

Here's summer sports lineup

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By land, sea and air, summer time is fun time for sports lovers in Michigan. There's something for everyone — and that goes for boat lovers, hot-air balloon lovers, football lovers, golf lovers and horse racing lovers, to name a few.

Here's a sampling of the menu.

WOLVERINE HARNESS RACEWAY (DRC)

Racetrack types can whet their appetites for the Michigan Mile, (the state's richest race which arrives in September or early October), while wagering and witnessing harness racing through July 11. Post time is 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, gates open at 6 p.m. Throughbred trot into DRC in mid-July. Clubhouse tickets are \$3.50 and grandstand admission is \$2.50.

HIGHLAND FESTIVAL AND GAMES

Don your Scottish kilt and head for Alma Saturday and Sunday. The festival and games catapult into full tilt with Saturday's 11 a.m. street parade and continue with ancestral Scottish games, dancing and hand competition, a pipe and drumming contest, the Great Lakes Scottish fiddling competition, soccer games, an art fair, a road run, a sheep-herding exhibit and even worship services. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for kids. For more information, call (517) 463-5525.

BASKETBALL CAMP

Girls and boys 9 through 17 can increase their skills and improve their basketball knowledge during week-long camp sessions at Eastern Michigan University. Sponsored by head EMU coach Jim Boyce, sessions are June 29 to July 3, July 6-10 and July 12-17. Cost is \$75. More information is available by calling 487-0365 or 487-0464.

MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY

Racers in CART Indy cars, stock cars and Super Vees will start their engines all through an action-packed summer at the Michigan International Speedway. Those interested in attending the Gabriel 400 NASCAR race on June 21, the Norton-Michigan 500 on July 19, the Champion Spark Plug 400 on Aug. 16 or the Michigan Grand Prix on Sept. 20 can call 517-592-6671 for more information.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

More than 3,200 of Michigan's handicapped and special-education youngsters from as far away as the Upper Peninsula will enter competition in track and field, gymnastics and swimming at the Special Olympics June 4-6. Between seven and 10,000 spectators will witness the Olympics at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant. Admission is free. For more details call 517-774-3911.

TENNIS TOURNAY

Livonia's Community Open Tennis Tournament, an added attraction of the city's Spree '81 Festival, arrives June 26-

28. For \$1, boys, girls, men and women of all ages may enter. The Recreation Department (261-2266) has more information.

WORLD HOT AIR BALLOON CHAMPIONSHIPS

The air above Battle Creek will rival a kaleidoscope for color June 20-28 when 400 seven-story-high balloons from around the world take to the skies. A bluegrass concert, an arts and crafts show, a balloon tradeshow, an art display, an old-fashioned, ice-cream social, an antique show, raft rides and appearances by celebrities and dignitaries will keep earth-bound balloon buffs busy. For more information call 800-292-2520.

SPIRIT OF DETROIT BOAT RACES

Even if you miss Miss Budweiser's car-bogging, first-place finish, you'll have a ton of fun in the sun wherever you happen to be among the 700,000 tanned bodies, sizzling barbecues and flying frisbees that will line the Detroit riverfront at the offshore races June 24 and the hydroplane races June 28. For \$7 in advance and \$9 on race day, less-boisterous boating buffs can get down to some serious spectating adjacent to the pit area, the start/finish line or the Gar Wood Judges' stand. This year the futuristic, turbine-powered Play'N Pak makes its Detroit debut this year and ought to steal the show. For ticket information, call 272-6608.



U.S. SENIOR OPEN

Arnold Palmer and Sam Snead will be among golf's senior elite teeing off in the brand-new U.S. Senior Open at Oakland Hills July 8-12. The United States Golf Association event has all the makings of a gallery's delight and furnishes this summer's premier local golf attraction. Tickets for practice rounds (July 6-8) are \$6, while championship-round tickets go for \$12. Boxes of 10 tickets cost \$150. For more information call 647-7300.

CITY AIR SHOW

OK, flying fans, here's something for you. It'll be truth or dare in the sky July 11-12 at City Airport's summer celebration. Aerobatic teams will skywrite to music; unfurl the American flag in a para-

chute show, perform loops and barrel rolls and give you goosebumps with hammer-head stunts in vertical climb that continues until the plane loses all air speed; then plunges downward. An antique car parade, an exhibit of World War II bombers and the antics of the Harrier (the revolutionary plane that takes off vertically and hovers), will add to the fun in the sun. Drive a big car that day — tickets are \$9 per carload in advance, or \$10 at the gate. Advance single tickets are \$4 for adults, and \$1 for senior citizens and children. They're a dollar more at the gate, which opens at 10 a.m. Tickets are available at Sears, Hudsons, Wards and the City Airport office. Call 527-1112 for more information.

PORT HURON TO MACKINAC YACHT RACE

More than 1,600 crew members and 200 boats ranging in size from 26-foot centerboards to the carnival atmosphere that launches this 250-mile, July 25 yacht race and caps Port Huron's week-long Blue Water Festival. On the eve of the 50- to 65-hour race, festivities along the Black River in downtown Port Huron (where the bulk of the fleet is moored) will foster many a sailor's sea sickness. The prime spot for the usual crowd of 20,000 to 30,000 to nurse a hangover while viewing the 11 a.m. start is under the Blue Water Bridge along the Samia (Canada) shore. It's free, by the way. For more information call 822-1853.

BUICK PRO OPEN

Tom Watson, Tom Weiskopf, Lee Trevino and David Graham head up the list of pro vying for the \$350,000 purse at PGA tour's sixth-largest tournament at Warwick Hills Aug. 20-23 in Grand Blanc. Pro-Am Day precedes the tourney Aug. 19. Tickets range in price from \$5 to \$10 and are available at Hudsons, all Ticketron and CTC outlets. For more information call 766-GOLF.

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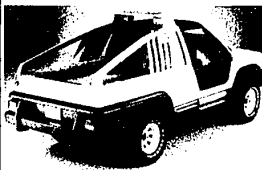
There are many more avenues to sun in the fun. For details on roadtrips, hot-air ballooning in Rochester, golf and tennis tours, summer camps, etc., call the Michigan Travel Commission, toll free, 800-292-2520.

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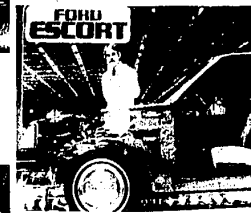
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