 800 series. Owner Joseph P. Deisler said he was present when the lanes were conditioned at 7:45 a.m. He stated in a local news article that he had argued with Al Thompson, Regional Director about redoing the lanes but Thompson insisted that they be done this way. When scores started to come in Deisler pleaded with PBA Commissioner, Joseph Antenora to let him "cross-wipe" the lanes between squads but Antenora refused permission. Then PBA officials decided to withhold its usual honor score awards stating that "house conditions were not acceptable to PBA."

On September 4, 1983 State Lanes added the first synthetic lanes in the Saginaw area. The synthetic lanes were permanently bonded to the old wooden surface at the cost of \$5,000 per lane.

In 1984 the Brunswick AS-80 automatic scorers were added along with those added to Stardust.
Just one year after adding the new lane surfaces Skite Lanes was bought by Gary Richards on September 27, 1984.

CROOKED CREEK BOWL

9387 Gratiot

Fall 1962 and another new bowling alley opens in the Saginaw area. Crooked Creek Bowl opens with 24 lanes. An AMF house with AMF machines and lanes, it also had automatic scorers with full vision of all twelve frames.

Crooked Creek started with one bar in the bowling alley and a snack bar near alley one. In 1986 a banquet room was added to the east end of the building along with an "L" shaped bar. It also had a 9-hole golf course.

On October 6, 1963

Frank Tolomio began managing Crooked Creek. He was the former owner of Portland Lanes. Chuck Bray was the general manager. He and his partner Art Gillis had a nine-hole golf course added to Crooked Creek. Jack Barrett served as the resident Golf Pro. Len Lefevre bought in and later bought out the original partners.



Chuck Bray, Frank Tolomio, Jack Barrett

Lefevre said he had no idea in the early 1960s that he would one day own the biggest recreational complex in Saginaw County. The Saginaw attorney first purchased the nine hole golf course from a friend. This later expanded to 18 holes and a 24 lane bowling alley. In 1986 the complex consisted of the 18 hole Crooked Creek course, another 18 across the road (Swan Valley Golf Course), plans for another 9 on the Swan Valley side, a new driving range, miniature golf course, bowling alley addition and future plans for a hotel. The \$150,000 addition at the east end of

the main building was meant for booking large golf outings, weddings, and golf and bowling banquets that could seat 275 to 300 guests.

In 1989, Izzo Vending of the Rick Ford All-Star Classic league broke two records in Saginaw bowling history. The team of Ray Pearsall, Joe Jimenez, Dale Strike, Randy Kluck and Rick LaRue rolled a 3,642 team series, which included a 1,328 single game.

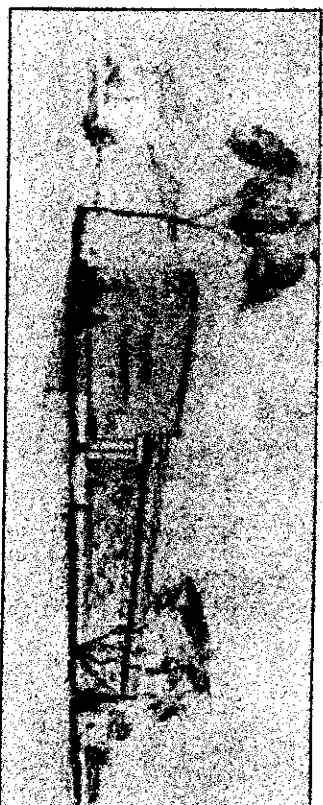
On June 11, 1990 Frank Gulczynski became manager of the 24-lane bowling center. A contract was signed to install AMF Acusystem automatic scorers.

Other managers were Bill Strike, Gene Westlock, Gotly Garinger, Rick LaRue and Don Ottman.

Bobbie Bond rolled the first 300 game for Crooked Creek on February 21, 1964. The first 700 shot by a Saginaw woman was at Crooked Creek on March 25, 1964. That woman was Joyce Wojcik in the lonesome Four Mixed Doubles league. Terry Kenyon had the first 300 game by a woman in 1990.

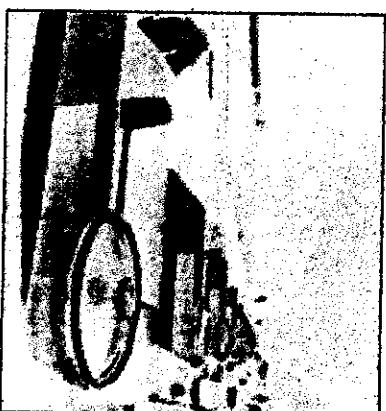
TIMBER TOWN RECREATION CENTER

3435 Sheridan



Lewis Doerr owned five and a half acres of farmland at the northeast corner of Sheridan and Williamson in Spaulding Township. In September of 1963 Don Bieski bought the land and built Timber Town lanes with 24 lanes. The \$800,000 facility had a colonial red, reclaimed Chicago common brick exterior. The interior color scheme used turquoise as its main color, with gold accents to match the carpeting and modern furniture. The cocktail lounge had large wooden beams designed to portray the timber town atmosphere of Saginaw when it was the timber capitol of the world. The large bar was appropriately called the Timber Town Lounge.

In 1964 he added eight more lanes, with another 16 AMF lanes added in 1965. In 1966 yet another 10 lanes were added and then 22 more bringing the grand total to 80 lanes by 1968. In a clipping from the News library, Timber Town Lanes



was heralded as the second largest bowling establishment in Michigan, second only to Satellite Bowl in Inkster with 84 lanes.

Besides its 80 lanes, Timber Town also had a large billiard room with eight regulation tables.

Timber Town's managers included Corky DeGraff, its first manager in 1963, Bill Niederstadt in 1964 and Stan Jarzabkowski in 1965 with Niederstadt as General Manager and Wally Korkus as Publicity Director. Jarzabkowski came from the Bowl-O-Mat, where he was manager for three to four years. At that time a new nightclub, "The Green Onion", which would seat 160, was near completion. In 1967 Tod and Chuck Moskal were managers.



