Golfers !! Midnight Is Tourney Deadline

Golfers residing within the city limits of Livonia have until midnight Sunday (tonight) to enter the first annual Livonia championship golf tournament. Entries must be in the hands of Gary Whitener, pro at the Whispering Willows golf course and tournament manager, before the deadline.

Whitener will be at the course — Livonia's municipal links on Newburgh Rd. at Eight Mile—Sunday, and will be available for 'phone calls for additional information.

The 36-hole medal play event is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 4 and 5. It has been divided into three divisions—Championship which includes all players from scratch to 10 handicap; A flight for 11 to 20 stroke handicaps; and B flight for those with handicaps of 21 strokes or more.

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TOPHIES WILL BE awarded to all winners and runnersup from the Observer Newspaper Group and merchandise awards will be presented to other prize winners.

Tournament Director Whitener will have the complete prize list ready as soon as he has made the pairings for the first round play. The times for all flights will be announced in Wednesday's editions of the Observer Newspapers.

The tourney rules provide that an entry fee of $15 must be paid at the time of entry—no post entries will be accepted. All players must be residents of Livonia. All Livonia golfers are eligible regardless of whether they play at Whispering Willows or at a private club.

"This tournament is for Livonia golfers," said Whitener. "We hope to crown a champion that will represent the best players in the city. We already have entry blanks from several players with scratch ratings and anticipate an entry of as many as 30 in the championship division."

Whitener emphasized that players will be competing against golfers of the same skill and ability.

"He feel the handicaps of the three divisions will result in close battles for each of the championships. Since this is the first time such an event has been scheduled at Whispering Willows, we are looking forward to about 30 entries in each flight."

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GARY EXPLAINED that the entry fee covers the cost of greens fees with the balance going into the prize fund — all prizes will be merchandise with the exceptions of the six trophies for the champs and runnersup.

Players from practically all of the pay-play courses in Observerland, who are Livonia residents, have shown interest in the tourney along with a number from the private clubs.

"We have a lot of players in the city who qualify for one of the three flights," stated Whitener. "This is the first opportunity to decide a champion and we expect that the opportunity for the pay-play golfers to match their skill with those from the private clubs will add impetus to the interest."

Whitener plans to devote his time Monday morning to making the pairings. He indicated that the schedule will automatically move back a week in case of rain.

Fill out the entry blank now and get it in the hands of Whitener—this is your chance to bid for one of the three flight championships.

Remember, you will be competing against players with the same skill as yourself.

Livonia City Championship

Golf Tournament At Whispering Willows GC
36-Holes medal play – Saturday, Oct. 4 and Sunday, Oct. 5
(Sponsored by Observer Newspapers and Livonia DPR)

APPLICATION FOR ENTRY ..... Fee $15

Please print. Enclose entry fee of $15 payable to Pro Gary Whitener, Tournament Director. Do not send cash.

NAME ..... Handicap .....

ADDRESS .....

CITY ..... PHONE No. .....

Entries close 12 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 28
No post entries will be accepted

observing sports

Whoops . . . there goes that Maskin again . . . goofing up all over the place.

Must be the excitement of seeing No. 1 son married off that keeps us flying high, instead of calming down into at least a semi-normal state.

For the record, the young man who does such a fine job of playing football at North Farmington High School is Keith — not Kevin — Heavenridge.

And, for the record, too, sports editor Joe Falls of the Free Press knows that it's Keith, not Kevin.

We reported herewith that it was a Kevin (not a Keith) Heavenridge who scored against Pontiac Northern. Then, how does brother Falls get into the act?

Well, since it's impossible to be at more than one place at one time, it's necessary to use "other eyes" to help report on Observerland games. And, who could do a better job for us than Mr. Falls, whose interests in North Farmington High are very understandable?

Son Bobby goes there and it's around the Falls homestead (two doors away from the Mickey Stanleys of the Tigers) that so many of the North Farmington players drop by.

Well, to make a long story short, Joe passed along the facts on Heavenridge and we not only did a re-write job for the Observer, but also for the Friendly Free Press. And, darn it, if we could read our own writing — and it all comes out Kevin (not Keith) Heavenridge.

So, who gets kidded the most? Innocent Joe Falls.

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NO SOONER DID the Observer hit the streets last week with our note: "Why not a girls athletic league in Observerland?" . . . than athletic director Joe Mracna of Thurston called to let us know that there IS such a circuit operating in these parts.

The Northwest Suburban League, which consists of Franklin, Thurston, North Farmington and Glenn from Observerland, plus Oak Park and Birmingham Groves, does sponsor sports for the gals in five activities: speed swimming, tennis, volleyball, track and field and synchronized swimming. Gymnastics is optional now, but will be incorporated later.

Five dual meets are held in each sport with a league championship meet following.

How about other schools?

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SPEAKING OF THURSTON . . . wasn't it Coach Bill McDonald who claimed the officials goofed when they stepped off a 15-yard penalty because Thurston had 12 men on the field?

