

# Tennis auction ball slated for Silverdome

The Fifth Annual Benefit for Cystic Fibrosis, a tennis auction ball, will be held 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 19 at the Main Event in the Peter Silverdome.

There will be live music, dancing, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and the auction. Donation for the evening is \$25 per person.

Each auction item will be paired with an outstanding tennis professional or celebrity from the Detroit area. The top bidder wins the item and also becomes "owner" of the tennis pro or celebrity.

The tennis tournaments will be held Sunday, May 21, at the Beverly Hills Racquet Club, 31555 Southfield Road in Beverly Hills.

Each team will consist of a pro or celebrity and the "owner" (or representative) in a doubles match. There will be two tournaments, one a celebrity-amateur the other a pro-amateur, with the winners of the winning teams receiving a grand prize.

The purpose of the tennis auction ball is to raise funds to find a cure for cystic fibrosis. CF is the number one genetic killer of children.

It is a disease in which mucus clogs the lungs and intestines, creating

breathing difficulties, lung damage and malabsorption of food.

There is no cure for cystic fibrosis. Early diagnosis and closely supervised regime of health care and therapy is essential to minimize the progression of the disease. Treatment must be individualized.

Treatment most often includes inhalation of aerosols, postural drainage therapy, special medications, diet supplements, antibiotics, pancreatic enzymes and vitamins.

It is not unusual for the medicinal costs for a CF patient to reach \$5,000 per year.

Specialized care services are available to patients suffering from cystic fibrosis at over 100 care, research and teaching centers across the nation.

Tennis professionals and celebrities participating in the auction include: Joe Felice, Birmingham Racquet Club; Ken Germain, Court House Tennis & Racquets Club; Rick Green, Beverly Hills Racquet Club; John Kennedy, Troy Racquet Club; Warren Cook, Pine Lake Country Club; Tim Ott, Square Lake Racquet

Club; Walter Oehlein, Birmingham Athletic Club; Dean Pinchoff, Franklin Racquet Club; Graham Snook, Square Lake Racquet Club; Mike Whitty, Rochester Hills Racquet Club; Joe Schmidt, Lions; Norm Cash, Tigers; Sonny Grandelous, Lions; Joey Niederlander, Fisher Theater; Marty Pavetich, Red Wings; Jim Price, TV 2; Sandy Drew, News 4 Plus 4; Bill Bonds Channel 7; Jimmy Laynce, WJR.

COURT HOUSE TENNIS & RACQUETS CLUB preserved its first place standing in the Metro Tennis League with a 240-113 victory over the Rochester Hills Racquet Club, May 6.

Court House players only lost three matches during the night's action. The victory was Court House's 12th and final match of the season. Court House leads the Metro standings with 2,765 points. Oak Park is second with 2,495.

Oak Park was slated to play its final regular season match last Saturday at Centaur Racquet Club in West Bloomfield. Centaur holds sixth place in the seven-team league standings. Under Metro Tennis League rules, if

the first and second place teams at the end of regular season play have beaten each other once there is a playoff.

Playoff rules clearly give an advantage to the team which places first after 12 matches. The first place team may choose its own club for the match, thus gaining a home court advantage.

In addition, the first place team also receives a handicap equal to the difference between the total number of games it has won minus the total games won by the second place team. Court House Tennis & Racquets Club is two-time defending champion of the Metro Tennis League. Oak Park has placed second both years.

METRO TENNIS LEAGUE STANDINGS

CLUB GAMES WON

Court House 2,765 12  
Oak Park 2,495 11  
Square Lake 2,230 11  
Farmington Hills 2,161 12  
Rochester 1,981 12  
Centaur 1,925 10  
Franklin 1,505 10

COURT HOUSE 240-ROCHESTER HILLS 113  
Metro Standings: Al Anning (CHI) defeated McFerr (R) 12-2; Jim Klumma (CHI) defeated Harry Peterson (R) 12-1; Chris Schol (CHI) defeated Bruce Krueger (R) 12-1; Bob Kinley (CHI) defeated Dan Saunders (R) 12-3; Gary Mitchell (CHI) defeated Don Selbert (R) 12-10; Fred Wicks (CHI) defeated Jerry Murphy (R) 12-4; Vern Osterlund (CHI) defeated Tom Lark (R) 12-3.