Corky DeGraff with owner Donald Bieski

Don Bieski sold Timber Town Lanes to AMF for \$1 million plus in 1973. In later years during AMF ownership, Gene Westlock was manager.

In 1974 Timber Town housed the Men's State Tournament. Many big name bowlers such as Dick Weber, Carman Sakvino, June Jewelllyn and the famous Strohs Team of Detroit bowled at the Timber Town lanes in 1964. Timber Town's first 300 game was bowled in 1969 by Chuck Rank.

Before closing in 1980, Timber Town and other alleys began having trouble with vandalism. Sentry towers were installed in the parking lot to help stop theft from cars, tire slashing and fights. In spite of increased security, a car still managed to crash through the plate glass doors of Timber Town. Marty Marino was manager at its time of closing.

STARDUST LANES

3750 Bay Rd.

Joe Deisler had the million dollar Stardust Lanes built in 1964 after opening State Lanes in 1959. When Anthony Damro built Stardust he had the big Stardust sign flown in from Las Vegas. It was one of the original signs from the Stardust casino. It's interior featured the latest in modern bowling center construction. It had an elevated concourse, automatic pinsetters and ball returns, a billiards room, two cocktail lounges, a snack bar and lockers. Its spaciousness was highlighted by an open ceiling effect, created by laminated wood cross beams forming an arc. Its exterior was constructed of field stone, solar glass and glass block with ceramic squares.



Tony and Joe purchased the land two miles north of the city limits on Bay Road and leased it to State Lanes Inc. State Lanes Inc. consisted of Ed G. Deisler Jr. acting as President; Warren Light, vice President; Joe Deisler, General Manager; Anton Deisler, treasurer; and Gerald J. Talbot as secretary.

Stardust started with 32 lanes but 24 lanes were added just

four years later in 1968. This made Stardust second in size only to Timber Town Lanes in Saginaw. Stardust had one of the biggest, if not the biggest, summer leagues in the nation.



On March 26, 1968 a very classy night club, the Orbit lounge, was added to the alleys. It was tiered and featured a sunken dance floor and elevated stage. Even with its big entertainment, it didn't last long. It served various purposes after that, from meeting room to banquet hall. In later years it was called Flips, a 1950s club. It then became a pool and billiards room.

In January of 1984, Brunswick AS-80 Colovision scorers were added to both Stardust and State Lanes. They were the first automatic scorers in a Saginaw Bowling house. It cost \$720,000 to outfit all eighty lanes.

Bowlers would no longer have to keep score, which would leave them more time for socializing. Not having to keep score with paper and pencil would speed up the bowling. By February it seemed they were a huge success. Scores were kept on the console unit while the 25 inch overhead television screen could be used to show the scoreboard or afternoon bowlers could tune into their favorite soaps. Monday night bowlers could watch Monday Night Football. The scorers also came with a camera and VCR which could be used for learn-to-bowl classes with the benefit of instant replay. Bowlers could even check out rival teams at the

other end of the center with the simple touch of a couple of buttons.

On September 27, 1984 Joe Deisler sold Stardust and State Lanes to Cary Richards who already owned Candlelite bowl, which he purchased from Don Bielski in 1976. At 55 he felt it was time to get out.

Coming from Timber Town Lanes, Corky DeGraft was the first General Manager. Other managers were called night managers. Some of the managers were: Chuck Moskal, Dennie Niederstadl, Sharon Zeitz, George Reidel, George Pappas, Rick Milka, Don Montalbano, and Steve Dobis who was general manager at both Stardust and Candlelite.

When Bill Strike was general manager he brought in the PBA Men's and Women's Tournament. Robert Even had the first 300 game in 1965. Gene Westlock shot the first 800 in Saginaw, with a score of 820 at Stardust, in March of 1970. Nancy Koester had the first 300 game for a women in Saginaw and at Stardust in 1980.

In October 1995, Right Shot Pro Shop team members Bettin, Keough, Strike, Moorehead and Jordan bowled a national record 3672 while competing at Stardust.

By 1996 there were only half as many sanctioned bowlers in Saginaw County as there were in the late 1970s. Richards had bowling alleys to spare. He decided to scale back the 56 lane center to its original 32 lanes.



(from left) Ron Bettin, Pat Keough, Dale Strike, Rick LaRue, Mark Trissler, (seated) Lisa Moorehead, Tracy Jordan

ELKS TEMPLE (NEW)

St. Andrews Rd.

The Elks Club opened in 1966 with twelve lanes and a nine-hole golf course. It ran along Gratiot Road and the Titabawassee River. It had a very short life, as it closed in 1972.

HOLIDAY BOWL

*6817 Dixie Highway
Bridgeport, MI 754-8456*

Holiday Bowl was to be a 1.7 million dollar complex with bowling alleys, a nine-hole golf course, a one-hundred unit motel with tennis and shuffleboard courts, airplane landing strip, restaurant and swimming pool. Saginaw's newest bowling emporium resembled an oversized Swedish Chalet.

The 32-lane house managed by Golly Garinger, had all cushion seats, positioned in a semi-circle on each pair of alleys, for the bowlers comfort. It also included a billiard room, cocktail lounge, snack bar, dining area, party room and locker facilities.

However, before it ever got off the ground, it went bankrupt.

Don Bielski bought the whole complex, sold the motel and filled in the swimming pool to create a large banquet room. The bowling alley opened with 32 lanes and was equipped with Brunswick's latest A-2 Pinsetters and ball returns that sent the balls back at 60 mph. Bielski then changed the facilities name to Candleline Bowl. Golly Garinger was its manager until 1966 when Ward Prindle was made manager.



Final adjustments to the 32 lane pinsetters

HIDDEN HOLLOW SPORTS CENTER



A very posh \$2 million sports center was to be built on a 110-acre tract of land on the west side of town. Owner and developer, Charles Bray, former part owner of Crooked Creek Sports Center, purchased the land bordered by Superior, Arthur and Maple streets, the Tittabawassee River and Riverside Park.

