

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.

Collins, Harvey set records at Spring Forward Sprint 5K run

Last Sunday's fourth annual Renaissance Home Health Care Spring Forward Sprint 5K at Oakland University featured sunny skies, 70-degree temperatures and record-setting performances.

Scott Collins, coming off a victory at the snowy Detroit Pistons Fast Break 5K, crossed first in a time of 15 minutes, 12 seconds, breaking his own record of 15:41 set in 1997. Collins, 26, was a former All-American cross country runner at OU.

Meanwhile, Ann Arbor's Karen Harvey shattered the women's record by over two minutes with a dazzling 17:02. Megan Fitzgerald held the previous mark of 19:10.

The top 20 male and female racers, plus additional Eccentric-area finishers, follow below.

MALE RACE RESULTS	
1. Scott Collins, 26, (New Baltimore)	15:12
2. Paul Rier, 25, (Livestep)	16:00
3. Jason Cutler, 24, (Lake Orion)	16:20
4. Greg Green, 29, (Auburn Hills)	16:40
5. Mike Irwin, 18, (Lapeer)	16:49
6. Greg Cobb, 25, (Brighton)	16:56
7. Brian Phillips, 24, (Mount Clemens)	17:15
8. Todd Kelly, 26, (Troy)	17:18
9. John Brubaker, 32, (Royal Oak)	17:25
10. Greg Thomas, 29, (Clio)	17:49
11. Brian Lusk-Smith, 18, (Rochester Hills)	17:55
12. Graham Henkel, 33, (Lake Orion)	18:00
13. Frank Carmona, 34, (Troy)	18:41
14. Dan Kendall, 40, (Royal Oak)	18:30

15. John Tarkowski, 45, (Garden City)	18:41
16. Dan Collins, 26, (Rochester)	18:50
17. Don Kelly, 17, (Holly)	18:58
18. Seamus O'Connell, 34, (Orionville)	19:00
19. Greg Heller, 43, (Trenton)	19:05
20. Eric Swanson, 19, (Clarkston)	19:10
21. Ray Brumby, 31, (Lake Orion)	19:20
22. Mark Kolakowski, 35, (Bloom. Hills)	20:07
23. Kevin Taylor, 36, (West Bloomfield Hills)	20:10
24. Dan Dewey, 51, (Orion Township)	21:04
40. Phil Clark, 43, (Troy)	21:10
41. Paul O'Connor, 14, (Clarkston)	21:25
42. Michael Quinn, 10, (Bloom. Hills)	21:28
43. Tom Arnold, 38, (Lake Orion)	21:39
44. Mark Dedow, 39, (Clarkston)	21:49
45. Dave Stricker, 31, (Birmingham)	21:58
46. Keith Moreland, 42, (Rochester)	22:29
47. Mark Kolakowski, 34, (Oak. Hills)	22:40
48. David Berlich, 36, (Roch. Hills)	22:43
49. Travis Bramble, 16, (Lake Orion)	22:45
50. David Markus, 32, (Rochester)	22:50
61. Ken Forbes, 37, (Birmingham)	23:01
64. Gordon Bird, 46, (Orion Township)	23:06
65. Joe Spurgens, 51, (Clarkston)	23:10
66. Bob Benedict, 24, (Troy)	23:19
68. Ryan Wilhelm, 20, (Troy)	23:30
71. Paul Bascemi, 22, (Lake Orion)	23:47
74. Ron Page, 48, (Farmington Hills)	24:14
78. Paul Corby, 36, (Rochester Hills)	24:34
82. Jack Stronell, 61, (Rochester Hills)	24:48
84. Al Fluk, 41, (Rochester Hills)	24:53
88. Ken Kowalski, 33, (Commerce Twp)	25:02
89. Bob Litzky, 63, (Farmington Hills)	25:12
97. J.S. Cardmon, 35, (Rochester Hills)	25:19
99. Michael Cardmon, 29, (Roch. Hills)	25:22
92. William Peters, 46, (Roch. Hills)	25:30
93. Tom Cameron, 49, (Hoch. Hills)	25:42
96. Jim Crandell, 52, (Troy)	25:53
97. Kevin Sherry, 41, (Farm. Hills)	25:55

100. Dick Tracy, 63, (Rochester)	28:11
101. Gary Jones, 44, (Birmingham)	28:12
104. Lawrence Mitchell, 48, (Birm.)	28:21
106. Harold Wright, 63, (Roch. Hills)	28:35
107. Darby Garrett, 39, (Roch. Hills)	28:38
108. Greg Quick, 43, (Bloom. Hills)	28:41
109. Howard Fershtman, 43, (Troy)	28:52
112. Dirk Evans, 37, (Southfield)	27:19
113. Tom Turek, 46, (Rochester Hills)	27:23
115. Roger O'Connor, 45, (Clarkston)	27:33
116. David McDermott, 48, (Birm.)	27:50
118. Rod Coffey, 51, (W. Bloomfield)	28:11
121. Brendan Keenan, 35, (Aub. Hills)	28:47
122. Joe Thibault, 31, (Troy)	28:52
123. Cole Swanson, 11, (Clarkston)	29:40
124. Curtis Rudolph, 30, (W. Bloom.)	29:58
126. James Wiedel, 57, (Rochester)	30:39
127. Bill Melon, 48, (Rochester Hills)	31:35
129. Ryan Sieke, 18, (Clarkston)	32:21
132. Nicholas Evans, 9, (Southfield)	35:63
134. William Evans, 11, (St. Ursula)	40:44
137. Hugh Dean, 57, (Rochester Hills)	47:06
138. Eric Budd, 42, (Rochester)	48:50
139. Jordan Budd, 10, (Rochester)	48:50

