

RECREATION CENTER

The Observer & Eccentric publishes the "Recreation Center" every Sunday in Sports. To submit results of competition, or 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

ATHLETIC VENTURES, L.C.

DOMINO'S PIZZAMAN SERIES
The 1998 Domino's Pizzaman Series, sponsored by Domino's Pizza and benefiting the Easter Seals Society of Michigan, features triathlons, open water swims and a trail run. And to top it off, one lucky grand prize winner will enjoy free pizza for one year.

There are six races in the series: two triathlons, three open water swims; and a five-mile trail run. The second triathlon is set for Sunday, July 26 at Big Portage Lake in Waterloo, while the three open water swims will go off July 3, Aug. 7 and Sept. 7 at Silver Lake. The series concludes Sept. 7 (Labor Day) with the Domino's Fall Trail Run. Awards will be presented in each age division (at least three deep) of each race. The grand prize, however, revolves around participation, not wins. For each race entered, one ticket with your name on it will go into the Pizzaman Prize Hat - your name goes into the hat six times if you participate in all six races - and at an awards ceremony following the trail run one ticket will be drawn and that person wins one large Domino's pizza per month for the next year. Entry forms and race information can be found at Athletic Ventures' impressive website: www.AthleticVentures.com. Additional details can also be obtained by calling (734) 332-3981 or (734) 662-1000.

HOCKEY

FARMINGTON HILLS ADULT HOCKEY
Applications are now available at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena and the Suburban Training Center for the fall/winter season. The Farmington Hills Adult Hockey Association offers the opportunity for all players to participate in a recreational, organized setting regardless of skill level. Leagues are offered in the following age groups: over-18, over-30, over-40 and over-47. There are openings in all divisions and new players are encouraged to register. All teams are scheduled for two games a week, beginning the second week of September, and will play a total of 44 games plus playoffs. Since this is an all-draft program, players will be assigned to their respective teams based on age and skill level. The registration is \$100 with an additional fee of \$465 plus jersey deposit due later. The registration deadline is Saturday, Aug. 1 or when the division is full. For more information or to make a request for applications, call (248) 471-6004 or address correspondence to Farmington Hills Adult Hockey Association, P.O. Box 3357, Farmington Hills, MI 48333.

HURON-CLINTON WALK MICHIGAN '98

As part of the statewide "Walk Michigan '98" fitness program, Kensington Metropark near the Milford area will host a number of fun walks in the upcoming weeks. The non-competitive walks will vary from one mile to three miles, and people of all ages and physical abilities are welcome to participate. Registration is free and will be held on the day of the event. Sessions are scheduled for 1 p.m. Sunday, July 5 (Marinade Beach) and 9 a.m. Wednesday, July 22 (Martindale Beach). For additional times and dates, call Kensington Metropark at (248)

686-1661 or 1-800-477-3178. A Metropark vehicle entry permit is required. Daily costs are \$3 weekends and holiday and \$2 weekdays except Wednesdays, which are free entry days.

WEAR THE GEAR
The "Wear The Gear" safety program is back for a second year at the Huron-Clinton Metroparks. From now until Sept. 7, anyone "caught" by a Metropark ranger using all the safety gear - helmet, wrist guards, elbow pads and knee pads for in-line skaters and a helmet for bikers - while using the paved trails in one of the participating parks will receive a Wear The Gear helmet sticker and a coupon for free entry into a facility or for a free food item. They can also register for a Sept. 11 drawing to win a bike, in-line skates and other prizes. The Metroparks with paved trails that are participating in the program include Metro Beach, Skany Creek, Indian Springs, Kensington, Hudson Mills, Lower Huron, Willow and Oakwoods.

In 1996, 126 biking and in-line skating accidents were reported throughout the Metroparks. That number declined to 84 in 1997.

SKATE SMART TOUR
A "Skate Smart Tour," featuring free in-line skating lessons and free skate demonstrations sponsored by Nichols Ski & Sports, will be held at six Metroparks throughout the summer. Pairs of demonstration skaters, along with the necessary safety gear, will be available for people to try from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Braking clinics and informal lessons will be held every hour during that time. These sessions are great for anyone just getting started and desiring to see what is available or for those who want to try the latest styles of in-line skates from a variety of manufacturers such as Rollerblade, Salomon, K-2 and Nike.

The tour will make a stop at Hudson Mills Metropark today, Willow Metropark on July 12 and Indian Springs on July 19. For more information, contact Nichols Ski & Sports at (313) 565-0044 or (248) 674-5200. For set-up locations within the metroparks, call 1-800-47-PARKS.

