



# FEATHER BOWLING !



**Saturday, May 21**  
**Play: 4:00-6:00 pm**



*Live Music starts at 8:00 with  
legendary bluesman and WCSX radio DJ Mark Pasman*

**~ Join us in tribute to Ron "Taz" Maison ~**

*Since its days as a Prohibition-era speakeasy, the Cadieux Cafe has been a social hub for Metro Detroit's Belgian population. It was one of the few Detroit restaurants featured on Anthony Bourdain's TV show, No Reservations. Feather bowling, Belgian beers and specialty foods are part of the place's old-world charm.*

*The Cadieux Cafe is proud to be the only home of Feather Bowling in the United States. The game originally was a Belgian pastime akin to horseshoes and Bocci. Each team rolls wooden balls down a lane, attempting to place them as close as possible to a feather protruding from the floor at the other end of the lane.*

4300 Cadieux Rd  
Detroit, MI 48224  
[https://goo.gl/maps/mxD83Ugm  
bqf39c2A6](https://goo.gl/maps/mxD83Ugm bqf39c2A6)

Join the group for dinner  
in the Cadieux Café restaurant  
after the game

Tickets:  
Members \$ 12  
Guests \$ 14

**Suggestions for team names for this "Taz Man" themed event?**

Contact Event Leader Joe Gormley:  
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Tickets are available until May 13  
Mail check payable to Thunderbird Ski Club to:  
16839 Golfview St., Livonia, MI 48154



## **Feather Bowling - The Game**      **by Joe Gormley**

**On May 21<sup>st</sup> , a group of T'Birds will return to the historic Cadieux Cafe for a feather bowling contest. Feather bowling is a Belgian game and the Cadieux Cafe is one of the only places in North America where this game can be played.**

**You don't have to be an athlete. You don't have to be in great shape. You don't have to have a team ... We will make up the teams.**

**If you just want to have a few good laughs and an enjoyable evening, then be sure to sign up for this event!**

### **Feather Bowling Guidelines**

**The game can be played by any number of participants. You divide the players into teams. If there are more than three people on a team, the teammates may have to stay at opposite ends of the lane. Teams may be given names such as red and green or Birds and Tees.**

**When the teams are set, a coin flip will determine which team starts. This team then rolls all six of its balls, attempting to place them as close as possible to the feather protruding from the lane approximately sixty feet away.**

**A common strategy is to place three balls close to the feather and then lay blockers with the remaining balls, attempting to prevent the opponent from having an easy path to the feather.**

**After the first team rolls all of its balls, the second team chooses to skillfully roll their balls closer to the feather, or to carom the other team's balls away from the feather.**

**Scoring is recorded after all twelve balls are rolled, and is determined by which team is closest to the feather. Points are tallied by the number of balls that the scoring team has closer to the feather than the opposing team's closest ball. There is a one-point minimum and a six-point maximum per end.**

**Balls that touched the backdrop behind each lane are disqualified and are removed before rolling the next ball.**

**The game is over when one of the teams reaches ten points or more (winning by two points is not required). An average game takes about forty-five minutes.**