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Current Thought Two Tournaments

Now is the time for our lodges with bowling aspirations to make plans to participate in the annual tournaments sponsored by our Union.

Annually, since 1935 our Union has sponsored duckpin and tenpin tournaments, for the benefit of its members. Tenpin tournaments have been held in Cleveland and Waukegan, while Pittsburgh has been the center of attraction for duckpin enthusiasts.

Each year the supreme officers have appropriated a certain amount from the sports fund to be used as prizes and for the purchase of medals. And every year the number of teams, doubles and singles have increased, much like the snowball that rolls downhill and becomes larger with each revolution.

The SSCU bowling tournaments have been instituted primarily as an added incentive for our boys and men and women, to take greater interest in the work of our South Slavonic Catholic Union. Bowling is second.

However, in order to make the events practical and interesting, a number of prizes are offered to the contestants, so that bowlers with many years of experience as well as those with lesser years of bowling to their credit, will find the tournaments attractive and irresistible.

Participants in the SSCU tournaments, both tenpin and duckpin, have stated that the fun derived in competing with fellow members exceeded their anticipation, and that if circumstances permitted, they would compete the following year.

The supreme board approved a recommendation that the tenpin tournament be held in Cleveland on April 24. Also, that the duckpin tournament be held in Pittsburgh on April 3.

The reason for Cleveland as the choice for the '38 tenpin tournament is logical, for the two tournaments have been held in Cleveland in 1935 and 1937 in that members from the states of Pennsylvania and New York will come to the fifth city, and no further. Fortunately, circumstances do not permit the tenpin tournament to be held in any city or town, for it must be remembered that a tournament city must be centrally located, so that members from the east and west will travel no further than is necessary.

In taking a poll of the lodges' choice for the 1938 tenpin tournament city, the results were as follows: For Cleveland, 13; for Pittsburgh, 3 and for Waukegan, Ill., while 5 lodges had no particular choice. These twenty lodges are represented on the National Athletic Council, each having elected an athletic supervisor.

Inasmuch as duckpins are confined to a great extent to the State of Pennsylvania, the choice of a tournament city is restricted entirely with a city selected within the key-state. Pittsburgh appears to be centrally located, for the few out-of-town participants, and so success has been the last three duckpin tournaments in Pittsburgh, that there appeared no alternative but to schedule the smoky city again. This year's tourney, scheduled for Sunday, April 3, will again be held at the Recreation Alleys. Entry fee is 75 cents for each event.

Realizing the many difficulties to be encountered in a lodge molds its teams for tournament duty, an administrative board will bring up the subject of duckpins and duckpins. Once the team captains are selected, the remaining work necessary for tournament competition is left to these leaders.

For the time being, the center of interest is the annual SSCU duckpin tournament which is expected to draw a big crowd of enthusiastic bowlers again. Outgoing members, whether or not they are good or mediocre duckpin bowlers, will find the program arranged by the Pittsburgh members well worth the trip.

With the Cardinals

Struthers, O. — By this time all members of Cardinals lodge know about our jubilee campaign which started on March 1st and which will terminate on June 1st. Members! here is your chance to get your picture in the Nova Doba. All you have to do is secure five new adult members or their equivalent, that is two juveniles count for one adult. And all you have to do to win a free rail trip to Ely, Minnesota is to write up \$20,000 worth of new insurance for the SSCU in the adult department. This will mean that all of us will have to go out and solicit our friends for membership.

Incidentally, how are our dance tickets selling? "Pep" Babich tells me they are going like hot cakes. Anton Mikolich is back from the hospital. It sure looks good to see him home again. Sis. Edith Jukich is recuperating at her home after a minor operation. Let's pay her a visit once in a while.

We will give you a short sketch of George Makovec, better known as "Lefty" who is often called Gene Raymond. He is 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs 151 pounds, has blond hair, runs a crane in the mill and a big car on the outside. With him goes another Cardinal by the name of Pete De Lost, better known as sure-shot. Pete is 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighs 163 pounds, has dark hair (tall, dark and handsome). Pete also does a mean swing when he dances—when in the mood. And talking about dances, we are holding a Novelty Dance on Saturday, April 23, at the Croatian hall on Lowellville Rd. Further details about this dance will appear in subsequent issues. Let's hear more from some of our other members! Pick up your pen and ink and write to the Nova Doba.

Cardinals, remember our meeting on March 11, 1938 at the same place and at the same time. I'll be seeing you there.