And, wasn't it Maskin who agreed with McDonald the call should have been just five yards?

It all goes to show how dated McDonald and yours truly are. It seems both of us missed the new rule that calls for a 15-yard penalty when a team has a twelfth man participating in a play.

Here's just another case when the referees did the job they were supposed to . . . and probably drew some criticisms when they knew what was right and what was wrong . . . and a lot of others didn't know what was right.

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ENOUGH ABOUT the goof-ups:

Remember Bernie Carbo, ex-Franklin High baseball and Greater Livonia summer league star?

He's the kid who was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds in the first round and was paid a fairly neat chunk of cash to sign.

Well, Bernie appears to be ready to make it with the Reds next season. He has just finished a tremendous season for Indianapolis in the American Association.

Consider these statistics: Carbo wrapped out 145 hits and wound up with a .359 average, third highest in the league. He tied for the top in doubles with 37 and finished in a tie for second in the homer department with 21. He also drove in 76 runs.

Carbo is now with the Reds, but they haven't had any opportunities to use him since they're involved in that heated four-team race for the Western Division pennant in the National League.

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CAN'T BLAME Redford Township's Bob Miller, the ex-major leaguer who now coaches the University of Detroit baseball team, for being slightly upset over another Redford Townshipper.

Bill Fahey, the former Redford Union star, who caught for the Titans last season, has dropped out of U. of D. and enrolled at the Port Huron Junior College.

According to one "expert" on sandlot and college baseball, Fahey's switch clears the way for his being drafted by a pro team and then signing a contract as early as next January.

Had he remained at U. of D., he couldn't have been eligible for the pro draft until he was 21 years old or his eligibility had expired — whichever came first. He's just starting his sophomore year.

QUICK SHIFT. Dick Tyler (right), head football coach at Farmington High, stunned members of the varsity squad Monday prior to the start of practice when he announced his retirement from coaching. He was replaced by Uwe Weise (left), his No. 1 aide, who will serve as an interim coach for the remainder of the season. Tyler told the players his doctor had ordered him to give up coaching immediately after an examination following Friday's defeat in Plymouth.

(Observer photo)

Livonian Shows Boxer Monday

Livonian Al DeNapoli, who has been a better than average hand at training and handling fighters for more than 30 years, believes he has the man that may revitalize boxing in the Detroit area.

Matter of fact, Al has hopes that his new discovery, a Jewish heavyweight with dynamite in both fists, will develop into a white hope in a division that hasn't had a good white contender for years.

DeNapoli will unveil Arnie Brower, an easterner from the New England area who now calls Detroit his home, to ring fans Monday in the Agriculture building at the State Fairgrounds in a 10-rounder against Billy Tiger of Miami.

The fight stacks up as one between a pair of evenly matched opponents--neither had proven himself to be of championship claiber thus far but each has a lot of wallop and each likes to mix it.

But DeNapoli has a slightly different viewpoint, he believes Arnie is ready to start up the ladder and this is the first step.

HE DISCOVERED the slugging Jewish fighter through friends in New England who called him about a youngster who was making himself known but very definitely needed a top trainer and handler.

DeNapoli qualified in both categories. He was in the corner of Middleweight Champion Jake LaMotta for practically all of his scraps during the time Jake was moving up in the ranks of contenders and finally when he won the crown.

DeNapoli is sold on Arnie, who was a prep football and basketball star in Metropolitan New York City before embarking on a ring career.

"Just imagine," smiles De Napoli, "A young, handsome, hard-hitting Jew who likes to mix. There hasn't been a good Jewish fighter since the days of the late Max Baer and Maxie Rosenblum. Maybe we have one here, I hope so."

The Brower-Tiger fight headlines the card which is being presented by Matchmakers Ernie Clark and Bob Mittleman under the auspice of the New Direction Club.

Prep Schedule

SUNDAY

Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes at Sorrows, 2:30 p.m.

St. Agatha at Ann Arbor St. Thomas, 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Pontiac Northern at Stevenson, 3:45 p.m.
Trenton at Plymouth, 8 p.m.
Oak Park at Thurston, 3:30 p.m.
Allen Park at Redford Union, 8 p.m.
Clarenceville at Clarkston, 8 p.m.
North Farmington at Groves, 8 p.m.
Belleville at Bentley, 7:30 p.m.
Churchill at Walled Lake West, 8 p.m.

RU Adds Two Wins To Streak

Redford Union's high-powered cross country team keeps mowing 'em down.

The Townshippers ran their winning streak to 5-0 by downing North Farmington, 24-31, and then routing Allen Park by a perfect score, 15-45.

Bill Kuhn led a 1-2-3 finish for RU against North Farmington as Bob Lark and Steve Hatton followed Kuhn home in the RU colors. The winner was timed in 10:35.

Gary Stokes, Craig Dhue, Carl Hebeler and Stu Otto, all of North Farmington, took the next three positions while Dennis Keeney of RU was eighth, Matt Conklin of NF ninth and Mike Webber of RU 10th.

