

# West Bloomfield P&R ready for winter sports

The West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation department has a full slate of cross country skiing events ready to go. Now all it needs is snow.

The first scheduled event on the parks and recreation calendar is a moonlight ski hike, set for Saturday night. It is the first night skiing affair at Snow Gulch the winter weekend for the 59-acre township-owned Civic Center site. It is on Walnut Lake Road, west of Orchard Lake Road.

It will start at 8 p.m. at the Civic

Center parking lot, if snow should fall. A bonfire and hot chocolate will be provided to skiers after the hike.

Registration must be made in advance at the parks and recreation office, 3325 Middlebelt Road in West Bloomfield. The cost is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under 12, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Final decision on whether the moonlight ski hike will be held will be made on Friday. Call the parks and recreation office at 334-5660 for information.

The parks and recreation cross country ski instruction will also begin Jan. 5, weather permitting. Mrs. Goodman, who is certified by the Central Professional Ski Instructors Association, will teach the one-hour lessons.

THEY WILL BE held in series of two for beginners and advanced skiers during a six-week period at Snow Gulch. Beginner lessons will be offered at Bloomer State Park for Session II only. The fee is \$10 for each series. Pre-registration is required no later than

the Friday before the first lesson. The decision on the weather for the first lesson will be made Friday.

Another moonlight ski hike is scheduled for Feb. 1. Snow Gulch is open daily during the daylight hours for cross country skiing and other activities, free for West Bloomfield residents.

Besides the cross country trails, the parks and recreation department will maintain a toboggan chute, a hill for sledding and a pond more than an acre in size for skating. Hockey nets are also

available.

In addition to Snow Gulch, the parks and recreation department will oversee activities at Bloomer State Park, which recently came under township control. Two areas of ice on Middle Straits Lake will be kept open, one for hockey and one for open skating. Ice conditions will be posted at both ends

of the lake and in the parking lot.

The park will also be open for cross country skiing, free of charge. Bloomer Park is on Richardson Road, one-quarter mile east of Haggerty Road.

Any information in these or other parks and recreation programs can be obtained by calling the department's office at 334-5660.



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This is the week when bowlers throughout the state start a long series of matches for charity. Heading the list of the major events is the charity tournament sponsored by the Bowling Proprietors' Association.

This event had its origin as the March of Dimes tourney. It is expected to attract more than 100,000 entries, just as it did last year when 10,056 pin splitters went to the foul line and helped contribute more than \$100,000 to the fund.

The tourney opens in every bowling establishment in the state on Jan. 21 and continues until spring when the finals will be held at Colonial Lanes in Ann Arbor.

DICK BEATTIE, who does a lot of his bowling at Westland Bowl, has been named 1979 Bowler of the Year by the Bonanza-Michigan Majors Association.

To gain the honor he amassed 144 points, the largest number ever recorded since the inception of the association. Dick was the leading money winner for the year with \$3,715 and was the leader in averages with 215 for 123 games.

Jack Hurst, of Port Huron, was named 1979 Rookie of the year with 71 points.

THE HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS didn't stop the bowlers from splattering the pins at Westland Bowl.



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man with a 635, while Len Elmal posted a 610 and Harry Talian had a 602. In the Wayne County circuit, Hal Bheman had a 277 in 664 to show the way while John Casey had a 235 in 642.

DAVE HAMILTON continued his high-scoring ways at Farmington

There was another duel in the Little Caesar Classic when Bob Rose came up with a 289 and beat out Ken Lang by eight pins for high single.

Meanwhile, in the Thursday mixed league, Bob Baker had a 278 and Mary Lou Schneider paced the ladies with a 625.

THE BOWLERS at Garden Lanes had one of their highest-scoring weeks of the season, though none of them shattered the 700 barrier.

Ken Oberis started it all when he rolled a 267 or a 274 in the St. Linus league. Right behind him came Joe Boyle with 265 in 663. Dan Cunningham landed third with 614 and Greg Beinek was in fourth place with 601.

In the St. Linus mixed league, Bill Roe walked off with the honors when he posted a 670. In the TGIF loop, Gil Triplett found the range for 642 and Jerry Skitski followed with a 634.

In the Vinco League, Brad Lackey was top

of leisure skiing along the parks' scenic trails.

The activity will begin at 11 a.m. with a ski waxing clinic, sponsored by Bike and Sport Ltd. At noon, skiers can select from three trails to ski.

As participants complete their tour, they will receive a commemorative patch at the park's twin shelter.

Registration for the ski tour is \$1. Park entrance fees are \$2 per car for Oakland county residents and \$3 per car for non-residents.

Other programs scheduled for the park include: An introduction to cross country skiing and ski touring (Jan. 26).

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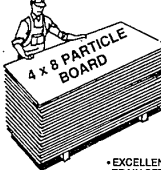


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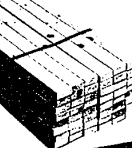
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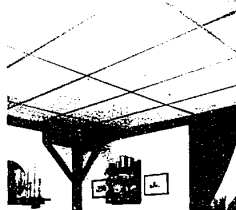
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