Edward T. Glavic
Sec'y, No. 229, SSCU

BRIEFS

A free rail trip to Ely, Minnesota and return, picture in the Nova Doba with a short biographical sketch—such inducements never before have been tendered the adult members of our SSCU. The fortieth SSCU anniversary campaign for new members makes it possible for many of our members to attend the 40th anniversary celebration which will be held on July 16, 17 and 18 in Ely. Enroll five new members in the adult department, (two juveniles count as one adult) and your picture will appear in the Nova Doba. Write \$20,000 worth of new insurance in the various plans offered by our Union, and the free rail trip is yours. Ask members of your lodge, and those of other lodges in your community to help you.

John Kums, chairman of supreme board of trustees, SSCU, of Lorain, O. is recuperating at home following an operation performed on him recently at the local hospital. Members and friends wish him a speedy recovery.

On April 3, the fourth national SSCU duckpin tournament is scheduled to take place in Pittsburgh, Pa. Entry fee shall be 75 cents a person for each event. For entry blanks write to L. P. Boberg, Tournament Chairman, 5421 Carnegie Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

On April 24, the fourth national SSCU tenpin tournament will take place in Cleveland. Entry fee shall be \$1.00 an event for each person. For entry blanks write to Nova Doba, 6233 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

Colorado Federation of SSCU lodges will meet on Sunday, March 13, at Ore's Hall, in Pueblo, Colo. Meeting will commence at 1:30 p. m.

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Lodge No. 43

East Helena, Mont. — I will report about the dance held by our lodge St. Aloysius, No. 43, SSCU which was held on Saturday, February 26. The entertainment was excellent and the guests in attendance were pleased with the whole arrangement. The senior members as well as the younger set were in attendance—seniors, who have not attended a meeting for six months, or so. All gathered at the Smith Hall to dance to the music furnished by Charles Smith. Ladies of our lodge made sure of every detail for a light lunch while the men took care of the bar. Many thanks to all.

One more news item. Bro. Frank Prebil, member of many years' standing, married Mrs. Mary Rupert. Bro. Prebil was formerly treasurer of our lodge. We hope to see him at our meeting on March 12.

Mary Smith, Rec. Sec'y

Ladies of SSCU

Joliet, Ill. — Ladies of the SSCU met at the home of Miss Jule Adamich on February 22. A short business session was held. Main topic of the discussion covered a proposed sale of baked goods. After the meeting, games were played with prizes awarded the Misses Lucille Jevitz, Helen Kozlica and Mrs. Cile Skul and Mrs. Anne Horvat. The big surprise for the girls was the two guests invited by Jule, and we hope to have these two as our new members in the future. The two guests were Mrs. Anne Horvat and Miss Marie Musich.

The guests were then assembled around the hostess' large dining room table. The table cover and napkins as well as the menu were carried out in Washington's favors in the observance of Washington's birthday. The girls then departed for home with the thought in mind to meet at the home of Miss Lucille M. Jevitz on March 30.

Lillian E. Kosick
No. 66, SSCU

From the Supreme Office of S. S. C. U.

GENERAL REFERENDUM

At the annual meeting February 2, 1938, the Supreme Board of SSCU unanimously approved the following RESOLUTION

Referring to the resolution adopted by the 15th regular convention of the South Slavonic Catholic Union of America, held in Cleveland, Ohio, by which the present supreme board was instructed to submit to the membership, by way of a referendum, an initiative motion which would provide for the institution, establishment and realization of a fund from which it would be permissible to pay assessments for all members who have passed the age of 70 years, and

Whereas, the present supreme board has, on many occasions, seriously discussed and conferred of all possible and effectual ways and means, and

Whereas, the supreme board has finally agreed that the only and best way is to establish a new fund, which should be called "National Fund," into which each member would pay 5 cents per month. From this fund the supreme board would have the right to pay assessments for members who are over 70 years old, and also to pay and grant such assistance which the supreme board shall hold to be of necessary benefit to the members of the South Slavonic Catholic Union of America and for the benefit and promotion of our Union;

Therefore, at the regular meeting held in the Home Office February 2, 1938, the supreme board has, in accordance with Section 65 of the By-laws, decided to submit to the members of the SSCU the following motion:

General Referendum No. 1 — 1938

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Shall Section 249 of the present By-laws be supplemented with the following new sub-section: f) National Fund?