To reflect on the closeness of the meet only 33 seconds separated the first man and the 10th man across the final white stripe in the two mile race.

Against Allen Park, it was RU 1-2-3-4-5 with Hatton the winner in 10:49, followed by Lark, Keeney, Bill Ray and Mike Stolkey.

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LIVONIA BENTLEY also emerged a double winner in harrier action during the week.

Bentley took Thurston in a non-leaguer, 26-31, and then swept past Belleville with another perfect finish, 15-45.

Thurston Runs Past Oak Park

Led by Russ Meredith, Thurston High's cross country team downed Oak Park, 25-30, in a Northwest Suburban League meet.

Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

There's good news mixed in with bad at the Detroit Race Course. The bad news emanates from the barn area fire Saturday night that destroyed seven thoroughbreds and a pony. The series of fire prevention classes conducted by the DRC and a fire wall midway through the 'L' barn held down the damage.

The good news comes in the announcement that Nodouble, winner of the Michigan Mile a year ago and a prime candidate for "horse of the year" honors has been nominated for this year's renewal two weeks hence on Saturday, Oct. 4.

Verna Lea Farm's brilliant three-year-old who stunned the turf world by upsetting famed Damascus is enjoying a brilliant campaign. He was only the second three - year - old to win the Mile in 20 renewals.

Nodouble has won the Brooklyn, Californian and Santa Anita Handicaps this season while earning more than $300,000. His owners believe in taking the colt where the big money is, regardless of the travel involved, and thus DRC officials believe he'll be here for the $100,000 Mile.

The 21st renewal had attracted 58 nominations including such standouts as Mr. Clinch, who won impressively Saturday at the DRC. C.L. Hirsch's world record setting four - year - old Figoner, Mrs. H.C. Vandervoort's Pleasure Seeker, Ogden Phipps' King of The Castle, and Richard Taylor's Irish Dude to mention a few.

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FOR THOSE WHO make trips now and then to the Detroit Race Course for the betterment of the breed and also to pick up a few bucks, we have a few horses that desire more than a glance in future races.

You guess is just as good as ours but talking with some of the owners and trainers and those who watch the morning workouts brings out a few names.

Take a good look at these: English Prairie, Kinover Pag, Folan, War Peace, Fancy Britches, Dash of Cayenne, Mamagood, Nuquill and Bleached Desert.

Our information is that all have been working out well and have shown enough that the railbirds are looking forward to their next starts.

Don't say we didn't mention it.

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RAY REED, popular Redford Township tavern owner, gave his annual outing for some 60 youngsters from the Plymouth State Home Tuesday afternoon.

Ray, a longtime follower of the bangtails, hired a bus, ordered sandwiches and soft drinks and made arrangements with Bill Kofender, DRC publicity chief, for a special section for the group.

Kofender roped off a section of the permanent seats along the rail, north of the grandstand, furnished guards to assist in keeping the children secluded and then joined in the fun.

It's a big outing for the youngsters, giving them a chance to see the horses, to get outside for an afternoon, to enjoy the picnic lunch -- and they stayed for the entire program.

"This is one of my big days," smiled Reed, "It may seem strange to take youngsters to the races but you only have to see their smiles to know that it's a welcome diversion from the humdrum existence at the State Home."

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WITH HAZEL PARK Raceway in the final two weeks of its most successful campaign in history, rumbles are coming from Windsor Raceway and Jackson Raceway -- both open fall and winter meetings the first week in October.

Windsor starts its fifth season on Monday, Oct. 6 and Jackson opens its doors on Wednesday, Oct. 8.

The two meetings will have the attention of Michigan fans, especially when Jackson tries a winter meeting at Northville, beginning Nov. 24. It will be the first competition for Windsor from this side of the river since the track opened.

Windsor has announced two changes in its staff. Norm Lambkin, who has handled the mike for the past three seasons, has been replaced by Des Smith of Ottawa, a former hockey star with Boston and Montreal.

Vic Gould, of Toronto, is the new starter, following five seasons as assistant starter for the Jockey Club which conducts meetings in the Toronto area.

From Northville comes word that work is progressing on the first level of the new clubhouse. It will be completed well ahead of the opening date of the Jackson winter meeting there.

Raiders Top Groves Runners

Placing 2-3-4-5, North Farmington captured a dual meet from Birmingham Groves, 20-41, and hiked its Northwest Suburban League cross country record to 2-0 and its overall mark to 4-1 for the season.

Groves' Bob Reason was the individual winner. Then came Gary Sykes of North Farmington with teammates Craig Duhe, Stew Otto and Matt Conklin close behind.

Livonians See Buddy Record Hole-In-One

Using a No. 4 iron, Walter O. Batt, 5353 Reed, Northville, registered a hole-in-one on the 175 yard seventh hole at Brooklane Thursday.

He was playing in a threesome with R. F. Rockeppe and Guy Hamilton, of Livonia.

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