

Circular on Private Shooting Preserves Out

Applications for private shooting preserves operating licenses are now available from the Michigan Conservation Department.

An information circular covering rules for the licensing and operation of preserves also has been prepared for distribution by the Department.

The circular summarizes the regulations established by the state Conservation Commission and those stated in the preserve act passed by the 1957 legislature. It also refers to related laws and includes general information intended to be helpful to prospective and licensed preserve operators.

This material can be obtained by contacting: Michigan Conservation Department, Lansing 26.

Michigan's Winter Sports Business Gets Bigger and Bigger Every Year

Cold weather sports have now become big business in the state. This season, for example, some half a million residents and out-of-state sportsmen, whose families included, will storm Michigan's expanded winter sports areas, according to the state tourist council. "And that," says executive secretary Robert J. Furlong, "is a mighty conservative figure."

The estimate, he explained, is based on a council survey of Michigan's winter sports industry in 1954. "Since then the winter travel business has increased enormously," he said.

Winter sports, of course, includes everything from skiing and tobogganing to bob- and cat-hunting and ice fishing. But the biggest single increase has been in the number of skiers who have taken to Michigan's slopes.

"We estimate 375,000 members of the 'slat set' will mush to ski centers during the state from the upper peninsula's 'cooper country' to Kalamazoo down below," Furlong said. "And they will spend some \$12½ million in the process."

"Michigan now has 61 organized winter sports areas—an all-time high," he continued, "more than any other state east of the Rockies. Twenty-six of them have opened since 1953, and this year alone 9 new ski centers go into operation for the first time. But eager resort operators already are making plans for further expansion and new developments next season."

With the trend today toward family recreation, all of Michigan's winter resorts are equipped for beginners as well as experts and in-betweeners. Ski slopes vary in length from 200 to 1,500 feet, the longest being at Port Huron Mt. Lodge in the west end of the upper peninsula.

Other ski center offerings include alpine bowls, ski jumps and cross-country trails. Toboggan slides and ice-skating rinks also are standard equipment at many areas. And for the indoor winter sports, there are restaurants, snack bars, lounges and warming shelters. Rental equipment is available at most centers and many resorts offer special "ski week and week end" package vacation plans which include lodging, meals, equipment and—most important—instruction.

The 9 new ski centers are scattered across the entire state, from the western upper peninsula to southeastern Michigan.

Of 14 upper peninsula winter sports centers four are new: Cliffs Ridge at Marquette; Big Valley at Newberry; Brice's Hill near St. Ignace; and Peek-a-Boo Hill between Island and Cedarville in the Chequamegon Island area.

West Michigan offers 23 ski centers, two of them new this year: Walloon Hills, 4½ miles west of Walloon Lake near Petoskey; and Buck Hills, 10 miles southeast of Benoni.

Two of East Michigan's 21 ski areas are making their debut this season: Indian Hills, Ski Park, 8 miles west of West Branch and 5 miles south of St. Helen; and Summit Ski Club, 3½ miles south of Fenton in the southern lower peninsula.

Southeastern Michigan's winter sports centers now total six with the addition of Grampian Mt., 11 miles south of Pontiac.

Newest thing on Michigan's ski scene, said Furlong, is the artificial snow-making machine. Manufactured snow will be featured at four more centers this season: Caberfee, Houghton Lake Snow Bowl, Grampian Mt., and Summit Ski Club; making a total of six ski areas offering man-made snow. Snow machines were installed last year at Boyne Mt. and Mt. Holly.

Besides the addition of the nine new areas to Michigan's roster of winter facilities, existing winter sports centers have been improved and expanded since the close of last season. New slopes have been built, dazed and old ones have been lengthened and graded. New electrically-driven rope tows and T-bar lifts have been installed by a number of areas, while Caberfee has added a double chair lift to its facilities. In all, several hundred thousand dollars have been invested in Michigan's winter sports expansion program, according to Furlong.

Many areas also have added shelters and lounges, while others have expanded present facilities to handle the growing number of enthusiasts who flock to Michigan's snow country.

Furlong said the Tourist Council now has prepared a new edition of a state-wide ski map and winter sports guide.

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HM-YEAH, LIL' ICICLE, EH? YOU KNOW, SOPHIE BOUGHT A "SO-IN-SO" MACHINE FROM THAT CO-MAN, ONCE, AND SHE SAID IT DIDN'T 'SEW AND SEW' FARMINGTON

BIG TOWN HOME APPLIANCES
DELIVERIES ALL OVER WICK

WATCH IT, MEN, THAT LIL' ICICLE IT INTO THE KITCHEN.



THE FIRST EXTENDING cold spell of the winter brought out the outdoor sports enthusiasts in number last week. A large group of youngsters in the area found the ice at the city skating pond on the north side of Shawnee Road east of the relocated Farmington Road route just right last Friday afternoon. The hilly area behind the skating rink to the north, although somewhat lacking in snow in spots, also attracted a large number of youngsters who found their enjoyment in sledding. Reports indicated that several other skating rinks which had been flooded by subdivision groups and community-minded citizens were also receiving heavy use.

Falcons Fauter in 2nd. Half; Lose to Van Dyke Five, 50-36

After taking comfortable, first half lead in action against Van Dyke last Friday night, the Farmington Falcons basketball team fell apart at the seams to go down in humble defeat, 50-36.