There were plans for a 9-hole regulation golf course, a lighted par 3 nine-hole course, a 32-lane bowling establishment, an indoor-outdoor heated double-deck driving range, complete pro shop, supper club, 120 unit low-level apartment unit, and a marina.

A huge artificial lake (130 X 130) with a bubbling fountain and colored lights was to be in the center of the course, with a canal running from the Tittabawassee winding throughout the layout.

The heated and air conditioned driving range would service up to 16 golfers at a time.

The supper club was to be tiered and overlook the golf course.

These were grandiose plans for the only golf course that would be inside city limits. In 1966 the 9-hole golf course opened to the public, but the rest of the plan was never realized. In 1969 Hidden Hollow was sold to the Germania but only 12 of the lanes were opened. (See Germania p. 23)

CANDLELITE BOWL

6817 Dixie Highway (Bridgeport)

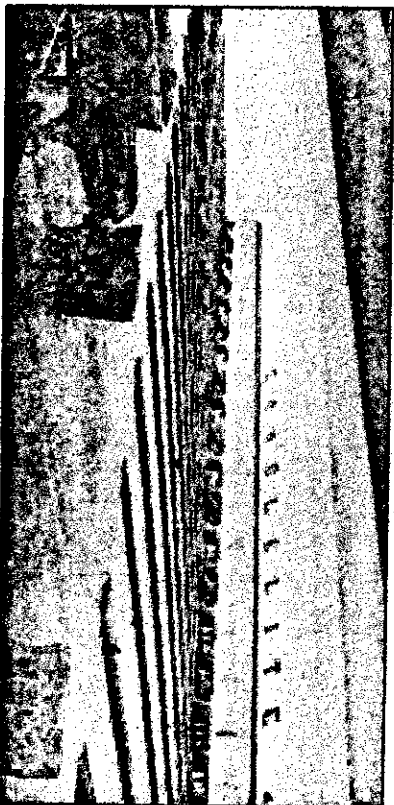
Candlelite Bowl opened its door to the public on July 30, 1969. Formerly Holiday Bowl, the newly redecorated establishment included a large room that once was a swimming pool. Don Bielski filled in the pool to make a banquet room.

Candlelite started with 24 Brunswick lanes, a lounge called the Apollo Room (later changed to the Hanging Tree), a main dining room and banquet rooms. The husband - wife duo of Tod and Lee Moskal were the managers.

Chuck Eubanks later became manager until October 31, 1972 when Bill Strike took over the job. In 1973 when the lanes were expanded to 32 lanes, Chuck Moskal became manager.

On December 2, 1976 owner Don Bielski sold Candlelite to Richards Enterprise Inc. Bob Henry was the General Manager under Gary Richards. Steve Dobis was the second manager and Don Montalbano was the third. Joe LaPrat has since been manager for years.

The first 300 game was rolled by Gary Welense. Barb Tollas had the first 300 for a woman.



BOWLING BALL REGULATION

In June of 1976 another controversy was brewing in the world of bowling. On August 1, 1976 a new edict on bowling ball hardness from the American Bowling Congress was to go into effect. As of that date, any bowling ball which failed to pass a minimum hardness test of 72 on the D-scale durometer would be considered illegal in any league or tournament competition.

One pro shop owner reported that the number of illegal balls could run as high as 60,000 nationally. Not only had there been a recent surge in new soft-shell plastic balls but most of the plastic balls manufactured before 1970 would be illegal. This business owner reported that he would be stuck with \$9,000 worth of worthless bowling balls.

The ABC did not have a hardness rule for 78 years and now they were allowing just four months from the time the rule was passed to the time it took effect for shop owner and bowlers alike to remedy the situation.

A couple of years earlier a similar rule took effect quickly. That was the ban on the "soaker" ball. The soaker ball was a ball that had been tampered with. The cover was softened by soaking it in a chemical solution. This new ban however, was on balls straight from the manufacturer.

The PBA's (Professional Bowlers Association) executive board announced that it would disregard the new ABC minimum even though nearly all of its tournaments were sanctioned by the ABC. The board voted unanimously that because their 75 minimum hardness (PBA instituted its own hardness standard a couple of years earlier) standard had been reasonable and effective for the years they had used it, they would continue to maintain the 75 minimum for PBA competition.

AMERICANA LANES

3936 Dixie Highway

Formerly known as the Bowling Bar, Americana Lanes was purchased by Wisconsin native Jim Stoppeworth. Jim moved to Michigan from Iowa and in December of 1978 purchased the forty lanes that remained, from Bowling Bar Inc.

The name Americana lanes came from Iowa where Jim owned a bowling house by the same name. To save money on printing costs and paper work he used the same name.

Jim brought a few changes to the old lanes. Thirty days after opening Americana lanes he closed the lounge, but later reopened it as a game room. The new Americana Lanes also included a large pro shop.

In 1987 when Bill Strike was manager for Stardust he brought the PBA Tournament to Saginaw. Jim Stoppeworth opened a pro shop for him at the Stardust as well.



Also in 1987, with a season of record-breaking bowling performances, Americana was home to yet another milestone. Stopp's Pro-Shop women's bowling team was the first women's team to break 3,000, with a 3,030 three-game series. The team made up of, from left, Kelly Wirth, Joyce Ostrander, Denny Mackerly, Barb Kramer and Sharon Zielz averaged 202 per game.

Nelson Reynolds was one of his managers, but Betty Johnson was his manager from day one. In 1986-87 Art Taugher came in as manager and a 7% partner. In August of 1991 Americana lanes were sold back to Bowling Bar Inc.

The first 300 game bowled at the new Americana lanes was in 1982 by Joe Jimenez. Tracy Dubeau was the first woman to bowl a 300 game at the lanes just one year before it was sold in 1990.

FAIRLANE

6220 State Road

Formerly Bowl-O-Mat, Fairlane was run by Glen Glaze. Glen was a man with ideas that were ahead of their time. Opening in 1982, Glen wanted to change things. He moved starting times to 6:00 and 8:15. He changed 5 man teams to 4 man teams. Mr. Glaze reported that bowlers got downright angry.

