

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 Meyer at (248) 901-2589, fax him material at (248) 844-1314 or write to him at: The Observer & Eccentric Sports Department, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

Sill stays on a roll, wins U.S. Open crown

Question: Who won the Masters at Augusta last weekend?
Answer: Mark O'Meara.

Everyone knew that. The media took the golf weekend and featured it on television, and sports pages ad nauseum in the local daily newspapers. At the same point in time another event was taking place: bowling. The U.S. Open, perhaps the biggest national event of the year and certainly the most prestigious!



AL HARRISON

Sponsored by AMF and the B.P.A.A., it draws the cream of the crop in both men's and women's competition with the finals run last Sunday afternoon on ESPN. Now, should I ask you to watch this event? You may not be aware that Walter Ray Williams, who led the men's field all the way, came through with the victory. But did you realize that Motown's own Aleta Sill took home the \$40,000 first prize in the women's event?

Shame on the TV sports programs, they missed this. Shame on the TV Guide, for they did not even have the U.S. Open on their schedules. Here is a great local hero, born in Detroit and raised in Westland, Dearborn Heights and Garden City, a competitor who will someday, if not already, be regarded by most as the greatest woman bowler of all time.

Aleta Sill is the only bowler to have won the Triple Crown not once, but now twice!

This is the accomplishment I

am the proudest of," said Sill, now over \$930,000 in career earnings and shooting to be the first woman bowler to earn \$1 million on the Pro Tour. She has represented our community well in all of her travels and deserves a lot more recognition for her win in this most recent event.

About the U.S. Open, it combines a total of 56 games to reach the final four, including qualifying rounds and a difficult match play brackets format for the top 14 qualifiers to get down to the final four. It becomes an endurance test as well as a skill competition.

Others involved included Team USA members and top ranking amateurs and professionals from all over the world.

Sill won it, and her good friend, Marianne DiRupo, also living in Dearborn, led all qualifiers, but settled for a third place tie and a \$11,000 payday.

Ironically, while thousands of Detroit area bowling enthusiasts were watching the golfers on TV,

most of them missed this show, as it was not even on the printed TV schedules, what a shame. The irony of it all is that Michigan has produced very few golfers of top ranking, therefore, the golf fans are following Californians, Floridians, Georgians, etc.

We can be so proud of all of our great local athletes and only regret that Sill gets full recognition from the media for all that she has done and being at the top of her game. We can expect her to keep adding to her laurels for many years to come.

HONOR ROLL

Plum Hollow Lanes (Southfield): B'Nal Brith Morgenthau L'Chayim/Zeliger-Gross; Jerry Broda, 219-207/609; Allen Klegon, 200-242/607; Jerry Kahn, 223-208; Joel Lankowsky, 254; Norm Schwartz, 242.

Bowl One Lanes (Troy): Sacred Heart; Dan Ritter, 266.

Bowl One Classics: Dave Zarn, 303-722.

G.M. Men: Dana Quigley Broke "Blue Strike Jackpot" (\$504). Wed. B & I: Bruce Wright, 279/772; also broke "Blue Strike Jackpot" (\$530).

G.M. Men: Mark Hauswirth, 299; Bill Kolar, 299; Jim Burke broke "Blue Strike Jackpot" (\$735).

Red Eye Classic: Charles Harwood, 300.

Saturday Night Specials: Chris Giffon, 267.

Guy & Dolls: Cindy Laga, 211.

Jewels: Brian Ferman, 279/803.

Gavie Supply Senior Classic: Pat Minaudo, 300.

Monday Merchants: Morris DePorter broke "Blue Strike Jackpot" (\$55).

Wed. Morning Classic: Perry Farrell, 300; Bill Usher, 299.

Jr. All-Stars: Stephen Sabo, 279; John Nolen, 300.

Troy Lanes (Troy): Saturday All-Stars: Rob Sayranian, 237; Ron Hillman, 236; Greg Unsko, 235; Chris Habner, 245.

Ford Sterling Van Dyke: Don Hallop, 237; Jeff Brown, 256; J. Brown, Jr., 235.

Fast Lanes: Ed Gorski, 266.

Cloverlans (Livonia): All-Star Bowlerettes: Aleta Sill, 201-276-258/735; Louise Johnson, 230-235-230/704; Diane St. Louis, 211-249-235/695; Carol Mielczarek, 203-248-231/682; Lisa McCarty, 259-214-196/669; Tamika Glenn, 193-259-217/668.

