

GOLF CALENDAR

Oakland Hills Country Club's South Course will be the site of the 7th Annual "Blue N' Green" Tournament Monday, May 13, beginning with breakfast at 9:45 a.m.

The charity event pits alumni, players and coaching staffs representing the University of Michigan and Michigan State University teaming up for the common good of raising funds for the Oakland County Special Olympics.

Following breakfast, participants will take part in the shotgun start at 11 a.m., a special olympian exhibition at 3:30 p.m. and awards presentation and reception from 4-6 p.m.

Sponsorships are \$500 per person.

Last year's event raised \$49,000, according to Nancy Joseph, area director of Oakland County Special Olympics.

For further information, call (248) 674-4924.

■ The Sixth Annual Aztec Golf Scramble will be held Sunday, July 26, at Heather Highlands Golf Club in Holly.

Cost is \$80 per person and includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, banquet, closest to the pin and longest drive contests for both males and females and a golf towel.

Deadline to sign up to be a

part of a four-person team is July 13.

For further information, call Lisa Johnson at (248) 730-0938.

■ Golden Bear Golf Center in Royal Oak, 3500 Edgar Ave., will be offering a three-day instructional program for juniors interested in learning the game June 22-24 and July 20-22 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Included in the program are 15 hours of instruction, nine holes of course management, an 18-hole mini golf tournament, skills contest, \$49 range pass, towel, tees and Golden Bear hat.

For more information, call (248) 649-9500.

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The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudry at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDYS

Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome). The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2663 for more information.

MEETINGS

NRC

The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resources Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, May 13-14 in Lansing. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Terese Golden at (517) 373-2352 a week in advance.

SEASON/DATES

EXTENDED TROUT

The extended trout and salmon fishing season on designated streams is April 1-24.

FISHING

The 1997-98 fishing and hunting licenses expired March 31.

CATCH AND RELEASE

A special catch-and-release trout season runs through April 24 on a designated section of the Huron River at the Proul Lake Recreation Area.

SPEARS/BOWS

Spearing, hand netting and bow season for suckers, carp, gar and bowfin runs through May 31 on non-trout waters south of M-46.

PIKE

Pike season opens April 25 on inland lakes in the Lower Peninsula.

SMELT

Smelt netting season on non-trout streams runs through May 31 south of M-72 and May 1-31 north of M-72. Bow and spear fishing on non-trout inland waters is open for carp, carp and bowfin May 1-Aug. 15. Check the 1998 Michigan Fishing Guide for exceptions and closures.

STURGEON

Sturgeon season ends April 30 on the Great Lakes and connecting waters.

TURKEY

The spring turkey season runs April 20-May 31 by special permit in designated areas only.

TROUT

Trout season opens April 26.

WALLEYE

Walleye and sauger season opens April 25 on inland waters in the Lower Peninsula.

MUSKIE

Muskie season opens April 25 on inland waters in the Lower Peninsula.

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 are 10 a.m. to dusk on Wednes-

days, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. In addition, the sporting clays course, trap & skeet shooting and archery ranges are open noon-dusk on Mondays and Tuesdays. Beginning in mid-April the rifle range will also be open noon-dusk on Mondays and Tuesdays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenfield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-14. Call (248) 514-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

TOURNAMENTS

SALMON STAKES

The 20th annual River Crab Salmon Stakes benefit fishing tournament will be held Saturday, May 2, in St. Clair. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to support the Blue Water Mental Health Clinic and other programs across the state that serve troubled children, adults and their families. Raffle entry tickets are \$10 each and enters the holder into a raffle and the fishing tournament. Raffle prizes include a four night cruise for two adults and two children in Cape Canaveral, Florida; use of a private suite at a Tiger baseball game; a weekend for two in Chicago; gift certificates; and a charter fishing trip. Tickets are also redeemable for \$10 off dinner for two or Sunday brunch at any Chuck Muer restaurant. Anglers can win \$250 cash for the heaviest total catch in one boat as well as \$250 for the largest fish in each of four categories: king salmon, steelhead, brown trout and coho salmon. Tickets are available at Charlie's Crab in Troy, Muer's Seafood Tavern in West Bloomfield, Meriwethers in Southfield, Big Fish in Dearborn, Big Fish Too in Madison Heights, and Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor or by calling the River Crab at 1-800-468-3727.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

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

FEATHERS, FUR AND SCALES

Ages 6-8 will uncover the story of animals and their coverings through hands-on activities during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. each day on April 16 and 17.