FEMALE RACE RESULTS	
1. Karen Harvey, 25, (Ann Arbor)	17:02
2. Elizabeth Kirt, 26, (Bloomfield Hills)	19:06
3. Denise Malow, 48, (Bloomfield Hills)	21:23
4. Wilma DeKrijter, 31, (Wicham.)	21:54
5. Heather Graham, 35, (Wicham.)	22:01
6. Tammy Sanborn, 31, (Rochester)	22:09
7. Ellen Nitz, 67, (Midford)	22:18
8. Tracey Cohen, 26, (Farmington Hills)	22:25
9. Michelle Cunningham, 37, (Roch. Hills)	22:37
10. Cynthia Watson, 33, (Highland)	22:39
11. Jennifer Auer, 37, (Bay City)	23:19
12. Kristen Nitzler, 24, (Hoch. Hills)	23:41
13. April Tracy, 34, (Orion Township)	23:49

14. Lisa Szymanski, 24, (Brighton)	24:11
16. Denise Kutchin, 42, (Royal Oak)	24:18
16. Claire Dedow, 37, (Clarkston)	24:31
17. Leslie Ruff, 30, (Berkley)	24:42
18. Peg Hiler, 22, (Dearborn)	24:47
19. Maira Morgan, 25, (White Lake)	24:55
20. Phoebe Kowalski, 26, (Birmingham)	24:58
21. Molly Jawal, 33, (Comm. Twp.)	25:02
22. Carol Coons, 44, (Troy)	25:16
24. Jodi Opdyke, 29, (Lake Orion)	25:22
26. Mirilla Ponzio, 44, (Bloom. Hills)	25:32
27. Pat Kargol, 45, (Rochester)	25:38
28. Tracey Bird, 45, (Orion Township)	25:39
29. Kelly Hillebrand, 24, (Farm. Hills)	25:43
30. Joyce Bayma, 48, (Rochester)	25:49
31. Andrea Norland, 14, (Rochester)	25:55
33. Christy Jacob, 16, (Rochester)	26:10
34. Karen Duncan, 44, (Bloom. Hills)	26:15
35. Laina Sieke, 18, (Bloomfield Hills)	26:31
39. Diane Hester, 42, (W. Bloomfield)	27:11
41. Cheryl Smith, 33, (Comm. Twp.)	27:22
43. Elizabeth Dean, 52, (Bloom. Hills)	27:21
44. Marilee Parent, 51, (Lake Orion)	27:40
51. Vicki Baskin, 45, (Roch. Hills)	28:57
52. Linda Forsberg, 50, (Bloom. Hills)	29:06
53. Dennis Nylan, 34, (Rochester Hills)	29:10
54. Kristin Bascemi, 31, (Lake Orion)	29:19
60. Stacey Clayton, 30, (Roch. Hills)	32:51
71. B.C. Cotter, 51, (Lake Orion)	41:03
72. Lisa Bayne, 25, (Rochester Hills)	41:17
73. Carol Ralston, 56, (Rochester Hills)	42:28
74. Karen Miric, 52, (Troy)	43:25
77. Dale Ojima, 45, (Southfield)	45:43
78. Peggy Powell, 60, (Rochester Hills)	45:59
82. Maryann Mitchell, 58, (Birm.)	47:38
86. Fran Martin, 46, (Bloomfield Hills)	49:04
88. Deb Fowler, 45, (Rochester)	49:04
87. Barb Crandell, 52, (Troy)	49:28

Swing into action at Oakland County Parks golf courses

The four Oakland County Parks golf courses - Glen Oaks in Farmington Hills, Red Oaks in Madison Heights, Springfield Oaks in Davisburg and White Lake Oaks in White Lake - are open for business.

Glen Oaks, an 18-hole, par-70 layout located off 13 Mile Road between Orchard Lake and Middlebelt, opened last Saturday to rainy, windy weather, but 109 players still braved the elements to get in a round. The player count jumped to 309 the following day.

Golfers who venture to an Oakland County Parks course this season will be in store for a few changes. Effective Monday, June 1, metal-spiked shoes will not be allowed. This move is designed to help keep the courses in better shape and bring the courses up to par with national trends. Each course will have plastic spikes and special tools available for golfers to make the necessary transformation.

