

Outdoor Calendar

CLASSES

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

The DNR and Snoomads Snoafari Club will offer a snowmobile safety certification class beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Novi Expo Center. Call 248-681-7429 for more information and to register.

FLY TYING

Bueters Outdoors in Northville still has openings for its fly tying classes. Call (248) 349-3677 for more information.

EXPLORING AUTUMN

Children ages four and five accompanied by a parent will explore the autumn season during this program, which begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at the E.L. Johnson Nature Center in Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 339-3497 for more information.

TOURNAMENTS

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS

Oakland Bass Masters will hold its final tournament of the 1997 season on Sunday, Oct. 12, on Pontiac Lake. Call (248) 542-5254 for more information.

SEASONS/DATES

BEAR

The 1997 bear season runs through Oct. 26.

DEER

The early archery season for whitetail deer runs through Nov. 14. Firearm season begins Saturday, Nov. 15.

DUCKS

Duck season runs through Dec. 2 in the North and Middle zones and Oct. 11-Dec. 9 in the South Zone.

ELK

Michigan's second elk season runs Dec. 9-16 in designated areas by special permit only.

GOOSE

Canada goose season runs Oct. 4-Oct. 19 in the North and Middle zones. The season runs Oct. 11-Nov. 27-Dec. 7 in the South zone outside the fire. Goose management units. Check the 1997 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for dates of the season in the GMUs.

PHEASANT

Pheasant season runs Oct. 10-20 in Zone I and Oct. 20-Nov. 14 in Zones II and III. A special late hunt will once again be offered in southern Michigan Dec. 1-15. Check the 1997-98 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for exact boundaries of the hunt area.

WOODCOCK

Woodcock season runs through Nov. 3 statewide.

ARCHERY

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information.

OUTDOOR CLUBS

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6688 for more information.

FISHING CLUBS

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

■ Players interested in competing for the Michigan Lake Area Rams Connie Mack League team are asked to contact Bob Radu at (313) 479-4955.

■ A Little Ma Power basketball enrichment program is in progress through Oct. 30 at Roosevelt Middle School in Oak Park. There is a \$60 fee from 7-15 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and youths ages 11-14 go from 7:30-9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Players in grades 9-12 are scheduled for Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. For information, call (248) 351-9011.

■ The Michigan Lake Area Rams will be conducting tryouts for the Pee-Wee Reese (ages 11-12) and Connie Mack (ages 17-18) baseball teams. The seasons are in preparation for the upcoming 1998 baseball season. For Pee-Wee Reese information contact team manager George Liley at (248) 853-7082. For Connie Mack information, call Bob Radu

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call (313) 420-4461 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. The guest speaker for the Oct. 1 meeting will be Joe Zawislak, who will discuss surf fishing for salmon in Lake Huron. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDYS

Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. Call (810) 658-0556 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Dearborn Civic Center. Call (313) 676-2863 for more information.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours through Oct. 12 are: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays; 10 a.m. to sunset on Wednesdays; on Mondays and Tuesdays the rifle and pistol range is open 9 a.m. to sunset and the sporting clays course is open noon to sunset. The range is closed Thursdays and Fridays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Green-shield Rd. (three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills). Call (810) 814-9159 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. The range will close at 6 p.m. beginning Oct. 26. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (810) 866-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays through Mondays (closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays). Oct. 19-Nov. 15 the range will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Nov. 16-Dec. 22 range hours will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 6779 Hadley Rd. Call (810) 693-6767 for more information.

PONTE MOUILLEE

Ponte Mouillee State Game Area in Rockwood has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Starting Oct. 15 the range will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, except during waterfowl season when the range will close one hour before sunset on Wednesdays and Sundays. Ponte Mouillee State Game Area is located at 37205 Mouillee Road. Call (313) 379-3820 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

■ Tryouts for the Troy Mudhens - an Under-12 Federation baseball team for 1998 - are planned. For more information, call Chuck at 689-7235.

TEAM TRYOUTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks, toll free: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7766; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

TREE COOKIES

Learn how tree "cookies" come in different colors and what they can tell us about a plant's life, then send a couple of cookies to take home during this program, which begins at 4 p.m. Thursday at Stony Creek.

LEAF PRINT T-SHIRTS

Scatter a pattern of autumn leaves on your t-shirt and learn why leaves change color in the fall during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Indian Springs.

SQUIRREL'S FAMILY TREE

Learn about several members of the squirrel family during this naturalist-led hike, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

AUTUMN EXTRAVAGANZA

A fall color walk to enjoy the beauty of the woods begins at 3 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

HUNTER'S MOON

An outdoor program in which participants will search for the circumpolar constellations and learn about moon lore begins at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at Stony Creek.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

SUPERNATURAL SATURDAY-BEARS

Children ages 7-11 will explore the myths and legends about the black bear and learn about scientific research used in studying the bear during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at Independence Oaks.

TRUTH ABOUT AUTUMN

Take an extended hike and learn about fall colors during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, at Independence Oaks.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 686-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Participants can play in the hay maze, churn butter, press apple cider and learn about other traditional harvest time activities during this program, which begins at noon Sunday, Oct. 12, at Maybury State Park.

HALLOWEEN AT THE PARK

Pumpkin carving contests, horse-drawn hay rides, trick-or-treating and much more awaits participants in this program, which will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 17-18 and Oct. 24-25 at the Metamora-Hadley State Recreation Area.

Toss a few strikes and think about Columbus



AL HARRISON

Tomorrow is Columbus Day, and besides being a great day at the shopping mall, it also commemorates the 1492 voyage of Christopher Columbus.

But what has any of this got to do with bowling, you ask?

Very few people today realize that good old Chris was a pretty skilled bowler, although the game back then would have been quite different.