Glen had good ideas but he was the first. As with all new ideas, his were not readily accepted. However, many bowling houses that followed used many of the same ideas and have worked out rather well. So Glen, hats off to you. You were an innovator!



In April of 1987 Fairlane's Semi-Classic league saw Old Town Sports Shop's team roll a city record score of 1,311. The five-man team of (from left) Don Lazzaro, Larry Slasinski, Don Lazzaro, Harry Geweniger and Ray Mosqueda rolled the third highest game on record in the nation.

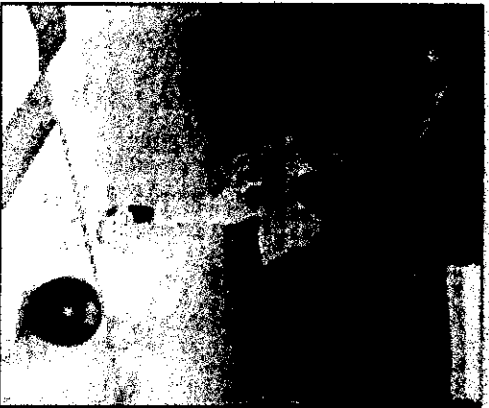
BOBBY BOND

Bobby Bond was a pioneer in bowling. He was the first Black bowler to break the color barrier in Saginaw. Bobby first started bowling in the early 1950s. He recalls it being very difficult for Black bowlers in those days. Blacks were denied membership in the American Bowling Congress until the 1950-51 season.

Blacks were bowling in the big cities like New York and Chicago, but they could only open bowl. In Saginaw they couldn't bowl at all. Mr. Bond got his first American Bowling Congress membership in 1953 after he moved to Lansing. "I remember asking, 'What's this for?' The guy told me it entitled me to bowl anywhere. I knew he was wrong because I knew I couldn't bowl in Saginaw."

Mr. Bond drove back to Saginaw to try out his new membership. He became the first Black to bowl at Recreation, Parkland and Eastown.

Bond's smooth-as-silk bowling style put him second to none in the leagues he bowled in. He began bowling with another Saginaw bowler, Chuck Couch, and the two of



them went on to win the doubles championship in the Negro Bowling Association's tournament in Brooklyn, New York.

In 1964 he was the first bowler to roll a 300 game at the new Crooked Creek lanes. At one time Bond wanted to be a pro bowler but his interest faded and he got married and raised a family. He quit bowling in 1970 but came back strong twelve years later with the encouragement of his old teammate Frank Gulczinski.

Bond decided to return to bowling to see if he still had the competitive edge. He said he could remember times when "we used to lock the door and just bowl. I can remember bowling 60 games in one night. Tell that to somebody today and they won't believe you. But I always figured that was my edge. I could outlast them."



GARDEN LANES

2885 Bay Rd.

December 1985 saw the opening of yet another new bowling alley in the Saginaw area. Moving into what had been the Woodhahn Lumber Store, was Garden Lanes. After purchasing the complex from the Arkans Department Store, Tony Dambro became owner and operator of the 24 Brunswick lanes located in the Garden Mall Complex. The center, open seven days a week at noon, catered to a few leagues, but featured permanent open lanes. It was the first new bowling alley in the Saginaw area to open in two decades.

With carpeting throughout and lots of added foliage, Mike Dambro (pictured at right) added plants and trees between every four lanes to create a beautiful environment.

However, to put a damper on all of the beauty and excitement of opening new lanes, was the hint of sabotage. Just before opening,

the first twelve alleys shorted out due to burned out wiring. It was believed, by some, to be sabotage by someone in town who didn't want them to open. Nothing, however, was ever proven.

Jim Dook had a pro shop in Garden Lanes for two or three years. When the pro shop moved out, Mike Dambro put in a golf simulator. One year later he put in a second one.

In March 1990, the Dooker's Pro Shop fivesome scored 3,697, the second highest score in the nation and broke the Saginaw record by 55 points. The team consisting of Greg Neiderquill, Darrell Moyle, Spider Edwards, Brian Ware and Jim



Dook had just four open frames in three games (a tie for fourth best in ABC history). Dooker's 3,697 was just 20 pins shy of the state record set by Ansara's Big Boy Restaurant in Detroit. Neiderquill's 212 game was the lowest game bowled, making it the fourth highest "low game" in a series, in the ABC record book.

Garden Lanes first managers were Mike and Spence Dambro, with Jim Michutka acting as assistant manager from the time the doors first opened.

The first 300 game was rolled in 1989 by Robert Robinson. Kelly Rich was the first woman to bowl a 300, in 1993.

Garden Lanes closed for good in June 1997.

THE JIMENEZ BROTHERS

One bowling duo to take Saginaw by storm in more recent years is the Jimenez brothers, Joe and Albert Jr. It all started in 1982 at Americana Lanes, when Joe, just 15 at the time, made bowling history in Saginaw. At fifteen he rolled his first 300 game.

Joe and Albert Jr. would possibly have been musicians today if their father, Albert Sr. hadn't discovered that he enjoyed bowling more than playing his trumpet. Albert Sr. had played in a band for 33 years until his brother got him hooked on bowling. He kept asking Albert to come watch him bowl and before you knew it Albert was at the bowling center every day. He went into bowling in a big way, asking Bobby Bond to be his first coach. In his quest to learn more he even approached Steve Nagy when he visited Saginaw for an exhibition match in 1960.

Albert later became one of Saginaw's premier bowling teachers.

Jimenez said he never pushed Joe or Albert Jr. into bowling but it was probably a natural thing for them to do since his other six children were involved in the sport as well.

Joe began bowling in the youth leagues when he was 9 and got his first 300 game at the record breaking age of 15. His record was later broken by Nevelle Kirby, age 13, one of his dad's students.

Joe got his first 300 game as an adult just four games into the



season. This record was second only to Professional star Pete Weber, who also at 15, rolled his first 300 in his first game of the season.