In the first half play, the Falcons showed their usual caliber of play and by half-time had built up a 24-16 lead. In the second half, however, they slumped so badly that they were able to net only 12 points while an inspired Van Dyke team racked up 34 markers.

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More Hunting Land Purchased

The state Conservation Commission approved acquisition of 1102 acres of land for public hunting use at its recent meeting in Lansing.

The Commission also approved purchase of land for establishment of public fishing sites on Lancaster Lake, Cheboygan county, and Caribou Lake, Chippewa county.

Included in the game land acquisitions was a 530-acre tract in Ionia county. This purchase is the nucleus of the newly-established Portland state game area. The Portland project is designed to include 3500 acres for public hunting, fishing and other recreation.

Falcons Face Big Test Friday

The Farmington Falcons will be put to their first big test this Friday night when they meet the Southfield Bluejays who have yet to be defeated in conference play. They are tied with Berkley in the league.

During the past two weeks, the Jays have proved to be a surprising strong team. The Jays walked off with top honors among northwest suburban teams by scoring a surprise win over Berkley in the holiday tourney held here and then came from behind in action last Friday to drop Walpole Lake, 71-58, in league play.

As a result of the Falcons' dismal play in the second half of last Friday's game with Van Dyke, Coach Bob Butch has had a major job of instilling confidence in his team. Van Dyke jumped into the lead early in the third quarter and, except for a short period in that canto

INTER-LAKE STANDINGS

	W	L
Berkley	2	0
Van Dyke	2	0
Farmington	1	1
Southfield	1	2
Walpole Lake	0	2
Waterford	0	2

JVs Tounce Van Dyke, 53-27

The F.I.L.S. Junior Varsity basketball team won its second consecutive conference game Friday night by touncing Van Dyke, 53-27.

At the start of the first half, Farmington led by a small margin; however, in the second half the Falcons turned the game into a rout as they widened their lead to an overwhelming 26 points.

In the latter stages of the game, when the one-sided score indicated a probable Farmington victory, Coach Graham gave the entire squad an opportunity to play in the game.

Top scorer for the Falcons was Ralph Garry who tallied 18 points. The team total of 53 points was the Falcons' highest score of the season, while Van Dyke's 27 was the least scored against Farmington.

Since losing two non-conference games the Falcon J.V. has won two league games, having overpowered Waterford and Van Dyke by 19 and 26 points respectively. —R.S.

--Bowling--

KENDALLWOOD MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

	W	L
Gordon Williamson	46	22
Boston Cleaners	45	23
Club Pontiac	40	28
Ed Lutty, Florist	35½	24½
Kendallwood Service	34	34
Jean's Hardware	33	35
Dickerson's Hardware	22½	45½
Thompson Brown	16	52

Steve Sandbothe bowled high game 201, and high series, 566, for the men. His high game won him the week's jackpot.

Phyllis Schoen bowled high game, 174, and high series, 462, for the women. Phyllis also took jackpot on bowling most pins over average.

KINGS AND QUEENS BOWLING LEAGUE

	W	L
Baker Modernization	47½	24½
Sergeants Inn	41	31
Team 1	38	34
Wacker's Bar	36	36
Middle-Six Super Mkt.	34	38
Big M	33½	38½
Wallace Construction	32	40
Lock Gate Bricklayers	26	46

Men's high game, R. Roberts, 200; men's high series, R. Roberts, 568; ladies' high game, F. Bushey, 201; and ladies' high series, F. Bushey, 451.

The United States has about one-seventh of the world's proved reserves of crude oil, but accounts for about one-half the world's oil consumption.

About one third of the world's total coffee consumption is used by the people of the U. S.

Kensington Parks Gets Hi-Fi For Mood Music

Kensington Metropolitan Park's new Nature Center Building received a Christmas gift to be enjoyed by many thousands, thanks to a group of Audubon Society members. It is a hi-fi record player equipped with recordings of bird calls and other outdoor sounds to be played as background music for visitors to the exhibits and in conjunction with lectures by the naturalists.

More than 100 members of the Detroit Audubon Society contributed to make the memorial gift possible. It was presented in memory of Mrs. Millie Reynolds (Mrs. Perry Reynolds, 630 Merrick), who died last April. She established Junior Audubon Clubs in many elementary schools, worked with Girl Scouts and Campfire Girls and taught many adults to appreciate nature and the out of doors.

Five who met in one of her classes formed a group to go "birding" with Mrs. Reynolds and they were the instigators of the memorial gift.

A bronze plaque in the Nature Center reads: "In memory of Millie Reynolds — The nature sounds you are hearing are being presented as a memorial by the many who knew and loved her, December, 1957."

The five who began the memorial project are: Mrs. Jack Siegel, Mrs. William Taylor, Mrs. Gordon Hollingsworth, M. E. Eckhardt, Wickie and Mrs. Gerald Wehman. Mr. Wehman installed the equipment with the aid of Mr. Siegel. Purchase of materials at low cost was possible through Ed Boyes, 19164 Pennington, a sound engineer for W.W.J. A recording of wild bird songs which he and Mrs. Boyes made at Kensington Park is among the records given with the phonograph equipment.

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