

Staying indoors means never having to say you're chilly



Ready for the next shot, racquetball fan Tom Schlang strikes an aggressive pose at Racquetball Courts of Farmington.

Staff photos by Randy Borst

Fun in the snow may be swell for some but there are those born to appreciate apres ski more than actually sliding down those snowy slopes.

For some, a fun in the snow weekend means shoveling the sidewalk and the drive — then hurrying home to huddle near the heat register with a good book and a warm drink.

For those who are chilly toward activities in the cold and for the person who has become disenchanted over flirting with frostbite in the name of winter sports, there are some activities which can be carried out in the not-so-great but much warmer indoors.

None of the activities listed require membership in a club or league. Equipment required in some of the activities can be rented on the scene for a fee. And for those who prefer the spur of the moment style of social planning, most of the activities don't require early reservations.

Those who love the shirts and now want to try the game of bowling have five different lanes in Farmington and Farmington Hills from which to choose.

• **Bel Aire Lanes, 24001 Orchard Lake Road** in Farmington features open bowling for persons who don't belong to a league from 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and from after 9:30 p.m. on Thursday and Fridays. Until 6:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday there is a \$1 charge per game. During that time on Friday, there is a charge of 80 cents per game. After 6:30 p.m.,

bowlers are charged \$1.10 per game Monday through Friday. Shoe rental is 60 cents.

• **Country Lanes, 30250 9 Mile**, Farmington features bowling for persons who don't belong to a league from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Bowling is available from 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sunday. Until 6 p.m., there is a charge of \$1 per game. After 6 p.m., one game against the 10 pins cost \$1.20.

For real go-getters, Country Lanes offers an hour of bowling for \$4.50, a flat rate during the weekdays. This fee covers as many games as the players can possibly bowl in that hour. Nice if you're a no-nonsense bowler.

Three games of trying to keep the bowling ball out of the gutter can be played for \$2.50 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Fridays; 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday and from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday.

Shoe rental is 50 cents.

• **Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River** in Farmington allows non-league bowlers on the alleys from 9 a.m.-6:15 p.m., Monday through Saturday and until 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Daytime rates are \$1 per game for adults, 80 cents for children. Shoe rental is 50 cents per pair. After 6:15 p.m., rates go up to \$1.10 per game for adults.

• **Norwest Lanes, 32905 Northwestern Highway**, Farmington Hills allows unorganized bowling from 11 a.m. until midnight Monday through Friday. Before 6 p.m., the rate is \$1 per game.

After 6 p.m., the rate moves up to \$1.10.

FOR THOSE who prefer racquetball to a bowling ball, Racquetball Courts of Farmington, 34200 9 Mile, Farmington doesn't require membership as a prerequisite for admission.

The courts are open from 6 a.m.-11 p.m., weekdays and from 7 a.m.-11 p.m. on the weekend. Until 4 p.m., there is a \$7 court fee. After 4 p.m., the fee rises to \$10. Racquetball rackets can be rented for \$1 an hour from the phone shop.

Reservations will be taken by phone two days in advance. For persons reserving court time up to one week in advance, the center requires payment at the time of registration. Such early registration won't be taken over the phone but must be done in person.

IF YOU PREFER to roll leisurely along instead of chase after racquetballs, Bonaventure Roller Skating Center, 24505 Halsted, Farmington Hills offers Tuesday morning adult skating sessions from 10 a.m.-noon. Skaters must be 18-years-old and older for admission to the event which carries a \$2 fee. Skate rental is 75 cents throughout the day. Evening session are from 6:30 p.m. and from 9-11 p.m. for a \$3 fee plus skate rental. For information on other special skating sessions call the center at 476-2200.

FOR THOSE who long to stay in shape for the beach, several Farmington area concerns offer the public a chance to remain in the swim.

• **Mercy Center, 11 Mile** near Middlebelt opens its pool to the public from 5:30-6:30 p.m., Thursday and from noon-1 p.m., Friday. There is a \$1 per person per hour fee. Family rates are \$2 per hour per family. The center's pool hours will return to its complete schedule during the week of Jan. 18.

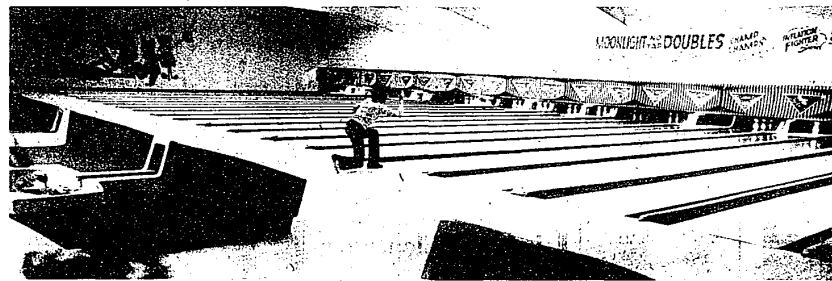
Family swim time is set for 4-5 p.m., Sundays. Serious Sunday swimmer can get their laps in from 5-6 p.m. that day.