DISCRAFT GREAT LAKES OPEN
The Discraft Great Lakes Open, one of the most prestigious disc golf tournaments in the country, will be held at Hudson Mills on Saturday, Aug. 1 and Sunday, Aug. 2. About 250 professional and amateur disc golfers from across the United States and Canada will be competing on the two 24-hole courses located in the park. The two courses have received national recognition for their beauty, layout and difficulty. For more information, contact Hudson Mills at 800-477-3191 or Tod More, tournament director, at (734) 426-3678.

GOLF
Kensington, Hudson Mills and Lake Erie golf courses are conducting several golf competitions that offer amateur golfers of all ages and abilities a chance to play in high-caliber, low-cost tournaments.

Kensington
(Entry fees are \$4 plus greens fees per player. For more information call 248-685-9332 or 1-800-477-3191.)
July 10 - Women/Jr. Girls Championship, junior girls by age
July 18 - Mixed Doubles Best Ball alternate shot format
July 27 - Senior Championship for ages 62 or older, flighted by handicap
July 31 - Boys Junior Championship flighted by age
Aug. 1-2 - Two Person Better

Ball separate tournaments each day
Aug. 22 or 23 & Sept. 20 - Kensington Individual Championship flighting Aug. 22-23; championship - Sept. 20
Sept. 26 - Parent-Child Championship alternate shot format

Hudson Mills
(Entry fees are \$4 plus greens fees per player. For more information call 734-426-0468 or 1-800-23-GOLF-4)
July 10 - Junior Championship flighted by age
July 20 - Senior Championship, 62 years or older, flighted by handicap
Aug. 23 - Two Person Scramble Sept. 6 - Individual Championship
Sept. 27 - Parent-Child Tournament flighted by child's age, alternate shot format

Lake Erie
(Call 734-379-0048 or 1-800-23-GOLF-4 for more information.)
July 18 - Mixed Doubles Tournament 9-hole, two person scramble, \$35 per team
Aug. 7 - Junior Tournament flighted by age, 12 and under - \$12, ages 13-18 - \$15.50.

CLOSEST-TO-PIN CONTEST
Seven of the Metroparks' regulation golf courses will be participating in the "Million Dollar Golf Challenge" sponsored by UPN 60, WKBD-TV. The challenge is a closest-to-the-pin contest with proceeds going to a local charity. For six weeks in July and August, different courses in the metropolitan area will be the sites for the qualifying holes. For a \$5 donation, golfers playing 18 holes, can try to get closest to the pin on the designated par-3 hole. Winners at each course will receive a \$100 gift certificate for use at that course, and will compete in the finals that will be held later in the summer. The grand prize will be a million dollars to anyone who aces the hole. Other prizes will also be awarded other top finishers. The finals will be taped and featured on a show to be aired on UPN 60.

"Challenge" Metroparks schedule:
July 18 - Willow
July 26 - Kensington
Aug. 1 - Lake Erie
Aug. 8 - Indian Springs
Aug. 8 - Northbrook
Aug. 15 - Huron Meadows
Aug. 22 - Hudson Mills

JOE DUMARS' FIELDHOUSE

OPEN PLAY
Joe Dumars' Fieldhouse in Macomb County's Shelby Township (Mount Road and M-59) is their indoor and outdoor basketball and sand volleyball pickup play through Labor Day. Cost is \$5 per person.

LEAGUES
■ The summer sand volleyball season begins the first week in July. Offerings include 2-on-2 competitive (\$49 per player), 4-on-4 competitive (\$45 per player) and 6-on-6 recreational (\$39 per player with eight-person roster). League includes 10 games plus playoffs. Call (810) 731-3080 for more information.
■ Registration for men's and women's summer basketball leagues is ongoing. League includes 10 games officials, scorekeeper, stats and standings. All levels of play are represented in the league offerings. Call (810) 731-3080.
■ Fall roller hockey leagues begin in late August. Registration are currently being accepted for all divisions. Call (810) 731-3080.

46-50-96 and Renee Ross (Sterling Heights), 50-46-96; Low Net - Pat Meyers (Birmingham), 98-19-79.
SELEIGHT
Low Gross - Dolly Vettesse (Northville), 49-49-98; Second - Sallie Campbell (St. Clair Shores), 53-62-105; Low Net - Mary Richards (Grosse Pointe Woods), 109-36-72.