Albert didn't get serious about bowling until he was 19. He and Joe have bowled in several leagues together as well as on different teams. There is no rivalry between them. Both enjoy owning a piece of the record book for 300s rolled by brothers. There are only a few other brother combinations that have done the same. Occasionally Joe and Albert even roll their 300 games simultaneously, as was the case in a December 30 league session at Garden Lanes and again on January 20.

By 1987 Joe Jimenez had already rolled ten 300 games. At the age of 20 he had three 300s early that season alone at the Americana lanes.

Just ten years later, in May 1997, Joe rolled his 50th 300 game at State Lanes!

LEFEVRE'S FAMILY BOWL

6220 State Street

1992 saw the opening of a 40 lane house called Lefevre's Family Bowl. Named after Len Lefevre, lawyer and owner of Crooked Creek Bowling and Golf Center and Swan Valley Golf Course and Barquet Center, it became one of the most popular houses in the area in a very short time. Art Taugher was the first manager of the facility, coming from Americana Lanes where he was part owner.

On October 15, 1992 John Tyler rolled the first 300 game at Lefevre's. Two years later in October of 1994 automatic scorers were added. Kris Clark was the first woman to hit 300 in 1995.

On April 7, 1995 bowling lost a great friend, manager and promoter of bowling, Art Taugher was all of this and more to bowling in the Saginaw area. He will be greatly missed.

In August of 1995 Brian Ware became manager of Lefevre's,



Len Lefevre Jr., and new Family Bowl manager Brian Ware

bringing with him experience as head mechanic at Crooked Creek.

On Tuesday, April 16, 1996 George Pappas left Stardust as General Manager of its 56 lanes and went to manage Lefevre's 40 lanes. Since Stardust was planning to downsize to its original 32 lanes, Pappas said, "I guess I'm going from the biggest center to the biggest center."

Over the years Lefevre's Family Bowl has been home to many good bowlers. Scott Weston set a Saginaw record when he finished with an 857 series to tie with Joe Jimenez and beat Brian Ware's record 855 in 1991. Weston had 27 300s and 14 800s. Jimenez (see profile) hit his 50th 300 game in 1997.

In February of 1995, A-1 Pool's bowling team shattered Saginaw's all time pin record when its five man team rolled a 3,710 team series in the Burt Watson Chevrolet-Pontiac Classic league at Lefevre's. The team was led by Chuck Bork, a 40 year old chemical plant worker who rolled 300, 290 and 258 for a 848 series. He rolled 32 out of 36 possible strikes. (Chuck has 26 300s and 15 800s already to his credit.) Other team members Dale Strike finished with a 792 series, Kurt Lambert with 664, Dale Hofmeister with 698 and Scott Weston with a 708 series. The team game of 1326 ranks second in Saginaw history, falling just two pins shy of the record set by Izzo Vending at Crooked Creek in 1989. Their 3710 series was followed by the previous record holders, Dooker's Pro Shop who rolled 3697 at Garden Lanes in 1990 and Izzo Vending's 3642 series scored at Crooked Creek in 1989.

Appendix 1

Saginaw Bowling Firsts

Saginaw's first bowling alley was supposedly located in the basement of Wagner's Sporting Goods Store (pictured at left). No other information was found.

Wooden bowling balls were used through 1906.

Hugo Bohstedt started bowling at the old armory, where the Myrose temple stood on 220 N. Hamilton.

Brunswick Company came out with the first vulcanized rubber "mineralite" bowling ball.

First team to win the Michigan State Tournament: Godard's 2784 actual total.

Frank Schoen rolled a 299 at the Elks temple.

Two alleys were located in the Gately Building.

The first 300 sanctioned game was rolled in Saginaw by Vic Hansen at Haskall Recreation.

First doubles team to win Michigan State tournament: Dailey and Robson 1226 actual total.

Rex Voorheis rolled the first 700, a 709 in the ABC National Tournament, singles event.

Doris Hesse, President, helped organize the Saginaw Women's Bowling Association.

Walter Storch of Saginaw Men's Bowling Association, first President on record.

RollBowl Alleys were opened in the Morley Building at 109-111 E. Genesee. These were actually duck pin alleys in the arcade, using a short stubby pin.

Florence Ezop and Elaine Hesse capture the Michigan State Women's Association Doubles Championship.



Saginaw's first bowling alley?

1943

1942

1938

1937

1933

1931

1928

1917

1910

1909

1906

1905

1800s

- 1944 First single to win the Michigan State Tournament
Walter Kern's 710 actual total
- 1948 First 300 game in Saginaw City Tournament. Fred
Comar at Portland Lanes.
- 1953 Individual Sanctioning through ABC.
- 1953 Bobby Bond, first black to bowl in Saginaw.
[Recreation Lanes]
- 1956 April 10, Brunswick installed the first automatic
pinssetters.
- 1960 First 200 average, Al Woyer (2011)
- 1960 Gene Westlock was the first Saginaw bowler to turn
pro.
- 1964 One of the first plastic pins was manufactured, before
that time wooden pins were used.
- 1966-67 Sterling Owens was the first Black woman on the
Saginaw Women's Bowling Association.
- 1967 First 210 average, Al Woyer (214)
- 1971 General Bailey became the first Black man in the
Saginaw Bowling Association.
- 1971 Saginaw's Bowling Association starts listing league
averages, by house, in the average book.
- 1976 First 220 average, Rick LaRue (220)
- 1980 Two wooden balls were found at Bethlehem Lutheran
Church. (Robert Hedrick of 3234 Carter now owns
one of them).
- 1981 First 230 average, Rick LaRue (230)
- 1993 Ted Cymbal was the first Saginaw area bowler to win
the AllEvents in the Michigan State Tournament, 2118
actual total.
- 1994 First 240 average, Joe Jimenez (240).
- 1996 Doyle Israel turned pro on the senior tour at age 50.
- 1996 A wooden ball was stolen from Garden Lanes.

