

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

CLASSES

■ FLY TYING
The Challenge Chapter of Trout Unlimited is offering two courses in fly tying. The classes begin Jan. 22 and will be held at Birmingham Seaholm High School. Registration is under way. Call (810) 647-1400 or (313) 359-4149 for more information.

METROPARKS

■ METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are free, while some require a nominal fee. Advance registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks, toll-free Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7755; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

■ SLEIGH RIDES
Dash through the snow in a horse-drawn sleigh weekends at Kensington.

■ SNOWFLAKE ARTISTRY
Create your own version of one of nature's wonders during this workshop, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Kensington.

■ ANIMAL TRACK MYSTERIES
Learn to identify animal tracks and signs, then try to solve the mystery in the snow during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday at Indian Springs.

■ DINOSAURS
Learn the latest on these fascinating creatures through a slide presentation then decorate a T-shirt with dinosaurs during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sun-

day at Indian Springs.

■ WINTER WALK
Look for evidence of animals during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

■ 1996 PERMITS
The 1996 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle permits and annual boat launching permit are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle permits are \$15, \$8 for senior citizens. Boat launch permits are \$18, \$9 for seniors. Call 1-800-477-PARKS for more information.

OAKLAND PARKS

■ COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advance registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-5473 to register or for more information.

■ EXPLORING ON SNOWSHOES
Enjoy an afternoon of snowshoeing on the trails during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Saturday at Independence Oaks.

■ FISHING CONTEST
Crooked Lake Ice Fishing Contest will be held 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at Independence Oaks.

■ LEARN TO SKI DAYS
Cross country ski instruction and demonstrations will be offered 1-4 p.m. on Saturday at Independence Oaks.

■ FAMILY/FRIENDS NIGHT
Cross country skiing and instruction, ice skating, hay rides and prizes are all part of this program, which will be offered 5:30-9 p.m. Saturday at Addison Oaks.

Hunters will gobble up turkeys



BILL PARKER

each licensed hunter to take one bearded turkey. Michigan Department of Natural Resources wildlife biologists expect hunters to eclipse that mark when the 1996 season takes place, April 22-May 31.

"Hunters set a record last year taking more than 13,000 turkeys and I expect this spring will be even better," said DNR upland gamebird specialist John Urbain. "We've got more turkeys and there will be more hunters out there."

The DNR is adding an experimental fourth hunting period this spring to ensure that all hunters who apply for a license will have an opportunity to hunt. The overall season has been extended from 35 to 40 days and divided into four hunt periods instead of three. Licenses for the fourth hunt period, May 21-31, will be valid in all spring wild turkey units except

public lands in Zone III. Some of the other hunts have been shortened slightly to accommodate the fourth hunt.

Hunters must select Hunt Number 210 as one of their three hunt choices to be eligible for the experimental fourth hunt. Applicants will receive the fourth hunt only if their preferred hunt choices are full. Every hunter who selects Hunt Number 210 is guaranteed a license. There are no guarantees on any of the other hunts.

Creating an opportunity

"Last year about 26,000 hunters didn't get a license," explained Urbain. "The general idea is to satisfy people who want to go turkey hunting. We looked at a lot of things, including a preference system, and decided this was the best. One of the Turkey Federation chapters near Gaylord came up with this proposal. We worked with them on it and came up with the fourth hunt period."

Hopes are this experimental hunt will pacify those hunters who have failed to draw a permit in recent years, but there are some drawbacks. The fourth hunt is at the end of the traditional season and mosquitoes and black flies are active by then. Foliage is also heavier than during the early hunts as the spring bloom is well under way. Another concern is the fact that after 30

days of being hunted the birds are sure to be gun-shy and call-wary. Despite these negatives, a license for the fourth hunt is better than sitting home disappointed because you didn't even get an opportunity.

Urbain doesn't feel the fourth hunt will have an adverse effect on the flock. "By the end of May breeding has taken place," explained Urbain. "The hens will pull off a hatch even if there are no Toms around. The flock has increased and continues to increase and I think we can give hunters an opportunity to hunt without hurting the flock."