Women's Singles: Nancy Schmidt (R) defeated Joyce Tozer (CHI) 8-6; Judy Ross (CHI) defeated Jan Egar (R) 12-2; Diane Melas (CHI) defeated Becky O'Connor (R) 12-4; Deann Hamner (CHI) defeated Julie Peterson (R) 12-4; Fran Denewets (CHI) defeated Ursula Kozzowski (R) 7-6; Faye Heller (CHI) defeated Peggy Krueger (R) 12-3; Barb Climan (CHI) defeated Mary Selbert (R) 12-7; Jean Ecklund (CHI) defeated Carol Hughes (R) 12-2.

Men's Doubles: Arning/Sternc (CHI) defeated Peterson/Krueger (R) 8-6; Krumpholtz/Heller (CHI) defeated Farr-Steffens (R) 8-6; Kinley-Mitchell

(CHI) defeated Saunders-Murphy (R) 8-5; Wicks/Osterlund (CHI) defeated Selbert-Lark (R) 8-5.  
Women's Doubles: Schmidt-Lark (R) defeated Tozer-Melas (CHI); Ross-Hamner (CHI) defeated O'Connor-Peterson (R) 8-6; Denewets-Heller (CHI) defeated Kozzowski-Krueger (R) 8-3; Climan-Ecklund (CHI) defeated Selbert-Murphy (R) 8-3.

TWO LOCAL MEN finished second in different divisions of the Michigan Dental Tennis Classic, which was held May 6-7 at the Briar Creek Racquet Club in Mt. Clemens. This was the second annual tournament and was sponsored by the Macomb Dental Society.

Dr. Larry Beck of Rochester and Dr. Joe Lepak of Union Lake were second in the Class B doubles division. They lost to Dr. Jim Delaney of Detroit and Dr. Harvey Colbert of Oak Park by 7-6, 5-0 (default) scores.

Dr. John Pelland of West Bloomfield and teammate Dr. Leo Harris of Sterling Heights were second in the Class C doubles division.

dates for on-the-water instruction.

The fee is \$35 and includes all materials. Registrations are being taken now at the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department, 474-6115.

## Off-shore sailing class is offered

Off-shore sailing classes begin May 28 when students will learn to sail on a 28-foot sloop on Lake St. Clair, with instructions in the operation of sailing and rigging, use of navigational charts

and safe-sailing practices.

The first session is a class orientation from 7-9 p.m. in Farmington Hills Community Library. After that, students have an option of times and

## Gale chalks up winning record

"When you're hot, you're hot," and at Wolverine Harness Raceway these nights driver Bill Gale is blazing.

The 29-year-old Oklaheite, Ontario resident has won 30 races in just 31 nights at the mile track. At that rate, with 53 nights of racing still ahead, Gale is a cinch to set a new track record for most races won during a single meet. The present record, set in 1974 by Greg Wright, is 67.

Establishing records is not uncommon for the soft-spoken Gale. This year he won his sixth consecutive dash championship at Windsor Raceway and on April 2 at the Canadian oval he guided El Bueno across the finish line to score his 1,000th career win.

Both feats are made even more remarkable when you consider that Gale is in only his eighth year as a harness driver.

Gale is unusual in the sulky sport in that he was born into the harness racing business. He started at the bottom and has worked his way up to the top. His earliest experience came as a groom in the Morris MacDonald stable.

Under MacDonald's guidance Gale earned his license to train and drive standardbreds. To this day, Gale wears maroon and white driving colors reminiscent of those worn by his mentor.

After several years with the MacDonald operation, Gale furthered his harness education with Ross Johnston, another prominent Canadian horseman. While working for Johnston, Gale met and married his daughter Janice. The couple now has two children.

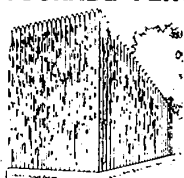
The time came to launch his own career and in 1972 Gale went solo with two horses and a lot of hope. His popularity and the size of his stable steadily increased. "We had some lean times, but somehow we stayed out of debt," he said.

Gale must be given credit for his determination. He has suffered a shattered knee cap in a car accident in addition to two broken hands and an arm fractured in several places due to raceway spills, and still he has managed to keep his career together and drive on.

According to record books, 1976 was Gale's most productive year of racing. It was the season which he drove Renee's Boy, a pacer that he claimed for \$17,500 to earnings of more than \$100,000. It was also the year he ended with 253 wins.

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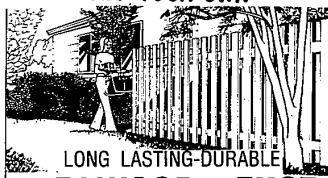
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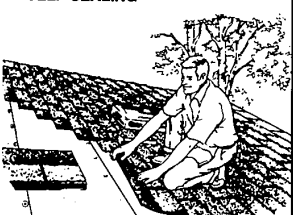
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