

# RECREATION CENTER

The Observer & Eccentric publishes the "Recreation Center" every Sunday in Sports. To submit results of competition, items for the Rec Roundup or local story ideas, call staff writer Chris Mayer at (248) 901-2589, fax him material at (248) 644-1314 or write to him at: The Observer & Eccentric Sports Department, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

## REC ROUNDUP

### KARATE

**JSKA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**  
The William Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills will be the site for an upcoming 1998 JSKA Junior Karate Championship. Scheduled for Sunday, March 29 at 11 a.m. in the center's Shannon Room, this event will be hosted by the Japanese Shotokan Karate-Do Association and the Japan Karate Association. There will be a spectator donation fee of \$4. The William Costick Activities Center is located at 28600 11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt.

### HOCKEY

#### MEY'S HOCKEY LEAGUE OF OAK PARK

The Men's Hockey League of Oak Park is currently organizing its spring season, which is slated to begin Thursday, April 2 at the Oak Park Honeybaked Arena. The MHLOP, which has been in continuous operation for 25 years, is a drafted, non-checking, "full slap shot" league. Players must be 30 years of age or older. The spring schedule will include 16 games. Games consist of two 31-minute periods and will be played on Mondays or Thursdays at either 9:30 p.m. or 10:40 p.m. Interested players can contact Sidney Stutz during daytime hours at (313) 871-7500 or Jim Slowik during evening hours at (248) 203-9645 for more information.

#### FARMINGTON HILLS

The Farmington Hills Adult Hockey program's spring season is scheduled to start Sunday, March 29 and run through the end of May. The organization has openings for 16 teams in the over-18 and the over-30 divisions and eight teams in the over-40 division. All teams will play a 16-game schedule (two games a week) plus playoffs. Applications are now available at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena. For more information regarding the spring program, applications, schedules or cost of team entry, call (248) 478-2653.

### OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

**PLATFORM TENNIS**  
Conducted through April at the Waterford Oaks Court Games Complex, platform tennis is a combination of tennis and racquetball played outdoors on two lighted, heated courts. The Waterford Oaks Platform Tennis Club organizes mixers, league and inter-club play. Open play is 8:30 a.m.-11 p.m. seven days a week. Memberships for adults, families and half-season include unlimited court use, based on availability. Call (248) 394-1233, (248) 540-0144 or (248) 859-7596 for more information.

**RED OAKS GOLF DOME**  
Open daily from 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Small, medium and large buck-

ets of golf balls available. Private, semi-private and group lessons available, as well as retiree and student discounts. Lesson prices vary by instructor. Red Oaks is located at John R and 12 Mile roads in Madison Heights. Call (248) 648-1857 for more information.

### HURON-CLINTON METROPARKS

**MARCH OF DIMES WALK AMERICA**  
This fund-raising walk will be conducted on Sunday, April 26 beginning at 9 a.m. Registrations forms are available at the Metro Beach Metropark's park office. Metro Beach Metropark is located at 31300 Metro Parkway in Mount Clemens.

#### BICYCLING

The Great Lakes Cycling Ann Arbor Velo Club will sponsor a U.S. Cycling Federation-sanctioned race on Sunday, May 10 at Martindale Beach in Kensington Metropark. The event begins at 7 a.m. and will feature six different race categories and race distances from 33 miles to 66 miles. The race course is completely within Kensington Metropark. Participants must register before the day of the race. For more information or to obtain an entry form, call (734) 761-1603.

### FUND-RAISERS

#### RACE FOR THE CURE

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute will present Detroit's Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race For the Cure on Saturday, April 25 at The Detroit Zoo. An information and warm-up period begins at 7 a.m., the men's five-kilometer run starts at 8:30 a.m., a 5K run/walk for women, family and friends follows at 9 a.m., and a one-mile fun walk kicks off at 9:10 a.m. Cost is \$15 by Friday, April 3; \$18 by April 10; \$20 by April 17; and \$30 thereafter. There will be no race day registration. All proceeds support breast cancer research, screening and education.

