

Marathon run to U.P. planned

Tom McKeivley of West Bloomfield is planning a biennial charity event that will utilize long distance running to help those in need.

McKeivley is a trainer for the Michigan Marathon team and for the fourth straight year, he will coordinate the charity run in conjunction with the Metropolitan Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

Planned is a marathon run during the week of June 19 through 26, which will cover 170 miles in 200 hours.

Right now, the biggest problem is finding marathon runners for the event, which will begin in Pontiac, travel to Loughlin in Upper Peninsula, and return to metropolitan Detroit.

Ten runners already have volunteered for the event, and McKeivley hopes to find 10 more. He said the 20 runners would make the 1976 team the largest marathon team ever.

Previous high was 18 on the 1975 team.

which covered 440 miles from Pontiac to the north end of the Mackinac Bridge and raised more than \$2,000 for the Metropolitan Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

TEAM MEMBERS will run in one hour shifts, and each member will have to average eight miles per hour in order for the team to finish the trip in 200 hours.

The 1976 team may have to run at 14-hour shifts in order to quicken the pace, McKeivley said.

"Our biggest problem is blisters. We can't afford to take a guy out of the rotation, so we'll have to emphasize on-the-spot reconditioning."

Sprained ankles and pulled muscles have also been a problem to runners, McKeivley even remembers one runner who received a cross-bar in the chest when he surprised a motorist who was changing a flat tire.

The stricken runner kept jogging down the road—unhurt.

A car will follow each runner along the trail, and the rest of the team will travel in motor homes.

McKeivley, who will be a physical therapist at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, may also take a turn at running if one of the regular runners misuses a turn.

"It amounts to running once a day," he explained, "yet it's not quite like that because you never stop. You're in the motor homes going."

"You may run your leg at 3 in the morning and not run the next one until 4 at night."

Team members will solicit the tax deductible pledges in May. Checks should be made payable to the Metropolitan Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

ANOTHER UNIQUE aspect of the 1976 marathon is the co-sponsorship of other charitable organizations in Michigan. Charity groups along the marathon route will also solicit pledges.

Goals of the marathon team include raising money for health-related charities, promoting good health and physical fitness among young people, and providing a unique and exciting challenge for cross country runners.

Linda C. DeLong will serve as the team's nurse, and Harold J. Rotz, assistant director of the Metropolitan Society for Crippled Children and Adults, will help sponsor and benefit from the event.

Past accomplishments include \$5,300 raised in 1974 for New Horizons, Inc., a non-profit, community-oriented rehabilitation service for handicapped teenagers and adults in Grand County. That run was a 400-mile trip from Pontiac to Mackinac City.

The Michigan Marathon Team's first effort in 1973, with 16 members of the Pontiac Catholic High School track team, raised \$1,800 for the American Cancer Society by running 300 miles from Grand Haven to Pontiac in 68 hours.

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Floyd to play in Canadian Open

Newly-crowned Masters champion Raymond Floyd today became the first challenger for defending champion Tom Weiskopf in the 1976 Canadian Open Golf Championship at Essex Golf and Country Club.

Floyd confirmed his entry in the 47th renewal of the fourth oldest championship in golf to Royal Canadian Golf Association chairman George Armstrong following his runaway eight-stroke victory over the field last week in Augusta.

The \$200,000 Canadian Open will be played July 22-25, with the winner receiving \$40,000 first prize and the Peter Jackson Trophy, a unique Eskimo sculpture.

"Having the current Masters champion in the Canadian Open field means that once again, we can anticipate having the

finest field of professionals taking part," Armstrong said. "We have long been aware of Ray Floyd's considerable golf ability, and now that he has a second major title to his credit, we are extremely happy that he has decided to return to Canada and contest our national Open."

Floyd, 33, is in the second year of a rejuvenated comeback which began last year when won the Kemper Open after going without a win since his 1969 victory in the PGA Championship.

After dropping to 77th place on the money list in 1973, Floyd rebuilt his game and his attitude, moving to 18th in 1974 and to 12th last year, winning one tournament, finishing second once and earning

\$103,627. He also gained his second Ryder Cup berth.

A positive attitude, relying on family responsibilities, and some hard work are the reasons Floyd cites for his resurgence as one of the game's top players.

"I've just begun to enjoy playing golf," he said. "Some of this comes from maturity, because I've got personal goals now after five years of playing with really no purpose at all. I don't let things bother me the way they used to. And I'm going to be playing a full schedule. I want to win golf tournaments."

Floyd's performance in the Masters overshadowed anything he or any other golfer

had ever accomplished in the first three rounds. His 65-66-70 was the lowest 36-hole total ever recorded, and his eight-stroke lead he took into the final 18 holes was also the biggest.



Floyd wavered between golf and professional baseball but in 1969, when he won the National Jaycees title, he made up his mind to pursue a career in professional golf.

He still follows the fortunes of the Chicago Cubs with great devotion, and when time permits throws batting practice for the team.

He also spent time several years ago with the Chicago Black Hawks, skating with them in practice and observing games from the press box.

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Steelworker's golf outing to aid kidney fund drive

Two area residents are involved in staging the seventh-annual Charles C. Young Kidney Golf Day, scheduled for June 19-20 at the Sunnysbrook Motel Bowling Lanes and Golf Course in Sterling Heights.

Bob Hull of Farmington, and Ronald Maurer of Southfield, are listed as committee members for the Younglove Kidney Golf Day, which is sponsored by the United Steelworkers of America, District 29.

Since 1970, the "U" has raised \$125,000 to fight kidney disease in Michigan. Committee Chairman Harry Lester, a staff representative for District 29, said his group hopes to raise \$40,000 from donations and the sale of golf and contest tickets.

"About \$25,000 of the money our group

hopes to raise will be used to underwrite a Kidney Foundation program to teach school children about the importance of blood pressure to their health," Lester said. "Another \$10,000 will support Kidney Foundation research."

Tickets for Golf Day will cost \$20 per person. A ticket includes 18 holes of golf, a steak dinner and refreshments.

Persons interested in purchasing tickets or making cash donations should contact Lester by letter at the United Steelworkers of America, District 29, 7000 Rosewood, Allen Park, Mich. 48101.

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