LEAGUES

DETROIT SPORT & SOCIAL CLUB
The Royal Oak-based Detroit Sport & Social Club is offering summer co-ed leagues in sand volleyball (2's, 4's and 6's), softball, and 11-on-11 and 8-on-8 outdoor soccer. Games will be conducted at various locations in Metro Detroit, including the Southfield Civic Center (sand volleyball) and Inglenook Park (softball) in Southfield. Interested players and/or teams can call DSSC at (248) 698-3366 for starting dates and additional details or check out DSSC's website at www.dssc.com.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

WATER PARKS
Open 11 a.m.-7 p.m., based on lifeguard availability. Open to 8 p.m. daily in July. Through Sunday Aug. 23 Red Oaks Waterpark in Madison Heights offers the largest wave-action pool in Michigan and the longest (triple-flume) water slide in the Midwest, in addition to volleyball courts, picnic areas, a sun shelter, concessions, bathroom with lockers and showers and more. Special group rate and birthday party packages available. Call 585-6992.
Through Monday Sept. 7 attractions at Waterford Oaks Waterpark in Waterford include The Big Bucket (children's water playground), Ragin' Rapids (516-foot long group raft ride), The Wave (Michigan's first wave action pool) and the Slidewinder (dual-flume water slide). Amenities include volleyball courts, picnic areas, concessions, and bathroom with lockers and showers. Special group rates and birthday party packages are available. Call 248-858-0918 for

additional details.

COURT SPORTS
Call 248-858-5433 for information regarding any of the following events. Through Labor Day Waterford Oaks Court Games Complex will be open. Tennis lessons and leagues, sand volleyball, horseshoes and shuffleboard, children's playscape and picnic shelter are the featured events. Rental equipment and restrooms are available. July and August - Play Tennis America leagues.
Aug. 7 - 9 - Mid-Summer Senior Tournament.
Aug. 14 - 16 - Junior Classic Tournament.

MASTER GAMES
The Master Games, a combination of athletics and competition, is open to Michigan residents, ages 60 and older. Events include a race walk, tennis, volleyball, basketball, track and field plus swimming. Other competitions are baking, arts and crafts, and a bridge tournament.
The games will take place on Friday, July 31, at Royal Oak Kimball at 13th Mile and Crooks Roads.

"People can test their personal best and enjoy a day of entertainment" says Dorey, Oakland County Parks Recreation Supervisor and Master Games organizer, said.
The day-long event will also include a Wellness Expo with fitness testing, health screening and a nutrition seminar.
Entertainment will be provided by the Ban-Joes of Michigan, Pearl The Hot Lady, Paul Parent and the Oakland County Parks Singations.
Registration packets are available from Oakland County Parks. The entry deadline is Monday, July 17.
There will no on-site registration.

For more information, or to receive a registration packet, call Dorey at (248) 858-7659 or TDD: (248) 858-1684. Visit the Oakland County Parks website at www.co.oakland.mi.us for discount coupons and park maps.

R & D RACE DIRECTORS

2ND ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE HILLS
The second annual Festival of the Hills 5K Run/Walk and one-half mile Kiddie Run comes to Bloomer Park (John R and Avon roads) in Rochester Hills on Saturday, July 4 beginning at 8 a.m. A registration period will be conducted from 6:45 a.m.-7:45 a.m. Entry fee is \$12 before July 1 and \$16 thereafter. Cost for the kids run is \$10 early or late. 3R Running Club members pay \$10 (early) or \$16 (late). For more information, call R & D Race Directors at 1-800-753-9820 or go on-line at www.runmichigan.com/festival5k/.

RUNNING

MOTOR CITY STRIDERS
This year's Big Boy Road Race Series kicks off Thursday, July 2 in Huntington Woods with the one- and two-mile runs. The three-mile run follows on Thursday, July 9 and the series ending four-mile run goes off Thursday, July 16. Other races scheduled for July include the 16th annual Firecracker Mile (July 4), the Just Zoo! 10K Organ Donor 6K Run and 1.5-mile walk (July 18) and the 13th annual Heart of the Hills 5K and 10K Run (July 26). Call (248) 544-9099 for additional information on any of the above events. Or visit the Motor City Striders website at www.motorcitystriders.com.



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SOUTHFIELD GOLD CUP POLO COMPETITION

Southfield Polo Team vs. Sarasota, Florida Polo Team on Saturday, July 18, 1998 at 2:00 pm • Rain date: Sunday, July 19

at Word of Faith International Christian Center (formerly Duns Scotus), Evergreen and 9 Mile roads

Tickets: \$5 in advance/\$6 at the gate/\$1 children 12 & under Proper attire requested: Men - sportcoats • Women - low heels recommended

For information: Southfield Community Relations Department, 248/354-4854
Please Note - Parking is available in the north lot of the Southfield Civic Center (Evergreen and 10 1/2 Mile) with complimentary shuttle bus service provided to the Polo Field.

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