Furthermore, all four courses will accept major credit cards for the golfers' convenience. Other amenities include cart rental, a pro shop and a clubhouse. All locations with the exception of Red Oaks provide food service.

Finally, Glen Oaks has three newly designed holes - Nos. 6, 11 and 12. Red Oaks features a nine-hole, par-31 course with indoor and outdoor driving ranges, Springfield Oaks offers a scenic, challenging 18-hole, par-71 layout, and White Lake Oaks is an 18-hole, par-70 course. Weekday greens fees at Glen Oaks, Springfield Oaks and White Lake Oaks are \$14 (nine holes) and \$24 (18 holes). The discount rate for Oakland County residents is \$11 (nine holes) and \$18 (18 holes). Red Oaks' weekday fees are \$12 for nine holes and \$11 for a second nine holes. The resident discount rate is \$9 per nine and \$8 for a second nine. Weekend greens fees for Glen Oaks, Springfield Oaks and White Lake Oaks are \$16 (nine holes) and \$28 (18 holes). The resident discount rate is \$13 (nine holes) and \$22 (18 holes). At Red Oaks, the weekend fees are \$13.50 for nine holes and \$11.50 for a second nine. The resident discount rate is \$10.50 for nine holes and \$8.50 for a second nine. For more information or to reserve a tee time, call the courses at the following numbers: Glen Oaks, (248) 861-8356; Red Oaks, (248) 541-5030; Springfield Oaks, (248) 625-2540; and White Lake Oaks, (248) 698-2700.

CLASSES

REI Spring has started at Northville-based REI and it's time to get out your bicycles and get ready to ride. Join REI for a month of activities focusing on cycling and learn basic repairs, where to go and how to do it. Knowledgeable staff and local outdoor community members host free educational clinics every month at REI, which is located at 17559 Haggerty Road at Six Mile and Haggerty, just off I-275. Here are four of the featured presentations.

Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

The Five Most Common Repairs, Saturday, April 11, 10:30 a.m. REI staff member Ken Kalousek, a bicycle technician for 11 years and a race mechanic for the NORBA National Championship series mountain bike races, will cover flat tire repair, simple brake and derailleur adjustment, chain repair, minor wheel truing and handlebar adjustment.

Invitation to Cycling, Thursday, April 23, 7 p.m. Dan Harrison, who has been having serious fun on his bike for over one-quarter of a century, will talk about all aspects of the sport of cycling, including fitting the bike, the body/bike interface, essential accessories, where to ride, road and off road opportunities and getting involved in cycling as a lifestyle.

REI Bike Fair, Saturday, April 25, 12 p.m.-4 p.m. Join REI for an afternoon of cycling information and fun. The Southeast Chapter of the Michigan Mountain Bike Association will lead a 10-mile ride from the store to Maybury State Park, local bike clubs and organizations will be on hand providing information on upcoming events, rides, races, and a clinic will be held informing people how to choose a bike that fits your needs and fits properly.

Kayak Demo Day, Sunday, April 26, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. This free clinic at Gallup Park in Ann Arbor will introduce Perception, Dagger and Walden kayakers.

FUND-RAISERS

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. Walkers 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 comes to Birmingham on Sunday, May 3. Featuring routes of five, 15 and 20 kilometers, the Birmingham event will be conducted at Seaholm High School (2436 Lincoln). Check-in begins at 8 a.m. and the routes open at 9 a.m. Walkers 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 (248) 350-0020 or 1-800-247-7382.

HURON-CLINTON METROPARKS

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

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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.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

MOUNTAIN BIKING
Scheduled for Sunday, May 17, the Addison Oaks Spring Mountain Bike Race is open to racers of all ages. Pre-register by calling (248) 693-2432 or take part in on-site registration 30 minutes prior to each race.

OUTINGS

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN GROUP, SIERRA CLUB
SEMG announces April outings for those interested in recreational, outdoor activities.

Saturday, April 11, Orion Oaks County Park: Hike approximately five miles over varied terrain while looking for early birds and wild flowers. Wear boots in case of mud. Park entrance fee and \$1 trip fee. Call trip leader Mary Stoelmler at (248) 879-6004 for times and additional details.

Sunday, April 19, Brighton Recreation Area: See Earth come to life on this five-mile hike. Moderate pace with stops to view plants and animals. Dress for April with sturdy footwear in case of mud. Trip fee is \$1. Call trip leader Mike Senclon at (313) 884-2214 for times and additional details.

Sunday, April 26, Name That Wildflower Walk, Maybury State Park: Spend two to three hours stalking the wildflowers

and try to identify them. Park entrance fee and \$1 trip fee. Call trip leader Joanne Spatz at (248) 932-5370 for times and additional details.



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Holders	10	4	.714	-	
Return/Athlete	10	4	.714	-	
Labels	8	6	.571	2	
Honey Tree	7	7	.500	3	
Tavern on 13	6	8	.429	3	

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