For more information, call 1-800-KARMANOS (527-6266) or (248) 544-9099. Online registration can be done at: [www.karmanos.org/race-for-the-cure](http://www.karmanos.org/race-for-the-cure). Detroit.

#### ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

Walkers looking off to shake off the winter blues are invited to participate in "A Joint Parade", a fund-raising walk to benefit the Arthritis Foundation. Walks will be held Saturday, April 18 in Ann Arbor and Royal Oak, and Sunday, April 19 in Grosse Pointe. Routes of two or nine miles (two or five in Ann Arbor) have been created to include people of all ages and abilities. Check-in for the event begins at 8 a.m., followed by the walk at 9 a.m. Walkers are asked to raise pledges to support arthritis research and Arthritis Foundation programs and services. Prizes are available for anyone raising over \$75. Walkers are also encouraged to form teams

of four or more people. Prizes will be awarded to the top fund-raising team as well as the team with the most participants. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Arthritis Foundation as a source of help and hope to people with arthritis.

For more information, call the Arthritis Foundation at 1-800-968-3030 ext. 26.

**THE 1998 MS WALK**  
The annual MS Walk to help the fight against multiple sclerosis is slated to Birmingham on Sunday, May 3. Featuring routes of five, 15 and 20 kilometers, the Birmingham event will be conducted at Seaholm High School (2439 Lincoln). Check-in begins at 8 a.m. and the routes open at 9 a.m. Walks will also be held in Ann Arbor (Sunday, April 19), Dearborn (May 3), Grosse Pointe (May 3) and Monroe (May 3). For more information or a detailed brochure/registration form, call the National MS Society, Michigan Chapter at (438) 350-0020 or 1-800-247-7382.

**CLEAN AIR CHALLENGE**  
Join the American Lung Association for the 6th annual Clean Air Challenge Bike Trek on Sunday, Sept. 7 at Island Lake Recreation Area. Proceeds benefit the American Lung Association of Michigan's Asthma Education Programs in Metropolitan Detroit. To sign up or receive additional information, call 1-800-LUNG-USA.

### SOFTBALL

**WEST BLOOMFIELD**  
There's a new park in West Bloomfield and a new softball league to break it in. This spring the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation will introduce a new Women's C Doubleheader Softball League. Participating teams will play doubleheaders beginning at 6:20 p.m. on Thursday evenings at the new Drake Park. Located at Drake and Maple roads in West Bloomfield, play begins on April 30 and teams will play a total of 16 games. Registration begins March 2.

Registration forms are available at the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Center, located at 4640 Walnut Lake Road. Deadline for registration is Friday, March 20. Entry fee is \$500 per team and covers field maintenance, softballs, American Softball Association registration, ASA rulebooks, league and playoff awards, league coordinator costs and administrative costs. For more information call Parks and Recreation at (248) 738-2500.

### INDOOR SPORTS

#### IN-LINE AT THE DOME

If you feel like hibernating for the rest of the winter, but still want to have some fun, try in-line skating at the Pontiac Silverdome. Skaters of all ages and skill levels are invited to experience the world's largest indoor, in-line skating rink at the Silverdome as part of Roll-in-the-Silverdome. Guests can skate on the Third Level Concourse from 6-9:30 p.m. on the following dates: March 17-22, 24-29, 31; April 2, 7-9, 14-17, 22-26, 29-30; and May 2-3. The Silverdome offers double sessions on weeknights with additional hours from 1-5 p.m., and speed skating on Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30 p.m. for advanced in-line skaters. The cost to Roll-in-the-Silverdome for in-line skaters is \$6 for adults; \$5 for students with school identification, \$4 for children 12 and under and \$1 for spectators. All dates and times are subject to change.

