

Pin pals meet in the alley on league night

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Bowling league nights at Starlifter Lanes are on a roll, with 24 teams hitting the lanes each week.

Intramural bowling is divided into two leagues – National and American – so that more teams are given the chance to participate, according to Rena Clark, secretary/treasurer of the National League.

“Some squadrons have several teams,” Clark pointed out. “EMS and APS each have four teams competing.”

“The leagues give squadrons an opportunity to compete among themselves as a team and also as a squadron,” said Rosie Coulter, secretary of the American League. “It can get very boisterous in here at times.”

Participation is so strong, all lanes are usually occupied on league nights, Clark said. National League teams bowl on Tuesday nights and the American League rolls on Wednesday nights. Teams compete for Commander’s Cup points. The season began in late August and will continue until late April, barring postponements, Clark said. A “Roll Off” is held at the end of the season to determine the intramural champion team.

“The leagues are very competitive,” said Linda Horn, National League president. “Believe it or not, bowling is a competitive sport. Bowling is the number one growing sport in America.”

Intramural bowling is open to anyone 18 and older with base access. The leagues are a mix of both military and civilian. Intramural bowlers join either the American Bowling Congress (for men and women) or the Women’s

International Bowling Congress. Being sanctioned by these groups allows members to compete in tournaments and leagues at any ABC/WABC sanctioned facility. A sanction fee at the beginning of the season covers membership.

The leagues draw a diverse crowd, from colonels to airmen basic. Horn said. Their skill levels of intramural bowlers range from those who have never bowled before to bowlers who compete in off-base leagues and tournaments. Coulter recently won a recent city women’s bowling tournament. She’s also on the board of directors for the Charleston chapter of the Women’s International Bowling Congress.

Although it’s too late for more teams to join a league, Clark suggests squadron members interested in bowling contact their unit sports representative.

“It’s a great way to meet people from all over the base,” said Raymond Clark, vice president of the National League.

Bowling on base is less expensive than off base establishments for intramural rollers — \$7 a week. Of this, \$4.50 goes toward the “house fee” for using the lanes, \$2 is put into the league’s prize fund and 50 cents is put toward paperwork, such as maintaining records and standings, providing score sheets and distributing awards.

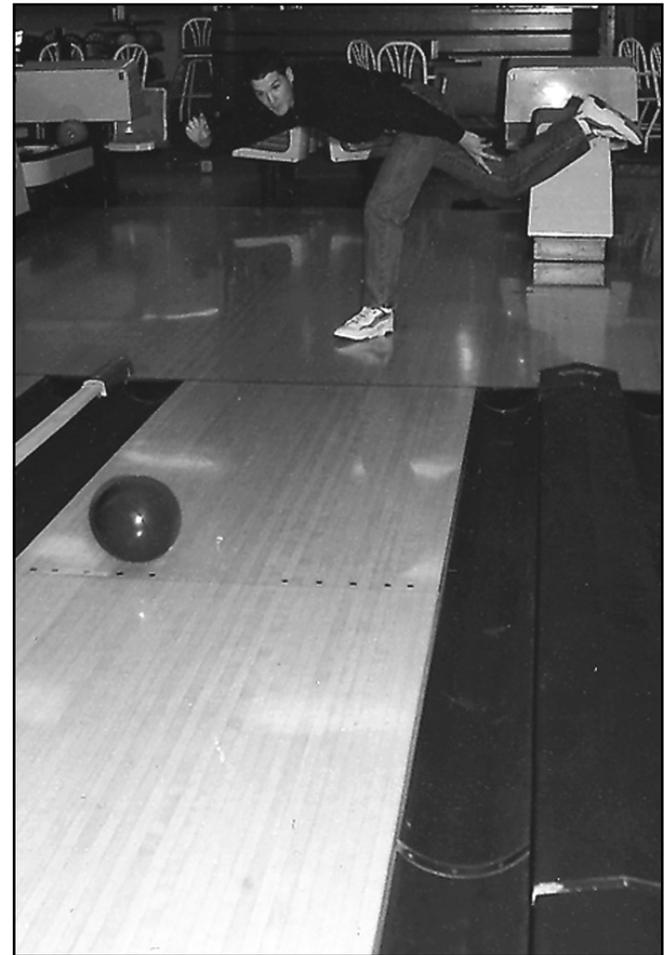
“We haven’t raised our rates in the three years I’ve been hear,” Horn said.

