

SPORTING SCENE

Decker Knocks 'Em Down

I'm not much of a bowler, but I've seen enough local bowling league results over the last few years to know that Terry Decker is one of the best around.

A 1993 graduate of West Brunswick High School, Terry is the 18-year-old son of Roland and Bonnie Decker of Shallotte. When it comes to bowling, this is a young man who knows what he's doing.

Competing in the Men's Classic League last Monday night at Brunswick County Bowling Center, Terry rolled games of 299, 279 and 257 for an 835 scratch series.

The 835 is a new scratch series record for the Wilmington Men's Bowling Association, which includes the Shallotte lanes and three bowling alleys in Wilmington.

Terry's series not only broke Phillip Barnes' old association record of 814 pins, it shattered Terry's previous high series of 777 by 58 pins.

"It was just one of those things. I was in a zone, and I just kept throwing," said Terry, who works at Brunswick County Bowling Center and North Myrtle Beach Bowling Center.

Terry was the South Carolina state junior champion during the 1991-92 season and he carries a 209 average at the local lanes.

In addition to the Men's Classic League on Mondays, Terry bowls in the Woodmen of the World League every Friday night.

Terry has been bowling for about 10 years and says he plans to turn professional as soon as he can find a sponsor.

Doug Rutter
Sports Editor



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New Year's Catch

Cold weather on New Year's Day wasn't enough to deter these fishermen from venturing 42 miles off Holden Beach aboard the *Sundowner*. Pictured (from left) are Christopher Sidden of Winston-Salem, Alan Saunders of Holden Beach and Capt. Tom McSwain of Holden Beach. Sidden is holding a 13½-pound grouper and Saunders has a 9½-pound hog snapper.

TO BE HELD JAN. 22

Seminar Planned For Sportfishing Boaters

Things to consider when purchasing a sportfishing boat will be the main topic of a "Just Angling Seminar" scheduled Saturday, Jan. 22, at Springmaid Beach Resort in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The seminar will be presented by Chip Berry, an experienced charter board owner and captain, and Jim Godfrey, fishing columnist for *The Sun News* of Myrtle Beach.

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They will discuss buying a first sportfishing boat or upgrading to a larger boat. Berry says the cost of the boat and motor is only the tip of the iceberg.

"A fishing boat properly rigged for inshore or offshore fishing is a lot more expensive than that showroom price," he said.

Electronics, tackle, live bait wells, insurance and fuel costs are just a few of the "extras" that have to be figured into the real price of a fish-

ing boat.

"The fisherman better plan carefully to make sure he can afford his favorite sport after he buys his boat," Berry said.

Live-line fishing for king mackerel and the use of offshore maps to locate reefs, wrecks and hard bottoms for big game fish will be among other topics discussed in the day-long program.

The seminar will cost \$25 per person and reservations are required. Call Godfrey at 803-357-1411 or Don Millus at 803-248-2845.

This Week's Tide Table

JANUARY		HIGH		LOW	
Day	Date	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Thursday	13	8:58	9:10	2:27	3:01
Friday	14	9:39	9:52	3:11	3:42
Saturday	15	10:18	10:33	3:53	4:22
Sunday	16	10:57	11:15	4:35	5:03
Monday	17	11:36	11:58	5:18	5:44
Tuesday	18	—	12:17	6:05	6:29
Wednesday	19	12:44	1:03	6:56	7:18

ADJUSTMENTS
 SHALLOTTE INLET—add 17 min. high tide, add 32 min. low tide.
 LOCKWOOD FOLLY—subtract 22 min. high tide, subtract 8 min. low tide.
 BALD HEAD ISLAND—subtract 10 min. high tide, subtract 7 min. low tide.
 SOUTHPORT—add 7 min. high tide, add 15 min. low tide.
 LITTLE RIVER—subtract 11 min. high tide, add 18 min. low tide.

State Puts Limit On Speckled Trout To Ten

Hook-and-line fishermen are limited to 10 speckled trout per day under an N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries rule that took effect Monday.

State Fisheries Director William Hogarth implemented the new regulation in a proclamation issued last week.

The rule applies in all coastal fishing waters in North Carolina. Fishermen also may not possess speckled trout that are less than 12 inches long.

Panthers Rip Lakers 98-79

Lee Stanley scored 22 points to lead the Panthers to a 98-79 thrashing of the Lakers last Wednesday in Brunswick County Men's Basketball League play at Shallotte Middle School.

Leo Smith scored a game-high 34 points for the Lakers, who fell to 1-3. The Panthers improved to 2-2.