Non-skaters also may take advantage of the program and use the Club Level Concourse to walk or jog on the same dates as Roll-in-the-Silverdome from 6-9:30 p.m. only. Anyone 12 and older interested in taking advantage of the walking/jogging program may apply for a pass at the Silverdome Ticket Office during regular business hours from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Guests under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. A \$10 per season application fee will be charged. The Silverdome provides more than 250 pairs of Rollerblade skates and safety equipment for rental along with free coat check and free parking at the West Gate. For additional information or to confirm open skating hours, interested parties can call the Roll-in-the-Silverdome 24-Hour Hotline at (248) 456-1646.

#### DROP-IN BASKETBALL

Basketball players looking for a pick-up game can stop by Abbott

Middle School in West Bloomfield on Wednesday evenings. Half-court drop-in basketball games will be played each week from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$4 per player at the door. The program is offered by West Bloomfield Schools Community Education. Call 539-2290 for more information.

**SENIOR CITIZEN VOLLEYBALL**  
Senior citizens can get a little exercise and have an enjoyable time in the process by participating in senior citizen drop-in volleyball games. The games are free to all seniors and is offered 7:30-9:30 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Administration and Community Services, 5810 Commerce Road. The games are offered by West Bloomfield Schools Community Education. Call 539-2290 for more information.

### OUTINGS

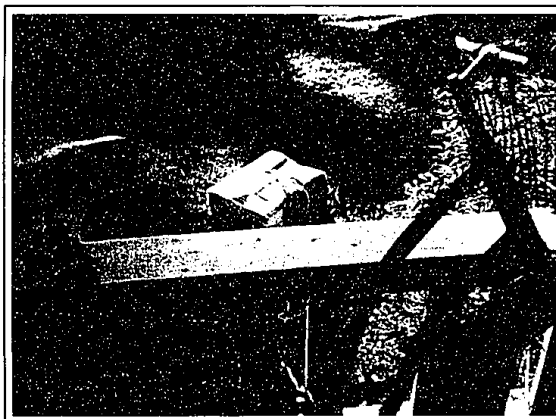
**BIKE TREKKERS**  
Serious bikers can get on the right track Sunday mornings by joining members of Bike Trekkers for a ride through West Bloomfield. Bike Trekkers meets at 8 a.m. each Sunday morning at the West Bloomfield Recreation Center and ride 10-15 miles on various routes through the subdivisions of West Bloomfield. Routes include both paved and dirt roads as well as the West Bloomfield Trail Network. Bike treks may also take riders outside West Bloomfield. The program is free and there are no residency requirements. Cyclists must be at least 16 years of age, have a bike with sturdy tires that can endure gravel roads, and must wear a helmet. For more information call Doug McEwen at (248) 738-2500 or leave a message at (248) 788-3940. The Parks and Recreation Center is located at 4640 Walnut Lake Road, west of Orchard Lake Road.

**WHITE WATER RAFTING**  
The EdgeRunner Ski Club, based at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, presents its annual "White Water Rafting" trip to West Virginia, May 29-31. The trip includes rafting, three meals, two nights of camping and an after-rafting party. Club members pay \$95 and non-members \$110. A down payment of \$50 is due by Thursday, April 9. Participants must be 18 years of age or older. For more information, call the Schoolcraft College Activities Office at (734) 462-4422.

### RUNNING

#### HALF-MARATHON AND FUN RUN TIME

The 22nd Annual West Bloomfield Half-Marathon, 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run returns to the streets of West Bloomfield Sunday, April 19, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The event will begin at West Bloomfield High School and travel along rolling terrain through the city. Last year, 1,158 runners and walkers participated in the Half-Marathon, 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run. West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation co-sponsors the Half-Marathon and 5K with Henry Ford Medical Center-West Bloomfield, Henry Ford Health System's Maple Grove center co-sponsors the Kids Fun Run with Parks and Recreation. A portion of each entry fee from the Half-Marathon will go toward Kaleidoscope Kids-Hospices of Henry Ford Health System. The event also requires the assistance of more than 150 volunteers, handling such duties as passing out water at aid stations, course marshals and registration. Each volunteer receives a T-shirt and invitation to a post-race banquet. For further information, contact West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation at (248) 738-2500.



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### ADULT RECREATIONAL LEAGUES

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### E-MAIL

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