Starlifter Lanes is a bargain for non-league bowlers as well. Rates are: Monday – 50 cents per game, per person all day and night; Tuesday-Sunday — \$1.75 per game, per person, \$1 per game for children 18 and under. Shoes are free for children and \$1 for adults. Also on Sunday, Charleston Club members bowl for free from 4-7 p.m.

Starlifter Lanes is putting a new spin on the sport by offering Cosmic Bowling every Friday and Saturday from 10:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. It will include music, flashing lights and glow in the dark pins and bowling balls. No children under 13 years old are allowed and cost is \$8 per person. Reservations can be made in advance by calling Starlifter lanes at 963-3315. Squadrons can book special functions, such as Cosmic Bowling. Cost is \$7 per person and shoes are included.

Starlifter Lanes offers a variety of items for sale, including bowling balls, shoes, cleaning kits, wrist supports and structural tools. Bowling balls can be custom drilled and fitted for finger inserts at the Starlifter Lanes Pro Shop.

For more information, call Starlifter Lanes at 963-3315.

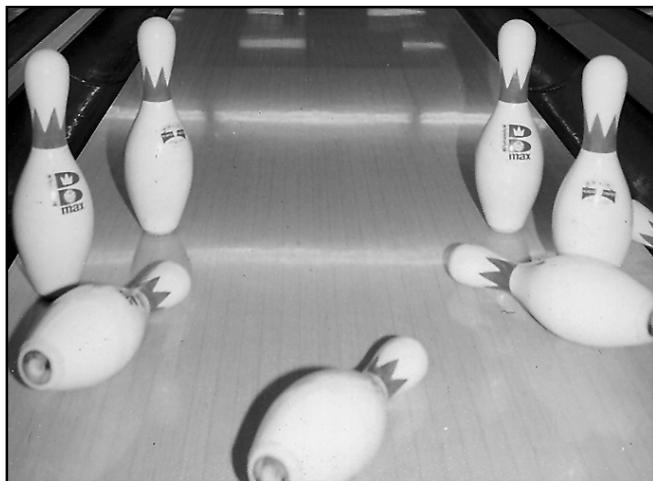


photos by Charlie Wall

Raymond Clark is a member of of one of four EMS teams.

Intramural bowling standings

American League		National League	
1.	637 AGS 2	1.	637 AGS 1
2.	EMS 4	2.	CES
3.	SVS	3.	Comm
4.	APS 2	4.	APS 1
5.	EMS 1	5.	EMS 2
6.	APS 3	6.	EMS 3
7.	637 AGS 3	7.	15 AS
8.	CTCS	8.	LSS
9.	SFS	9.	Det. 3
10.	437 OSS	10.	MSS
11.	LGT	11.	CRS
12.	APS 4	12.	Blind Team



Sports Line

Intramural flag

As of press time Nov. 23, the intramural flag football championship game was set for Nov. 24. See next week’s *Airlift Dispatch* for coverage of the championship game.

Intramural standings

Tennis

- 14 AS
- CES
- Med Grp
- SUP
- CS
- 637 AGS

Golf – Heritage League

- SFS
- EMS 1
- CES
- 637 AGS

Masters League

- 15 AS
- SUP
- CS/SVS
- APS

Outdoor Rec

The Outdoor Recreation Center is sponsoring trips to swim with the Manatees in Crystal River, Fla., on select weekends in December, January and February. The cost is \$99 per person.

Call the ORC at 963-5271 to sign up.

Fitness center

Patrons of the Charleston AFB Fitness and Sports Center are reminded to wear proper attire while working out.

Call 963-3347 for details.



Youth soccer

Jonathon Cherry (right) of youth soccer team the Waves drives toward the goal as goalie Lauren Bertagnolli of the Red Bombers defends.

Staff Sgt. Pam Smith