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Little Giants celebrate successful bowling season

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FREMONT -- On Saturday, the Fremont Ross High School boys and girls bowling teams celebrated their 2008-2009 seasons with a banquet.

"With all of the circumstances that we faced this year, this season was a true accomplishment," Ross coach Holly Stout said.

The Little Giants were forced to compete entirely on the road during the 2008-2009 campaign after the March 2008 fire destroyed Plaza Lanes. Ross held its practices and bowled its home matches at two venues -- Tri-County Lanes in Woodville and Star Lanes in Sandusky while completing a road schedule of contests.

But in the end, the payoff for the Little Giants' boys squad was a varsity league and tournament championships in Sandusky Bay Area Bowling Conference.

Kodie Stout became a four-time all-SBABC bowler for the fourth consecutive year. He earned first team recognition in 2008-2009 after averaging 200.54 pins a game, shooting 20 games of 200 or better and throwing 10 series of 400 or better.

Despite not having a true home match, Kodie Stout had the highest average in the league. He led the Little Giants to records of 13-4 overall and 10-3 in the SBABC. His 467 series was Ross's best all year.

Derek Waggoner posted a 179 average with six games of 200 or higher and two series of 400 or higher. His game of 253 was a season-high for the Little Giants.

Alex Hoffman carried a 173 average, shot six games of 200 or higher and rolled two series of 400 or higher. Brad Waggoner and Mike Cooper each added 171 averages and threw three games of 200 or better apiece.

Trophies were presented to the Little Giants' varsity players and the SBABC will give a plaque to Ross with each of the bowlers' names engraved on it. Trophies were also presented for the SBABC tournament title to the Little Giants and to Ross.

Kodie Stout, a four-year letterman, was selected as the Little Giants' most valuable bowler. He qualified for the district tournament all four years and advanced to the state tournament once. Stout topped the Ross squad all four years in average, hitting the 200-pin plateau his junior and senior seasons.

All bowlers who had the highest average game and best average series received medals.

Cody Snyder, Joey Sherman, Tyler Pena, Justin Hossler, Nathan Britner, Joshua Arter and Alex Rodd combined to lead the Little Giants' junior varsity team to second place in the SBABC. They each received medals for Ross's 10-3 finish in the league.

Snyder contributed the best average game (244) and average series (462) at the JV level.

Carlie Laird had the highest average game (182) and average series (347) for Ross's girls varsity team.

Other awards were presented to Pena and Courtney Miller for being the most improved male and female bowlers. Pena upped his average by 54 pins, while Miller increased her average by 32 pins.

Cooper (varsity) and Arter (JV) received merit awards. Leadership awards were presented to Kodie Stout and Ashley Thorbahn.