Folkio Thurs: Chuck O'Rourke, 259/751; Dave Diomed, 279/713; Ernie Humphrey, 259/681; Jim Castello, 245/689; Cal Collins, 671; Bryan LeBlanc, 244/651.

St. Aidan's Men's: Dave Golen, 229-220-212/659; Bob Percy, 226-223-222/671; Tony Kaluzny, 215-221/607; Ernie Wagner, 225; Scott Underwood, 211.

Tuesday Seniors: Harry Zajac, 229; Tony Golek, 226-227/644; Gena Polly, 215; Norm Kovals, 211; Joe Buglar, 210.

Friday Knights: Bill Delfenderfer, 290-221-254/765; Ric Fisher, 300.

Wonderland Lanes (Livonia): Motor City Men: Mike Golen, 234-275/729; J. T. Moody, 678; Ron Plumb, 659; Dave Baughman, 645; Brian Dzmelyk, 634.

Nite Owls: Dennis DiLorenzo, 276/732 (192 pins o/a); Kenny

Mynett, 701; Jim O'Chalk, 680; Randy Saunders, 654; Mike Pointe, 267/645; Ray Kufel, 260.

Wonderland Classic: Tim Panek, 279/789; Scotty Laughland, 269/774; Dave Kaliszewski, 268/762; Ed Grace, Jr., 268/763; Greg Bashara, 269/752; Ron Basse, 279/749.

Woodland Lanes (Livonia): Senior House: Dennis Seeman, 255/691; Jeff Hanson, 247/702; Gary Durnard, 279/774; Art Chodnack, 267/720; Rob McDonald, 266/738.

Ford Parts: Mike Anoll, 680.

Morning Stars: Donna Herrin, 607.

Afternoon Delights: Sherrill Everett, 629.

Men's Trio: Erv Watson, 730; Bob Sharp, 673; John Weiss, 720; Frank Hoffman, 693.

Garden Lanes (Garden City): St. Unus Classic: Doug Humphrey, 278-208-237/723; Doug Ellison, 225-208-276/709; Frank Chyzanowski, 234-226-279/739; Scott Whisenand, 236-233-240/709; Mike Baldwin, 279-257-701/737; Matt Dailey, 211-249-221/681; Bob Rayl, 279-211/688; Jim Gentile, 223-255/668.

Plaza Lanes (Plymouth): Plaza Men: Larry Minehart, Jr., 267-220-247/734; Jay Gnielw, 267-247-237/751; Dave Jones, 279; Waterford Men: William Newport, 238-255-231/724; Chuck Morris, 252-267-245/764; Jeff Bigenoh, 234-292-224/727; Russ Belanger, 268.

St. Colettes Men: Frank Pencola, 221-269-231/703.

Hot Shot: Larry Cyr, 289/709.

Livonia Trophy & Screen Printing Tournament: Winner: Frank Pencola, 233-288-247-237/1005.

Super Bowl (Canton): Youth Leagues Scores: Amanda Beger (avg. 70), 145; Amanda East (avg. 104), 154; Scott Gasorski (avg. 58), 115; Kristine Eggensberger (avg. 92), 162; Dave Fider (avg. 159), 226/593; Nick Rososhecki (avg. 93), 160; Tim Moncrief (avg. 181), 240/649; Jon Robinson (avg. 138), 224; Stephen Loren (avg. 65), 124; Todd Schemanske (avg. 159), 248/637; Vince Canzoneri (avg. 151), 222; Nicholas John (avg. 98), 158; Tony Vitale (avg. 186), 254/615; Matt Bureah (avg. 171), 243-211-221/593; Chris Gault (avg. 110), 165.

Country Lanes (Farmington): Greenfield Mixed: May For, 170-279-198/647; Barbara Turner, 199-212-227/638; Sue Addy, 191-230-182/603; Lynne Wegener, 191-204-209/603; John Crosano, 268-266/696; Walt Thomas, 230-242-224/696; Tom Lehman, 211-207-209/627.

Wednesday Knights: Larry Franz, 290; Tom Jenkins, 287.

Tues Mixed Trio: Andy Rubin, 300/786; Kevin Landers, 235/607; Keith Kingston, 279/706; Mike Weed, 267/710; Jeff Eisenberg, 257/705; Rodney Dixon, 256/681; Mort Friedman, 254.

Drakeshire Lanes (Farmington): B'Nal Brith Downtown Fox: Shl Rakota, 238-232/604; David Lazarus, 217-214-202/633; David Shanbaum, 211-209-208/628; Nate Feingold, 220-207/615; Charles Kamen, 209-200/600.

