

Patrick golfers tee off for cancer victims

The sixth annual Van Patrick Memorial Invitational tournament complete with a host of golf, sports and local celebrities will be July 19 at the Dearborn Country Club.

Mickey Patrick, son of the late sportscaster is chairman of the tournament. William Clay Ford is honorary chairman.

The Michigan Cancer Foundation is the recipient of the funds raised by the tournament held annually in the memory of Van Patrick, who died in 1974.

Patrick was an avid golfer and one of his last wishes was that something

be done to combat cancer.

The tournament will feature 55 celebrities, each playing with a foursome in a Texas Scramble format. Celebrities will include Sam Snead, John Cook, winner of the 1981 Bing Crosby Pro-Am; and Dan Pohl, captain of last year's winning team and a finalist in the 1981 PGA and the 1982 Master's Golf Tournament.

There will be 220 people playing with the celebrities and each will make a \$300 contribution for the privilege.

For spectators who wish to watch the tournament, gallery tickets are \$5

sport shorts

in advance or \$8 at the gate.

The tournament is being sponsored again this year by United Technologies Automotive Group of Dearborn.

For ticket information, contact: Michigan Cancer Foundation, 110 East Warren Avenue, Detroit, 48201; or phone (313) 833-8969, or 833-0710.

● **BASEBALL CLINIC:**

The West Bloomfield Community Education program will kick off its

summer baseball clinic Saturday at 11 a.m. at West Bloomfield High School with a special appearance by Ted Simmons, catcher for the Milwaukee Brewers.

The June date is just a taste of what is in store later on in July when they will hold two sessions, July 6-17 and 19-30, for youngsters between the ages of 6 and 15.

Directors for the camp are Fred

Goldberg, athletic director at Southfield High School; and Carl Childress from the West Bloomfield Schools.

The camp will be broken down into three age groups: ages 6-8, 9-12 p.m. each day; ages 8-12, 12:30-3 p.m.; ages 13-15 (and older) 12:30-3 p.m. Older youngsters are invited to attend.

Guest coaches will be Rocky Roe, former American League umpire; and Larry Reichle, West Bloomfield High School Varsity coach. The instruction will cover all aspects of the game including a personal evaluation of each individual player.

Parents along with players are encouraged to attend the session with Ted Simmons.

Fee for the two session is \$60. For more information phone 851-7600.

● **ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

The 106th annual Men's Rowing Championships sponsored by the United States Rowing Association will be July 16-18 at Stony Creek Metropolitan Park.

The course at Stony Creek will be a fully bouyed, six-lane, 2,000-meter championship course.

Bancroft is coach of year

Troy track mentor quits

By Marty Budner
staff writer

John Bancroft has been so loyal and dedicated to the Troy High School track program over the years you'd think he was part of the student body.

That's how much enthusiasm he shows as track coach. And, that unbridled determination hasn't gone unrewarded.

Bancroft's Colts have won 70 of 87 meets over the eight years of his coaching tenure for an 80 percent winning clip. This year, Troy had a 7-1 overall record in finishing second behind powerful Southfield in the Southeastern Michigan Association (SMA).

For his efforts, Bancroft was selected by his peers as the 1982 Observer & Eccentric coach of the year.

"This was a real good year for us . . . we had a real tough team," said Bancroft. "We won both the regionals and the Ambrose Relays."

However, Troy's foes won't have to face Bancroft anymore. This was Bancroft's last year as he has decided to resign from his position.

"I primarily decided to (resign) to spend more time with my two sons and my wife," he said. "I'm not bitter. I just want to get out and do something else."

"I made a lot of friends over the years — especially with some of my former players," he said.

AT ONE POINT midway through Bancroft's coaching tenure, Troy won 33 straight dual meets. Troy has compiled an incredible 50-2 mark since 1976.

Bancroft has guided Troy to three Oakland Athletic League (OAL) titles and one SMA crown over the years. Troy's SMA title came last year — its initial season in that league.

Troy built a winning reputation over the years because of its consistent mid-distance and distance performances, and its awesome strength in the field events.

"The '77-'78 season was a real good year for us when we won the Spartan Relays," said Bancroft. "But, as far as the best year is concerned, I think it's kind of a tie between 1978 and 1982."

"In '78 it was nice because it was the first year we won a league title. That was a good feeling. It was the first real title we've ever won here at Troy. And, this year, we were respected and we won the regional."

Bancroft's main assistants over the years have been Gary Collins for the distance men and John Stelur for the weight men.



John Bancroft
Troy

Bradd Morse
Troy

Michigan reigns

Michigan was the big winner at the Midwest High School Track and Field championships over the weekend in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Michigan's boys' team won the four-state event with 139 points, followed by Ohio (111), Indiana (104) and Illinois (99). The girls' team gained first with 77 points, followed by Indiana (54), Ohio (24) and Illinois (14).

John Winterbottom of North Farmington won the 880-yard run with a time of 1:53.1. Dave Krafsur, Southfield-Lathrup's exceptional long-distance runner, took second in the two mile with a time of 8:12.8.

Seaholm's Treg Scott was a member of the winning Michigan two-mile relay team.



John Winterbottom
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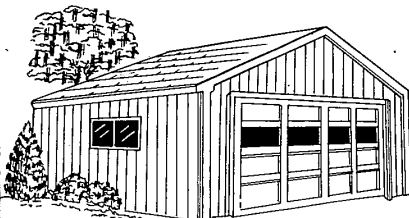
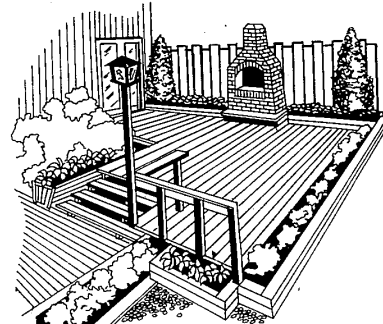
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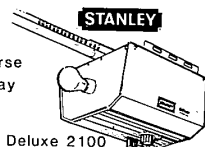
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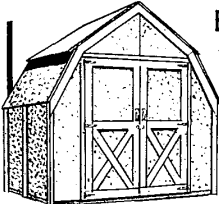
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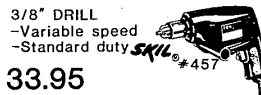
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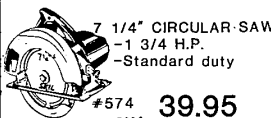
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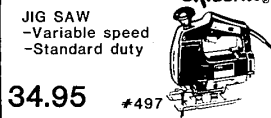
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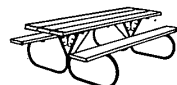


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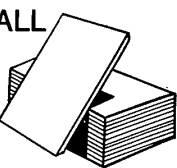
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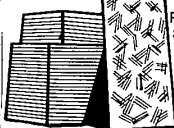
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