In last week's only other game, UC3 posted a 75-69 win over the Rockets. Brandon Lancaster led UC3 with 26 points, and Joe Clemmons scored 26 for the Rockets.

Brunswick County Men's Basketball League Standings As Of Jan. 11

Team	Wins	Losses
Turntables	5	0
Young Guns	4	1
UC3	4	1
Panthers	2	2
Rockets	1	3
Lakers	1	3
Nets	1	4
Great Whites	0	4

Chapel Hill Memories

West Brunswick's dramatic, 19-14 win over High Point Andrews in last month's state 3A championship game may go down as the greatest football game in school history.

The West Brunswick Athletic Booster Club is selling videotapes of the game, played Dec. 10 at the University of North Carolina's Kenan Stadium in Chapel Hill.

If you like, you can fast-forward through the first three quarters to get to the really good stuff. Like the two big catches by Timmy Daniels, the punt return by Steve Holmes and the now-famous Phillip Johnson "fumblerooski" that sparked the game-winning drive.

The booster club already has received more than 35 orders for the game film and is making one "last call" for anyone interested. The video costs \$20. To place an order call Bobby Williamson at 754-6619.

McGriff Helping Hawks

I took in the UNCW-George Mason basketball game Saturday night and got to see a lot of former South Brunswick star Preston McGriff.

McGriff scored six points and grabbed 10 rebounds in 23 minutes against the Patriots. The 6-11 center was a force on the defensive end of the floor, blocking and altering shots like he used to do at South Brunswick.

McGriff, who looks a lot more intimidating since he shaved his head, should have a bright future with the Seahawks.

NFL Playoff Picks

And then there were eight.

The National Football League playoffs continue this weekend. By Sunday night we'll know the four teams that will compete in the conference championships next weekend.

I was 3-1 picking last week's wildcard games, missing only the Los Angeles Raiders' victory over the Denver Broncos.

This Saturday, I expect the warm-weather Raiders and their deep passing attack to wither in frigid Buffalo. That's right, the Bills advance to another AFC title game.

Who will they face? How about the Houston Oilers? The Oilers, despite feuding among the coaches, will demolish the Kansas City Chiefs in the Dome on Sunday.

In the NFC, I'm looking for a pair of division rivals to hook up in the conference championship game.

The New York Giants will control the clock against the San Francisco 49ers this Saturday and advance to face the Dallas Cowboys, who will have no problem disposing of the Green Bay Packers on Sunday.

Three Teams Still Unbeaten In Men's Church League

Three teams remain unbeaten through four weeks of play in the Brunswick County Men's Church Basketball League.

Tied for first place at 4-0 following last week's action are Calvary Baptist and Letties Grove. Shallotte First is close behind at 3-0.

Last Friday, Calvary Baptist posted a 41-36 overtime win over Seaside Methodist, while Letties Grove edged Zion Baptist 36-31.

Shallotte First defeated Dixon Chapel 51-31 and Friendship Baptist topped Supply Baptist 40-39 in other games Friday night at Waccamaw School.

In league play last Tuesday, Camp Methodist knocked off Mount Olive 48-33, Shallotte Presbyterian beat

Ocean View 48-46 and Jennies Branch dumped New Britton 40-28.

Brunswick County Church Basketball League Standings Through Jan. 10

Team	Wins	Losses
Calvary Baptist	4	0
Letties Grove	4	0
Shallotte First	3	0
New Britton	2	1
Friendship Baptist	2	1
Camp Methodist	2	1
Seaside Methodist	2	2
Supply Baptist	2	2
Jennies Branch	1	2
Shal. Presbyterian	1	2
Zion Baptist	1	3
Ocean View	0	3
Mount Olive	0	3
Dixon Chapel	0	4

Gene's Auto Jolts Jammers

Gene's Auto Body remained undefeated with a 15-7, 9-15, 15-11, win over the Sub Jammers in Brunswick County Coed Volleyball League play last Tuesday at Supply Elementary School.

In other matches last week, Kari's Bar defeated J.M. Parkers 15-6, 15-13; Richard Jones Construction beat Roberto's Pizza, 15-0, 9-15, 15-12; and Brunswick Community College edged Sherri's Grill 12-15, 15-8, 7-3.

Team	Wins	Losses
Gene's Auto Body	5	0
Kari's Bar	4	1
Sherri's Grill	3	2
Jones Construction	3	2
Roberto's Pizza	2	3
Brunswick College	2	3
Sub Jammers	1	4
J.M. Parkers	0	5

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