Appendix 2

First 300 Games (1st per house)

1910	Elks Lanes	Frank Schoen (299)
1922	Godards Lane	Elmer Godard (not sanctioned)
1929	Haskall	Victor Hansen
1941	Kosciusko Club	Martin Wrona
1942	Hesse Brothers	Charles Stevens
1943	Germania	Arthur Kincaid
1944	Recreation Lanes	Mike Green
1946	Parkland Lanes	Randall Boertman
1952	Eastown Recreation	Golly Garinger (in practice)
1952	Moose Bowling Alley	Florian Czerwinski
1962	Bowl-O-Mat	Donald Warner
1962	State Lanes	Charles Tafoya
1964	Crooked Creek	Bobby Bond
1965	Stardust Lanes	Robert Even
1967	Bowling Bar	Robert G. Anderson
1969	Timber Town Recreation	Chuck Rank
1972	Candlelite Bowl	Gary Welense
1974	Bowlum Alley	Robert Hughes
1982	Americana Lanes	Joe Jimenez
1984	Fairlane	Gerry Schoedding
1988	Garden Lanes	Robert (Hollywood) Robinson
1990	Galaxy Lanes	Bob Schaad
1992	LeFevre Bowl	John Tyler

No 300 games were ever reported at these alleys:

Falcons
 The Blind Institute
 Van Overen Alley
 Suhr Saloon

Junior Bowlers (Boys)

First Jr. boy to bowl a 300 game:

1969 Sam Bashans 18 years old Bowling Bar
 1982 Joe Jimenez 15 years old Americana Lanes
 1987 Nevelle Kirby 13 years old Candlelite

Junior Bowlers (Girls)

First Jr. girl to bowl a 300 game:

None
 1993 Africa Kellum 16 years old Garden Lanes (299)

Women Bowlers

First women to bowl a 300 game in each house: Some houses have more than one woman's 300 game recorded, however these are the first.

1980 Nancy Koester Stardust Lanes
 1990 Tracy Dubeau Americana
 1990 Terry Kenyon Crooked Creek
 1992 Nellie Sonsmith Galaxy
 1993 Barb Tollas Candlelite
 1993 Kelly Rich Garden Lanes

1995 Kris Clark Lefevre's Family Bowl
 1995 Kim Mack State Lanes

First 800

1970 (Men) Gene Westlock 820 Stardust
 1990 (Women) Terry Kenyon 807 Crooked Creek

Highest 800

1991 Brian Ware 855 Garden Lanes
 1995 Rick Jamrog 855 Garden Lanes
 1995 Scott Weston 857 Lefevre

Women's First 600

Ann Mahar

Women's First 700

Peggy Block

Men's First 700

1952 Marv H. Trier 763 Portland

Appendix 3

Hall Of Fame Firsts

First Husband and Wife

Stanley "Tod" Moskal 1976
Lee Moskal 1976

First Man

Stanley "Tod" Moskal 1976

First Woman

Lee Moskal 1976

First Brothers

Waller "Ted" Kern 1976
Ruben Kern 1978

First Father, Mother and Son

Stanley "Tod" Moskal 1976
Lee Moskal 1976
Chuck Moskal 1980

First Father/Daughter

Bert Sonsmith 1977
Nellie Sonsmith 1988

First Black Man

Robert E. "Bobby" Bond 1991

First Black Woman

Sterling Owens 1995

Appendix 4

House Openings

<i>year</i>	<i>alley name</i>	<i>number of lanes</i>
1891	Godard Alley	4
1908	Elk's Alley	3
1914	Vann Owen Alley	8
1916	Gemini	2
1918	Sagehen Recreation	8
1925	Horsfall Alley	8
1929	Hesse Brothers Alley	20
1931	Moose, Blind Institute, St. John's	10
1935	Suhr Saloon	2
1938	Falcons Club	2
1940	Eastown Lanes	10
1942	Recreation lanes	40
1946	Bowling Bar Lanes	40
1946	Portland Lanes	20
1947	Kosciusko Club	3
1956	Bowlrum	10
1959	Bowl-O-Mat	40
1959	State Lanes	24
1962	Crooked Creek lanes	24
1963	Timber Town Lanes	80
1964	Stardust Lanes	56
1965	Holiday Bowl	32
1969	Candlelite Bowl	32
1978	Americano Lanes	40
1984	Fair Lanes	40
1985	Garden Lanes	24
1990	Galaxy Lanes	40
1992	Lefewer's Family Bowl	40

Appendix 5

A List of Small Bowling Alleys

(Little or no information was found on these alleys, as they were in existence for a short time only.)

* These alleys were the same house located at 414 Court St. but changed ownership and/or name.

+ These alleys were the same house located at 2624 S. Washington Ave. but changed ownership and/or name.

o These alleys were the same house located at 2715 S. Washington Ave. but changed ownership and/or name.

- *1. 1903 R. H. Knapp 414 Court St.
- 2. 1903 James McCrea 314 Potter St.
- 3. 1904 A.T. Schulte 119 Lapeer Ave.
- *4. 1909 Adam Sharp 414 Court St.
- +5. 1909 Alexander Sovia 2624 S. Washington Ave.
- *6. 1911 E.C. Dailey 414 Court St.
- 7. 1911 Daniel La Bar & Gordon Guigley 121 S. Franklin
- +8. 1912 John A. Gross 2624 S. Washington Ave.
- +9. 1916 Frank & Walter Mahar 2624 S. Washington Ave.
- o10. 1916 John A. Gross 2715 S. Washington Ave.
- o11. 1935 Suhr Billiard & Bowling 2715 S. Washington Ave.
- 12. 1945 Jim W. Taylor 1022 Awwater
- 13. 1946 Lewis S. Kasco 115 S. Water
- 14. 1961 Wilson's Recreation 1212 N. 6th St.

