

Michigan Resorts Ready For Fall, Winter Season

LANSING—Michigan, one of the nation's leading winter vacation areas, is ready to host many thousands of skiers and other winter sports enthusiasts during the 1966-67 winter vacation season, according to the Michigan Tourist Council.



BOND WINNERS — Nearly 1,000 youngsters turned out for Wonderland Center's annual Halloween party Friday. Top winners in the costume contest were the "Uninvited Guest", Steve Kish of Livonia and a "Robot", Frank Gualdoni, Livonia, shown above. Each of the youngsters received a \$25 Savings Bond for the most original costume. Scores of other youngsters won merchandise certificates in an apple-hobbling contest.

State Bird Banders Meet at Schoolcraft

Approximately 100 members of the Michigan Bird Assoc. are expected to attend the organization's annual meeting Saturday at Schoolcraft College.

The program will include a talk by Chandler Robbins, chief of the migratory nongame section of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Bird Banding Laboratory, Laurel, Md.

The organization is composed of Michigan ornithologists and naturalists, and includes other than private citizens—employees of the State Conservation Dept., and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Official host will be Grover A. Nisgarth, Schoolcraft biology instructor. Dr. Edwin Z. Braden, Schoolcraft president, will welcome the group at 10 a.m.

Livonia Sportsman's Club Opens Winter Program

The Livonia Sportsman's Club, sponsored by the Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation, announces the beginning of its new winter program.

Club activities will include: merit badge counseling (rifle marksmanship) for the Livonia area Boy Scouts; a Junior Rifle Club to teach the proper and safe handling of firearms to young shooters, and pistol shooting for adults who wish to just practice or those who would like to compete with fellow shooters in the adult pistol league.

The Livonia Sportsman's Club is a National Rifle Association (NRA) affiliate. NRA certificates and awards will be awarded to those who qualify.

The club also offers Hunter Safety classes, small arms training sessions and is organizing a team of young rifle shooters to compete against other clubs.

Range difficulties at Bentley High School which has housed club activities in the past almost caused the disbanding of the entire program. However, thanks to the Garden City Police Department who came to the rescue, the club's shooting activities will take place in the well-

equipped modern range of the Garden City Police Building at 30009 Ford Road near Middelet in Garden City.

Anyone interested in joining may contact President Ted Callier, phone 425-3604, or the Parks and Recreation office in Livonia. Pistol shooters may contact Roy Casell at GA. 7-0979 or Kroum Gregoroff at GA. 7-1520. Registrations will be accepted at a meeting of the pistol shooters at 8 P.M. on Monday, Nov. 7, room 32 at Bentley High School.

Many more are expected to take part in non-ski activities such as ice fishing, hunting, ice skating, snowmobiling, tobogganing and the many special events that dot the Michigan winter vacation calendar.

The 1966-67 edition of the Michigan Winter Sports Map, distributed free of charge by the Tourist Council, lists 83 winter sports centers and their facilities, including two new areas, Barn Mountain in Boyne City and Paradise Valley Ski Park off M-47 near Oakley, south of Saginaw.

Skiers returning to their favorite hills and haunts will find that many major improvements have been made since they reluctantly put away their skis last season.

Throughout the summer, many resorts have expanded their slopes, built lodges, added snow-making equipment and grooming equipment, and expanded dining facilities and cocktail lounges.

New lift and tow facilities have been installed at six ski areas while two resorts are now appealing to "fly-in" skiers with the addition of airplane landing strips.

For non-skiers and after-ski enjoyment, two resorts have added Finnish saunas, three have installed heated swimming pools and two others have added ice skating rinks. Thirty-seven areas now feature night skiing, two more than last year.

In the upper peninsula, one resort has added a snowmobile trail, appealing to devotees of this fast growing sport.

Although Michigan experienced below average conditions for winter sports last season, resort operators are confident that the 1966-67 season will be a good one.

They base their optimism on the growing trend toward "northern" winter vacations and the fact that except for a few areas in New England, the Michigan snow belt consistently records more snowfall than any other point east of the Rockies.

Last year was the first in more than a decade that Michigan has experienced a downward trend in winter sports activity, but many other areas of the country catering to the ski crowd experienced similar conditions.

Completes Training — Army Private Robert D. White, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron A. White, 11401 Fairfield, Livonia, completed eight weeks of advanced infantry training Oct. 15 at Ft. Ord, Calif.

He received specialized instruction in small unit tactics and in firing such weapons as the M-16 rifle, the M-60 machine gun and the 3.5-inch rocket launcher.

Sailor Rejoins Ship — Engineering Technician 3JC Dave Bruce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norm Bruce of Plymouth, has left advance schooling in San Francisco via air to rejoin his ship the U.S.S. Pegasus in Manila.

Dons a Chef's Cap — Army Pvt. Eddie G. Hammers, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude L. Hammers, 28410 Rush, Garden City, has completed a cooking course at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

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