

Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

With interest building up at both tracks as the Labor Day holiday nears the trotters and the runners set their sights on the \$100,000 added Michigan Mile three weeks away, track management at Hazel Park is looking for its first million dollar night (Saturday) and the DRC has ambitions for the first \$1,500,000 handle of its meeting.

Hazel Park has reached that point where it must hit the magic mark in the next two weekends or forget it for this year. The opening of Jackson Raceway last Thursday is bound to have an effect on wagering and attendance, and traditionally business at the night tracks takes a big dip after the last big holiday of the summer.

On the other hand, the runners are doing better at the Detroit Race Course even though the drugging incident of Monday did have an adverse effect at the turnstile and wickets.

By keeping an ear on the track activities, one would gather that Racing Commissioner Leo Shirley will have additional announcements within a few days.

Thus far three trainers and the wife of one of the trio have been suspended although the commissioner has yet to say any of the suspensions are tied to the horse tampering.

Earlier in the week the stewards handed bans to trainers Mike Mariani and Dave Janiewicz. They suspended trainer Mike Frankina and his wife.

It will be recalled that the ninth race on Monday's program was canceled by track management after discussing the situation with the racing commissioner. The order followed the discovery that four of the top contenders in the ninth race had been tranquilized.

Trainers of two other horses in the same event sought permission to scratch when they reported the animals were ailing.

Although the investigation is far from completed, Shirley did not implicate the two suspended directly with the tampering. However, needles, batteries and other items banned from the barn area were reportedly discovered in the tack rooms, cars and trucks of the three—that was enough to

order the suspensions.

At least two plan to fight the order and there is a strong indication the third will join in the action.

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Men's Medal, Sept. 8-9; Women's, Sept. 13

Observer Golf Tourney Set



With the deadline two weeks away, Gary Whitener, Whispering Willows golf course pro and director of the third annual Observerland tourney for men and women, has received the first entry blanks.

The two tourneys are slated for early September this year instead of late in the month, thus avoiding any conflicts with meets anywhere in the area.

The 36-hole men's medal play, handicap tourney, will be staged on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 8 and 9. The women's is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 13.

Whitener announced the entry fees with a charge of \$18 for men which includes green fees, trophies and merchandise prizes. The women's entry fee is \$6 which takes care of green fees and trophies.

The men's play will include three and possibly four flights in championship, first, second and third, all based on handicaps. The women's division will have a championship and first and second flights, depending on the number of entries.

clearly all clubs in Observerland to make certain there weren't any conflicts.

Whitener explained that both tourneys will be handicapped affairs, as in the past, and wants all entrants to have a certified handicap. The handicap rating must accompany the entry blank and the fee.

The deadline for entry in the men's meet is Thursday, Sept. 6 at 5 p.m. and players may call the clubhouse on Friday, Sept. 7 after 10 a.m. to get their starting time for the two days.

Women's entries will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 11 and starting times will be available at the clubhouse after 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 12.

"The tourney is open to any player in Observerland. This includes the communities of Plymouth, Garden City, Westland, Livonia, Redford Township, City of Farmington, Farmington Hills and Southfield," Whitener said.

"We had a youngster from Plymouth, who plays from the Farmington Country Club, and another state junior crown went to one of the Proben brothers from Red-

ford Township. At this point juniors and seniors from all it appears this could be the area golf courses in contest tournament to date, with petition."

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18 Holes Medal Play...Thursday, Sept. 13
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MEN'S entries closed Thursday, Sept. 5 at 5 p.m.
Call for starting times, Friday, Sept. 7 after 10 a.m.
Women's entries closed Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 5 p.m.
Call for starting times, Wednesday, Sept. 12 after 10 a.m.

ELIGIBILITY open to any resident of Livonia, Southfield, Westland, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Redford, Garden City and Plymouth.

Football Rules Meeting At Bentley High

Livonia Bentley is one of 13 sites in the lower peninsula chosen to host a 1973 football rules meeting.

The Wednesday, Sept. 5 meeting will feature "Pernit State Association Matters," "1973 Football Rules Changes," and "Points of Emphasis in the Football Rules." It will be conducted by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Top Returner

Michigan State football defensive back star Bill Simpson led the Big Ten in punt returns in 1972, tied with Ohio State's Gary Lago for the lead in punting average and tied teammate Paul Hayner for most interceptions.

Three different groups, including Great Lakes Bowling Corp. and the officials of Westland Bowl, are seeking approval of sites.

Woodland Lanes in Livonia also will be under new management this season.

Bob Hartfield, of Hartfield Lanes, and Ted Hochstein, of Mercury Lanes in Dearborn, purchased the place to add to their string of establishments.

Fred Vitale, one of Observerland's best bowlers, is among the candidates for the Greater Detroit All-Star team that will be chosen on Monday.

Tom McKay, secretary of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association, announces that the tabulations will be made at the luncheon at the Pick Fort Shelby Hotel.

Varied Activity List Is Offered By 'Y'

What's your bag - tennis, handball, racketball, swimming, volleyball, calisthenics, jogging, judo, karate, gymnastics, skin and scuba diving, skiing, yoga, belly dancing?

These are just a few of the activities being offered this fall by the Livonia Family Y, 14555 Stark Road.

With the addition of two handball - racketball courts, making a total of four, and

five indoor tennis courts and a multi-use teaching court - gymnasium scheduled for opening in October, the Y will have the most complete recreational facility in the metropolitan Detroit area.

Serving more than 6,000 individuals in its varied building and community programs, the Y has members from Livonia, Plymouth, Farmington, Northville, Garden City, Redford, Southfield and Detroit.

Mike Cicchella, program operations executive, announced registration for all classes will be held for members on Sept. 10 and for non-members Sept. 11, 9-11 a.m., 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., with most classes beginning the week of Sept. 17.

Shepherds Will Hit Westland

The German Shepherd Dog Club of Detroit will hold an AKC sanctioned puppy match on Sunday, Sept. 9 at Westland Shopping Center.

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