The pool is also open from 12-1 p.m., Monday through Friday; 5:30-6:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday and from 7:30-8:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Swimming passes are available. Single passes for \$5 allow the bearer five separate swims. Family passes at \$10 allot 20 swims. Student and senior citizens rates available.

• **The Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College** opens its pool to the public from 8-10 a.m., Monday and Wednesday and from 8-9 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday. There is a \$1 fee for non-students.

FOR THOSE who prefer to avoid exerting themselves, there are a number of book stores in the area which offer

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An afternoon on the lanes can offer relief from the cold and some first aid for a bowler's average. A lone bowler demonstrates his style at Drakeshire Lanes one afternoon this week.

INSIDE ANGLES

BY LOUISE OKRUTSKY

IT'S CARBAHNGE in Farmington Hills but whether you call it garbage, trash or trawsh you still have to bag it. And the Farmington Area Advisory Council had just the thing for this pressing social problem — a box of 100 sturdy plastic 2 mil/30x36 trash bags for a \$12 donation. The money will go toward keeping the FAAC helping others in this time of economic instability. To order your trash bags, keep your garbage men (er, sanitary engineer) happy and help FAAC, call its office at 477-5767.

REMEMBER WHEN your parents got rid of you every Saturday morning by giving you 10 cents for the movies? (Would you believe a quarter?) Fun, wasn't it? Well, you can send your offspring on the ritual Saturday morning movie trip for 50 cents through the Movie Jamboree program sponsored by the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department. The movies will be shown at 11 a.m. beginning Jan. 10 for seven consecutive weeks at the Shawassee Recreation Center, 30415 Shawassee Road, Farmington Hills. Adults who want to tag along pay \$1. For further information call the parks and recreation department at 474-6115.

THEY'RE OFF TO see the president: Frank Vaughn, 16, of Farmington Hills worked this summer as a staff assistant for the Republican state committee during the campaign. His diligence was rewarded by an invitation to attend two gala receptions for the vice president and the inaugural ball. He'll also be on hand for the swearing-in ceremony and parade. Vaughn is attending the festivities with his mother.

ARE YOU A poet and know it? Area poets will be featured in Poets at the Ridge, a series sponsored by the Students Activities Department of OCC's Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. Monday in room J-409 or Turret Hall. All programs are free. On Jan. 19 Eric Torgersen, editor of "waves" magazine and author of "The Carpenter" and "At War With Friends" will read his work. On Feb. 2, Margo Lagattuta, founder of Detroit Poets and published in "The Little Magazine," "waves" and "Lake Superior Review" joins forces with Wendy Frisch, who received the Mademoiselle award in poetry and has been published in "Wellspring" and "Hard Times at the Outskirts of Eden." There will be an open reading on Feb. 16. All poets are welcome. For further information call the campus at 476-9400, extension 500 or 501.

The program continues on March 9 when Linda Nemec-Foster, a finalist for the Anne Sexton Prize who has been published in "Chowder Review" and "Teodril" joins Lorene Erickson, author of "Seasons of Small Purpose."

For a final segment of the series on March 23, Dudley Randall, founder of Broadside Press, reads his works. He is author of "More to Remember" and "Broadside Memories."

LAWRENCE Institute of Technology is indulging in a little snow business from Jan. 21-Feb. 6 when it conducts its annual ice sculpture contest between sororities, fraternities and other student groups. The competition will be judged on Feb. 6. Sculptures will be built in the open area between 10 Mile and the engineering/administration building. In case of a heat wave or blizzard, the judging will be postponed. The public is invited to stop by and see what engineering/architectural types can do with some snow and ice.

MEMBERS OF the Farmington Hills Chapter of the AARP who have had special training from the IRS will be on hand from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Jan. 20 at the Gathering Place in Mercy Center (gate 4) to offer assistance to seniors in preparing their 1980 federal, state, homestead and energy credit forms.

Persons who come for help should bring their 1980 W and 1099 forms, the amount of interest, dividends and social security received in 1979 and the amount of real estate taxes and social security received in 1979. You should also know the amount of real estate taxes or rent paid last year and to whom. All assistance remains free and confidential.

As in previous years, the service will be repeated. This year the tax helpers will be available each Thursday in February and March 3, 10, 17, 24 and April 7.

SO YOU WANT to quit smoking, eh? Providence Hospital's Community Health Education Department sponsors a stop smoking program which runs for six sessions over a three-week period.

Two free introductory sessions are scheduled for 7 p.m., Jan. 26 and Jan. 27. The program will be offered through the American Health Foundation and will be taught by Don R. Powell, Ph.D. The program costs \$100. For further information or to register, call the hospital at 424-3058.

ENTRY forms are available for the annual snow rush cross country ski race at 10 a.m. Feb. 1 on the grounds of Independence Oaks County Park. The entry fee is \$3 and early registration is required. Advanced and novice skiers can participate in the 15- and five-kilometer races as well as special two kilometer races for skiers 13 years old and younger. Trophies will be awarded. For further information call the park at 625-8877.

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