Shall the following new section be added to the present By-laws: Section 254-A. The National Fund consists of special monthly contributions of all members. From this fund the Supreme Board may pay assessments for all members who are over seventy years old. From this fund the Supreme Board may grant and disburse benefits which in the opinion of the Supreme Board are of assisting and necessary held to the members of SSCU and for the benefit and promotion of the SSCU?

Shall Section 293 of the present By-laws be supplemented with the following new sub-section: f) into the national fund 5 cents?

Signature of Member.

Balloting on the foregoing motion shall commence March 15, 1938 and end May 15, 1938. Each and every member of the adult branch of the Union who is in good standing has a right to vote regardless whether he is insured for all benefits or for death benefit only. Ballots may be cast at the lodge meetings only. Ballots may not be cast at the home of the lodge secretary or by mail. The ballots shall be counted at each meeting and the result recorded in the minutes. The result of the balloting shall be reported to the Home Office within ten days from the date of the closing of the general referendum and not later than May 25, 1938, otherwise it shall not count. Official ballots shall be sent to the lodges by the Home Office.

ANTON ZBASNIK, Supreme Secretary, SSCU

Gowanda Pathfinders

Gowanda, N. Y. — It is not an easy matter to write articles. Those who are keeping up the write ups in the Nova Doba know that it takes time even if they are simple and worthless.

The Pathfinders lodge with its membership is rather proud of the record which they have so far made, for they have not only acquired membership, but they have held as much as possible what they gained and the campaign which is now being conducted by the SSCU should bring some new interest into the lodge. The working conditions really are bad here, but Pathfinders will try their best to get some new members and to keep their present membership together.

THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR MEMBERS: Most of you are in a bad financial condition, since the local leather plant is shut down. Some may not be able to pay dues. But do not quit your lodge, because you may be able to borrow on your certificate and thereby retain your membership until times turn for the better. For

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SSCU Day to Culminate 40th Anniversary Celebration at Ely, July 18th

By LITTLE STAN



Ely, Minn. — A proclamation designating Sunday, July 18 as SSCU Day in Ely will be made by Mayor Jack Peshel in response to a request by Bro. Anton Zbasnik, supreme secretary, who personally appeared before the Ely city council, and in an eloquent address depicted some of the highlights of our forthcoming 40th anniversary celebration.

Bro. Zbasnik told packed city council chambers of plans for the forthcoming commemoration which would supersede anything else attempted in the past. He explained with pride the assets of our great organization, the number of members enrolled throughout the country, and the part Ely has played in this drama of achievement. Cooperation was given by the city council, who voiced they would do their part in helping promote the best of commemoration celebrations of our SSCU.

Saturday night, the United

Lodges of SSCU at Ely conducted another meeting at the Yugoslav National home where plans for the entertainment of thousands of visitors at the state celebration were commenced. Enthusiasm—the kind that literally sweeps you off your feet was shown, as members debated on various events to be considered a part of the gigantic program. More news of what transpired will be in next week's issue of Nova Doba.

Last week, Bro. Anton Zbasnik, in a lengthy detailed, double-column of heavy readable type announced details of the opening of our SSCU's 40th anniversary Jubilee campaign drive which started March 1, and will close May 31.

Besides being able to receive cash awards for enrolling new members, other great prizes, termed, "special honorariums," will be awarded to qualifying members in this greatest of campaign contests.

Headlining this list is the prize of having your railroad fare paid to Ely so that you can participate in the jubilee commemoration celebration. People in Minnesota must en-

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Lodge No. 40

Garage, Pa. — Since our lodge meeting will fall early on the date of our 35th anniversary, Sunday, March 13, the lodge board of St. Michael's, No. 40, SSCU and I extend a sincere invitation to all members to attend this meeting. This invitation pertains especially to the pioneer members.

Let us make this meeting an event and not an ordinary meeting comprising of the usual and same handful of members. At this meeting it will be decided in what form and when to hold a celebration commemorating this event.

Also at this time I wish to make an announcement which everyone can look forward to—our big midnight dance on May 29th.

Martin Regina, Pres.

Lodge No. 132

Euclid, O. — Members of Napredok lodge, No. 132, SSCU are cordially invited to attend in full numbers the coming meeting, which will be held Friday, March 11, at 7:30 p. m. in the usual quarters. Our Union's 40th anniversary Jubilee Campaign will come up for discussion, and the finest gift in my estimation from each lodge would be the enrollment of 40 new members.

John Tanko, Sec'y.