Appendix 6

List of Alleys in Existence by Year

(As found in local city directories)

- 1890-91 Godard Wine, liquor & Cigar
- 1892 Godard Saloon
- 1902 Godard, F.B., Sample Room & Bowling Alley
413 Genesee Ave.
Knapp, R.H. (Cigar Store 1907) 414 Court St.
McCrea, James 314 Potter St.
- 1904 Godard
Schulte, A.T. 119 Lapeer Ave.
- 1909 Godard 413 Genesee
Sharp, Adam (formerly Knapp Cigar Store) 414 Court
Sovic, Alexander 2624 S. Washington
- 1911 Dailey, E.C. (formerly Sharp) 414 Court
Godard 413 Genesee
La Bar & Quigley 121 S. Franklin
- 1912 Godard 413 Genesee
Gross, John A. (Billiard) (formerly Sovic) 2624 S. Washington
La Bar & Quigley 121 S. Franklin
- 1913 Godard 413 Genesee
- 1914-15 Van Overen, Abraham (Billiard) 114 S. Franklin
- 1916-17 Germania Club (Private) 3rd & Lapeer

- 1918-22 Germania Club
Gross Bros.
Mahar Bros.
Van Overan
2715 S. Washington
2622 S. Washington
114 S. Franklin
3rd & Lapeer
2715 S. Washington
2622 S. Washington
218 Federal Ave.
- 1923-24 No alleys appeared in the directories for these years, perhaps they were closed because of WWI.
- 1926 Germania Club
Haskall, Roy (formerly Saginaw Recreation)
3rd & Lapeer
218 Federal
- 1927-28 No listings in any directories.
- 1929-30 Germania Club
Haskall, Roy S.
Hesse Brothers Recreation (Carl & Bill)
3rd & Lapeer
218 Federal
115 S. Water
- 1931 Germania Club
Haskall, Roy S.
Hesse Brothers Recreation
Moose Temple (Bowling)
3rd & Lapeer
218 Federal
115 S. Water
220-26 N. Hamilton
- 1932 Germania Club
Haskall, Roy S.
Hesse Brothers Recreation
Moose Temple
3rd & Lapeer
218 Federal
113 1/2 S. Water
220-26 N. Hamilton
- 1933 Germania Club
Hesse Brothers Recreation
Moose Temple
Recreation Cigar Store (formerly Haskall)
3rd & Lapeer
113 1/2 S. Water
220-26 N. Hamilton
218 Federal
- 1935 Germania Club
3rd & Lapeer
- 1936-37 Germania Club
Hesse Brothers Recreation
Moose Temple
Suhr, Merlin
2715 S. Washington
3rd & Lapeer
115 S. Water
220-26 N. Hamilton
2715 S. Washington
- 1938-39 Falcon Lanes
Germana Club
Hesse Brothers Recreation
Moose Temple
838 S. 14th
3rd & Lapeer
115 S. Water
220-26 N. Hamilton
- 1940 Eastown Bowling Alley
Falcon Lanes
Germana Club
Hesse Brothers Recreation
Moose Temple
1228 E. Genesee Ave.
838 S. 14th
3rd & Lapeer
115 S. Water
220-26 N. Hamilton
- 1941 Eastown Bowling Alley
Falcon Lanes
Germana Club
Hesse Brothers Recreation
Moose Temple
Recreation Center
Rowl Bowl Alley
1228 E. Genesee Ave.
838 S. 14th
3rd & Lapeer
115 S. Water
220-26 N. Hamilton
1201 Thompson
109 E. Genesee Ave.
- 1942-44 Eastown Bowling Alley
Falcon Lanes
Germana Club
Hesse Brothers Recreation
Kosciuszko Lanes
Moose Temple
Recreation Center
Rowl Bowl Alley
1228 E. Genesee Ave.
838 S. 14th
3rd & Lapeer
115 S. Water
2323 S. Jefferson
220-26 N. Hamilton
1201 Thompson
109 E. Genesee Ave.
- 1945 Eastown Bowling Alley
1228 E. Genesee Ave.

Germania Club 3rd & Lapeer
Hesse Brothers Recreation 115 S. Water
Kosciuszko Lanes 2323 S. Jefferson
Moose Temple 220-26 N. Hamilton
Recreation Center 1201 Thompson
Taylor, Jim W. (Bowling) 1022 Alwater

1946-48
Bowling Bar of Saginaw, Inc. 3936 Genesee
Eastown Bowling Alley 1228 E. Genesee Ave.
Germania Club 3rd & Lapeer
Kosciuszko Lanes 2323 S. Jefferson
Moose Temple 220-26 N. Hamilton
Parkland Lanes (formerly Hesse) 115 S. Water
Recreation Center 1201 Thompson

1949-55
Bowling Bar of Saginaw, Inc. 3936 Genesee
Eastown Bowling Alley 1228 E. Genesee Ave.
Germania Club 3rd & Lapeer
Moose Temple 220-26 N. Hamilton
Parkland Lanes 115 S. Water
Recreation Center 1201 Thompson

1956
Bowling Bar of Saginaw, Inc. 3936 Genesee
Eastown Bowling Alley 1228 E. Genesee Ave.
Germania Club 3rd & Lapeer
Moose Temple 220-26 N. Hamilton
Parkland Lanes 115 S. Water
Recreation Center 1201 Thompson
The Bowlum 1601 N. 6th

1957-58
Bowling Bar of Saginaw, Inc. 3936 Genesee
Germania Club 3rd & Lapeer
Moose Temple 220-26 N. Hamilton
Parkland Lanes 115 S. Water
Recreation Center 1201 Thompson
The Bowlum 1601 N. 6th

1959
Bowling Bar of Saginaw, Inc. 3936 Genesee
Bowl-O-Mat 6220 State
Germania Club 3rd & Lapeer

Moose Temple 220-26 N. Hamilton
Parkland Lanes 115 S. Water
Recreation Center 1201 Thompson
The Bowlum 1601 N. 6th

1960
Bowling Bar of Saginaw, Inc. 3936 Genesee
Bowl-O-Mat 6220 State
Germania Club 3rd & Lapeer
Moose Temple 220-26 N. Hamilton
Parkland Lanes 115 S. Water
Recreation Center 1201 Thompson
The Bowlum 1601 N. 6th
Wilson's Recreation 1212 N. 6th