BIRD IN THE HAND

Examine the ecology of migratory birds during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at Independence Oaks.

PARK CLEANUP

Celebrate Earth Day by volunteering to enhance the beauty of Orion Oaks on Saturday, April 25. From 9 a.m.-4 p.m., volunteers will plant seedlings and saplings, clear debris from inside the park, construct docks and make trail improvements. Volunteers should meet at the Baldwin Road entrance. Lunch will be provided. Call (248) 391-0110.

FREE WOOD CHIPS

Free wood chips from the Oakland County Parks Christmas tree recycling program, will be available on Saturday, April 25, at Orion Oaks at the Clarkston Road entrance. Individuals are asked to provide their own shovels and to load the chips by hand. No motorized equipment is allowed and no commercial haulers. Additional wood chip

dates are scheduled for May 23, June 27, July 25, August 28, Sept. 26 and Oct. 31.

CARING FOR THE LAND

Learn how ordinary citizens can make a difference in saving the environment and celebrate Wildlife Week at this family event featuring the work of conservationist Aldo Leopold, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Independence Oaks.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proul 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) 693-8767. For programs at Proul Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

WILDFLOWER WALK

Learn some natural history and to identify some common wild flowers during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at the Highland Recreation Area.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

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, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

1998 PERMITS

The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$9 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

CONCERTO IN (FROG) MAJOR

Ages three to five will learn about frogs and frog songs during this program, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 17, at Indian Springs.

NAME THE HABITAT

Find out what makes up a habitat and what habitats are in the nature center during this 1 1/2-hour walk, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at Kensington.

WOODCOCK WALTZ

Learn about the American woodcock (the timberdoodle) and its unusual courtship displays during this outdoor program, which begins at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at Independence Oaks.

LANDSCAPING WITH WILDFLOWERS

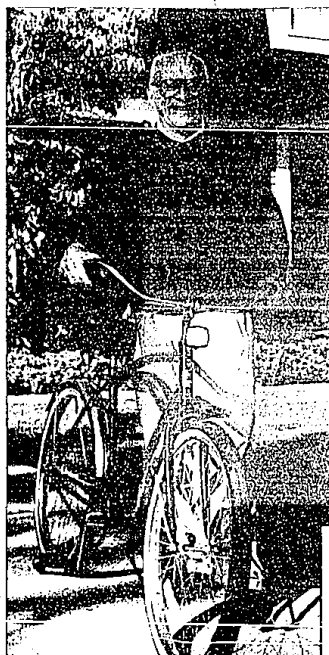
Learn how to produce a successful wildflower meadow or woodland garden during this slide presentation, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at Indian Springs.

WEATHER... OR NOT

Learn about cloud formations and what weather may occur with different formations during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at Kensington.

BASIC ORIENTEERING

Ages 10 and older can learn basic orienteering skills during this two-hour indoor and outdoor program, which begins at 11 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at Independence Oaks.



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Baseball Hall of Fame announcer

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Medicare Blue Educational Seminars

Bloomfield

Thursday, April 23
2 p.m. at Bill Knapp's
3900 Telegraph Rd.

Farmington Hills

Thursday, April 16
Thursday, April 30
9:30 a.m. at Bill Knapp's
36650 Grand River Ave.

Thursday, April 16

Thursday, April 30
2 p.m. at Bill Knapp's
27925 Orchard Lk. Rd.

Livonia

Wednesday, April 15
Wednesday, April 29
9:30 a.m. at Bill Knapp's
16995 S. Laurel Park Dr.

Rochester Hills

Wednesday, April 22
2 p.m. at Bill Knapp's
3010 W. Walton Blvd.

South Livonia

Wednesday, April 15
Wednesday, April 29
2 p.m. at Bill Knapp's
32955 Plymouth Rd.

Troy

Wednesday, April 22
9:30 a.m. at Bill Knapp's
2078 E. Big Beaver Rd.