Legend has it that in some early experiments, Columbus tried to knock down some pins with a Frisbee.

These feeble attempts led to trying a perfectly round ball. After seeing that the round ball was truer than a flat frisbee, now you know the rest of the story.

Ancient records found many years ago in the Santa Maria indicate that Mr. Columbus carried an average of 183, and in those early days, that would have been very good. I would have tried to check further back at Genoa Lanes, but, alas, they tore the house down several hundred years ago to make room for a new mall.

Those days often brought hard times on the high seas, and all of the sailors would spend their time in port doing their best at the local lanes. I wonder if they ever had a "beer frame" way back then.

If you are under the age of 21, step right here, read no further.

Beer and bowling have gone along the same path for a long, long time. As the sport grew in popularity in the 1930s and '40s it was the breweries who stepped to the forefront by sponsoring a lot of bowling teams.

We remember the great Stroh's Beer teams which originated during the 1930s, which continue into the present. At times, Stroh's has been one of the nation's dominant teams.

Goebel's and Budweiser also put together some great names throughout the years, and there were many others around the scene as the breweries recognized a good live market among the bowlers.

Who invented the "beer frame," anyhow? It must have been Blatz.

Now let's start a little argument.

Many bowlers say that they bowl better after they get started and put away a few beers. Others say that drinking beer only slows them down. This argument goes well beyond the realm of medical science, as the only proof is in the scores, and if a couple beers make you loosen up and bowl more relaxed, more power to you.

With due respect to the beer industry, the reverse could also take place, as a bit too much alcohol in the system could cause loss of balance and/or a lack of coordination.

Just like anything else we consume, it is best to do it in moderation and remember that unless you happen to live at the bowling center, you still have to get behind the wheel and drive home safely.

So, what has all this beer stuff have to do with Columbus Day — you may ask?

If you go bowling tomorrow, raise your foam-covered glass in a toast to the man who discovered America only by the odd chance that he figured it all out by comparing his bowling ball to a flat frisbee.

HONOR ROLL

Phum Hollow Lanes (Southfield): Tuesday Nite 4-5 — Charles Richardson, 300; William Mayo Sr., 300.

Frisby Nite Out — Jamal Hughes, 300.

Troy Lanes (Troy): Over the Hill Classic — Bob Duchene, 247/701; Larry Degenais, 255; John Cedar, 259; Steve Gehres, 242.

Troy Lanes Youth — Ken Simmons, 234; Mark St. Clair, 234; Chris Preston 181; Jeff Edwards, 216.

Saturday All Stars — Rob Seyranian, 279-258/731; Mark Bunting, 253-224/687.

Bowl One Lanes (Troy): Classic Mixed — Paul Gossett, 300.

Wednesday Morning Classic — Larry Madzuch, 300.

Bowl One Seniors (youth) — Erica Mickowski, 289/756; Derek Cabanaw, 277/683.

Classic Lanes (Rochester): Thursday Nite Men — Tom Hamilton, 299-238-248/785; Mike Bennett, 279-202-223/704.

Marri Bowl (Livonia): Longnecks — Larry Tremont, 300/648.

Cloverlanes (Livonia): Suburban Proprietors Traveling (men) — John Hurley, 259/614; Bob Chuba, 254/665; Mark Volght, 248/635; Tim Maygar, 233/627; Paul Butler, 227 (ladies) — Viv Walcott, 205/552; Patty Joroch, 204.

St. Aidan's Men's — Rich Rodak, 220-265-264/749; Ernie Wagner, 254/612; Don Schoenle, 254; Jim Seager, 208; Keith Isaac, 248-246; Jeff Amolsch, 604; Dave Golen, 224-209/608; Tony Kalunzy, 225; Ed Schicker, 242/601; Ken Binder, 242.

Woodland Lanes (Livonia): Sparemakers — Anne Stokes, 256/611.

Guy's & Dolls (seniors) — Bill Geary, 245; Ed Zdanowski, 211.

Senior House — Craig Johnson, 248/695; Arnie Goldman, 259/740; Mitch Grogan, 265/713.

Mayflower Lanes (Redford): Monday Seniors — Howard Davis, 247/677; Jack Dahlstrom, 258/684; Al Thompson, 238/644.

Wednesday Senior Men's Classic — Owen McGill, 212/234.

245/691; John Bierkamp, 237/633; Tony Golchuk, 218-244/655; Al Thompson, 238-226-247/712; Howard Davis, 224-238-220/682; Jim Zeien, 217/242/647.

Country Lanes (Farmington): Country Jones — Cathi Haney, 210/525; Clare Angerilli, 209; Betty Bemis, 200/533; Lin Huber, 225/608; Terry Letwinski, 224/620; Julie Dunn, 222; Judi Stefan, 226/556.

Country Keglers — Joe Celestey, 267/664; John Eldred, 257; Tony Kubek, 243; Dean Johnson, 237/642; Walt Ullrich, 235.

Greenfield Mixed — Christopher Brugman, 243-232-244/719; John Crosso, 239-237/670; Ryan Wilson, 239-238/689; Ed Dusk, 247/649; Cary Archer, 252/612; Debbi VanMeter, 258-257/694; Lynne Wegener, 236/619.

Spores & Strikes — Sharon Craig, 228/632; Gloria Vanderlugt, 221/526.

St. Paul's — Ken Dean, 233/604; Kevin Kiemet, 233; Jack Brown, 225/614.

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Saturday, Oct. 18, 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday, Oct. 19, 10 am - 3:30 pm

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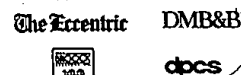
- Artist demonstrations: Thursday - Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm.
- Slide tour of show with artist/educator Karen Halpern: Thursday 7:30 - 8 pm.
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