The popularity of spring turkey hunting, as well as the size of the flock, has exploded in the past 10 years. In 1985, the DNR received 22,650 applications for 16,910 spring turkey licenses. Last year, 78,300 hunters applied for 64,789 licenses. The flock has also grown tremendously. There were approximately 12,000 birds in 1985 compared to 86,000 last year. There are now wild turkeys in 76 of Michigan's 83 counties.

Although the number of permits issued has risen along with the growth of the flock, the opportunities have fallen short of the demand. The experimental season should increase those opportunities.

The applications deadline for the 1996 spring turkey season is

Feb. 1. Hunters may apply through the DNR's computerized Retail Licensing System. Successful applicants will be notified by March 18.

Mounts on display

Over 300 wild game mounts from north and south America and Africa are on display and for sale at Arrowhead Archery in Taylor.

"The mounts are from one private collection," explained Bob Turcheck, co-owner of Arrowhead Archery. "We know its the largest collection in Michigan and it's probably one of the top 20 in the nation."

"If you have children, grab your camera and bring them down. It's an incredible display. It's amazing. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Arrowhead Archery is at 25695 Van Born, between Telegraph and Beech Daly. Store hours are 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Call (313) 295-3474 for more information.

Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to *Outdoors*, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (810) 644-1314 or call Bill Parker weekdays evenings at (810) 901-2573.

It's all in the family for Moores



AL HARRISON

Many of the bowlers who will be bowling in the upcoming pro-am (the Junior of the Greater Detroit Open) at Taylor Lanes will once again receive a Brunswick T2 bowling ball. The Brunswick ball is a Rhino Pro reactive resin, an upgrade of the original Teal Rhino. Entry forms will be made available later this month. Be sure to schedule the event on your calendar.

When something unusual happens in bowling, it makes a good story. This one is a rarity. Ron Moore bowled a 300 game in the Tuesday Mix Classic at Wonderland Lanes in Livonia. One week later, his brother, John Moore Jr., also rolled a perfect game in the same league.

What a perfect example of a sibling rivalry. Ron, 28, works for O. Keller Tool Co. in Livonia and John of Garden City is an employee in Westland. They are on the same team, so with these perfect games, opponents have to give all due respect to the Moore brothers.

Many stories come to my attention, but I was present when this one happened. I was visiting some friends who were bowling in the Cloverlane All-Star Bowlerettes when Karen Hagen rolled

an 800 series. Her games were 278-279-249 and needless to say, she was right on target all night.

The excitement continued after the game as all of her teammates and friends ran up to congratulate her.

The All-Star Bowlerettes bowl 8:30 p.m. Mondays.

The Redford Boys and Girls Club has been selected as the charity organization which will receive the money raised by the "Battle of the Ages," the Senior Youth Challenge which will take place at Mayflower Lanes 9 a.m. Saturday, March 9.

Anyone who would like to donate cash or door prizes to this cause is asked to contact Mayflower Lanes at (313) 937-8420.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

Country Lanes (Farmington Hills): Inter Lodge — Lee Wadsworth, 245-207-0000; Wayne Lanning, 230; Brian Davis, 231; Linda Lanning, 245-203-0454; Granddaddy Lanes — Ryan Wilson, 242-205-223; 134; Cindy Luthy, 231; Rich Rich, 235-209-0008; Wayne Lanning, 230-115; Bill Wood, 231/050; Livonia Lanes — Phil Vase, 217-731; Mark Aale, 262/707; Tom Clayton, 269; Mike Moore, 268/094; O. Keller, 268/049; Tom Hovinen, 268/008; Metro Lanes — Mark Szymanski, 257-211/830; Wayne Woodard, 256/820; Jim Horne, 255/808; Jim Murray, 245; Chuck Murray, 237/007; Redford Lanes — Bob Lanning, 233-205-0073; Tom Skrydswal, 255/418; Bill Skrydswal, 233-205/0022; John Lovvick, 224; Larry Leland, 231; Michigan Bell Lanes — Eric Worgan, 260-678; J. Marquardt, 227-237/800; E. Koonen, 228-225/054; Mark Luthy, 224-226/009; Bill Reed, 235; Washington Gardens — Jan Dornan, 248-201; Dave Evergreen, 243-529; Dave Persch, 236-211/819; Joe D. Corbett, 218; Alan O. Corbett, 217; Lakeside Lanes — Nancy Fandorner, 232-222-224/659.

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