(Al Harrison covers the local bowling scene for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.)

REC ROUNDUP

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 informative programs focusing on learning basic repairs, where to go and how to do it. Knowledgeable staff and local outdoor community members host free education clinics every month at REI, which is located at 17559 Haggerty Road at Six Mile and Haggerty, just off I-275. Here are three upcoming presentations. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

Invitation to Cycling, Thursday, April 23, 7 p.m. Dan Harrison, who has been having serious fun on his bike for over a 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 fills 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 kayaks.

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 Clinton Clemens.

BIKING

The Great Lakes Cycling Ann Arbor Veloc 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 com-

pletely 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.

INDOOR SPORTS

IN-LINE AT THE DOME If you feel like getting some exercise and having some fun at the same time, 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 9:30 p.m. on the following dates: April 22-28, 26-30 and May 2-3. The Silverdome offers double sessions on weekends 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 \$4 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 p.m.-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 application, call the Roll-in-the-Silverdome 24-Hour Hotline at (248) 466-1646.

JOE DUMARS' FIELDHOUSE Now is the time to consider signing up for a sand volleyball, basketball or floor hockey league at Joe Dumars' Fieldhouse. The spring sand volleyball season begins Tuesday, May 12. Offerings include 2-on-2 competitive (\$49 per player), 4-on-4 competitive (\$45 per player), and 6-on-6 co-ed recreational (\$39 per player with eight-person roster) leagues. Leagues include 10

games plus playoffs. Call (810) 731-3080 for more information. The registration deadline for the spring/summer basketball leagues is Friday, May 29. Offerings include women's and men's leagues featuring 10 games plus playoffs, referees, weekly stats and standings, and championship T-shirts. The cost is \$65 a player per nine-person roster. Call (810) 731-3080 for more information. Joe Dumars' Fieldhouse is located at Mound Road and M-59 in Macomb County's Shelby Township.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

MOUNTAIN BIKING Scheduled for Sunday, May 17, the Addison Oaks Spring Mountain Bike Race is open to racers of all ages. New this year is a first-time rider, one-day class for riders ages 15 and older. Race divisions include: ages 4-under; 5-6; 7-8; 9-10, 13-and; Beginner Men; Beginner Women; Michigan Pro; Expert Men; Expert Women; Sport Men; Sport Women; and Tandem. For more information or to pre-register, call (248) 693-2432, (248) 858-0916 or (248) 858-1684, or visit the Oakland County Parks website at: www.co.oakland.mi.us. Riders also take part in on-site registration 30 minutes prior to each race. Addison Oaks is located at 1480 West Romeo Road, nine miles north of Rochester.

LEARN TO SWIM The Sports Authority Learn to Swim Program, offering classes for people of all athletic abilities, kicks off in June at two Oakland County Parks waterparks. Sessions are scheduled for June 15-26, June 29 - July 10, July 13-24, and July 27 - Aug. 7 at Red Oaks Waterpark in Madison Heights and Watford Oaks Waterpark in Waterford. The class list ranges from Parent-Tot and beginners to advanced and life guarding. Testing will be available Saturday, June 13 to check an individual's swimming level. Registration is currently underway and can be done in person at either waterpark after Monday, May 25 or by calling (248) 858-0916. Cost is \$40 for the two-week sessions. Classes

are 45 minutes and will run Monday through Friday. There will be no refunds after the classes begin. The Oakland County Parks lifeguards slated

to teach the classes are trained by Ellis & Associates and are certified in CPR and first aid. Red Oaks Waterpark is located at 1455 E. 13 Mile Road between

John B and Dequindre, while Watford Oaks Waterpark is located at 2800 Watkins Lake Road between Dixie Highway and Pontiac Lake Road.



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Friday, April 24 from 10 AM to 7 PM

Saturday, April 25 from 10 AM to 5 PM

Sunday, April 26 from 12 to 5 PM

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Proceeds to benefit Youth and Parenting Programs at The Community House

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Monday, April 20, 10 AM to 8 PM

Tickets: \$20

Unique and innovative designs by over twenty area collectors and designers.

Festival Preview Party

Thursday, April 23 from 6 to 9 PM

Patron ticket: \$125

Admission at 6 PM

Preview Friend ticket: \$75

Admission at 7 PM

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Saturday, April 25 from 6 to 10 PM

Tickets: \$25

For information or ticket purchase, call (248) 644-5832 ext. 423



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