1961
Bowling Bar of Saginaw, Inc. 3936 Genesee
Bowl-O-Mat 6220 State
Germania Club 3rd & Lapeer
Moose Temple 220-26 N. Hamilton
Parkland Lanes 115 S. Water
Recreation Center 1201 Thompson
State Lanes 5707 State St.
The Bowlum 1601 N. 6th

1962
AMF Pinspotters Inc. 2617 State
Bowling Bar of Saginaw, Inc. 3936 Genesee
Bowl-O-Mat 6220 State
Germania Club 3rd & Lapeer
Moose Temple 220-26 N. Hamilton
Parkland Lanes 115 S. Water
Recreation Center 1201 Thompson
State Lanes 5705 State St.
The Bowlum 1601 N. 6th

1963-66
Bowling Bar of Saginaw, Inc. 3936 Genesee
Bowl-O-Mat 6220 State
Eastown Bowling Alley 1228 E. Genesee Ave.
Germania Club 3rd & Lapeer
Moose Temple 220-26 N. Hamilton
Recreation Center 1201 Thompson
State Lanes 5707 State St.

The Bowlium
1601 N. 4th
Timber Town Recreation Center
3435 Sheridan

1967 Bowling Bar of Saginaw, Inc.
3936 Genesee
Bowf-O-Mat
6220 State

Eastown Bowling Alley
1228 E. Genesee Ave.
3rd & Lapeer

Germania Club
220-26 N. Hamilton
Moose Temple
1201 Thompson

Recreation Center
3750 Boy Rd.
Stardust Lanes
5707 State St.

State Lanes
3435 Sheridan
Timber Town Recreation Center

1968 Bowf-O-Mat
6220 State
Eastown Bowling Alley
1228 E. Genesee Ave.

Germania Club
3rd & Lapeer
Moose Temple
220-26 N. Hamilton

Recreation Center
1201 Thompson
Stardust Lanes
3750 Boy Rd.

Timber Town Recreation Center
3435 Sheridan

1969-71 Bowf-O-Mat
6220 State
Germania Club
3rd & Lapeer

Moose Temple
220-26 N. Hamilton
Stardust Lanes
3750 Boy Rd.

State Lanes
5707 State St.
Timber Town Recreation Center
3435 Sheridan

1972-76 Bowf-O-Mat
6220 State
Crooked Creek
9387 Gratiot

Germania Club (Private)
3rd & Lapeer
Germania
2099 S. Wheeler

Moose Temple
220-26 N. Hamilton
Stardust Lanes
3750 Boy Rd.

State Lanes
5707 State St.
Timber Town Recreation Center
3435 Sheridan

1977 Bowf-O-Mat
6220 State
Candlelite Bowl
6817 Dixie Hwy.

Crooked Creek
9387 Gratiot

Germania
2099 S. Wheeler
Moose Temple
220-26 N. Hamilton
Stardust Lanes
3750 Boy Rd.
State Lanes
5707 State St.
Timber Town Recreation Center
3435 Sheridan

1978-80 Bowf-O-Mat
6220 State
Candlelite Bowl
6817 Dixie Hwy.

Crooked Creek
9387 Gratiot
Germania
2099 S. Wheeler

Moose Temple
220-26 N. Hamilton
Stardust Lanes
3750 Boy Rd.

State Lanes
5707 State St.

1981 Americana Lanes (formerly Bowling Bar)
3936 Dixie

Bowf-O-Mat
6220 State
Candlelite Bowl
6817 Dixie Hwy.

Crooked Creek
9387 Gratiot
Germania
2099 S. Wheeler

Moose Temple
220-26 N. Hamilton
Stardust Lanes
3750 Boy Rd.

State Lanes
5707 State St.

1982-84 Americana Lanes
3936 Dixie
Candlelite Bowl
6817 Dixie Hwy.

Crooked Creek
9387 Gratiot
Fairlane (formerly Bowf-O-Mat)
6220 State St.

Germania
2099 S. Wheeler
Moose Temple
220-26 N. Hamilton

Stardust Lanes
3750 Boy Rd.
State Lanes
5707 State St.

1985-88 Americana Lanes
3936 Dixie
Candlelite Bowl
6817 Dixie Hwy.

Crooked Creek
9387 Gratiot
Fairlane
6220 State St.

Garden Lanes
2885 Boy Rd.
Germania
2099 S. Wheeler

Moose Temple
220-26 N. Hamilton

Stardust Lanes 3750 Boy Rd.
State Lanes 5707 State St.

1989-91

Americano Lanes 3936 Dixie
Candlelite Bowl 6817 Dixie Hwy.
Crooked Creek 9387 Gratiot
Galaxy (formerly Fairlane) 6220 State St.
Garden Lanes 2885 Boy Rd.
Germania 2099 S. Wheeler
Moose Temple 220-26 N. Hamilton
Stardust Lanes 3750 Boy Rd.
State Lanes 5707 State St.

1992

Candlelite Bowl 6817 Dixie Hwy.
Crooked Creek 9387 Gratiot
Garden Lanes 2885 Boy Rd.
Germania 2099 S. Wheeler
Lefevre's Family Bowl (formerly Galaxy) 6220 State St.
Moose Temple 220-26 N. Hamilton
Stardust Lanes 3750 Boy Rd.
State Lanes 5707 State St.

1993-96

Candlelite Bowl 6817 Dixie Hwy.
Crooked Creek 9387 Gratiot
Garden Lanes 2885 Boy Rd.
Germania 2099 S. Wheeler
Lefevre's Family Bowl 6220 State St.
Stardust Lanes 3750 Boy Rd.
State Lanes 5707 State St.

1997

Candlelite Bowl 6817 Dixie Hwy.
Crooked Creek 9387 Gratiot
Germania 2099 S. Wheeler
Lefevre's Family Bowl 6220 State St.
Stardust Lanes 3750 Boy Rd.
State Lanes 5707 State St.