

## OUTDOOR CALENDAR

## ARCHERY

## JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information.

## OPEN SHOOTING

Open shooting hours at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield are 7-10 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 4-9 p.m. Thursdays; and 1-6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Call (810) 539-3030 or (810) 681-9610 for more information.

## YOUTH EDUCATION

The Oakland County Sportsman Club is offering a youth education league at its clubhouse in West Bloomfield. Call (810) 539-3030 or (810) 681-9610 for more information.

## 3D SHOOT

The Oakland County Sportsman Club will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, on its walk-through course in Clarkston. Call (810) 623-0444 for more information. A pancake breakfast begins at 8 a.m.

## SHOWS

## BOAT SHOW

The 38th annual Detroit Boat Show will be held Feb. 1-9 at Cobo Center.

## CAMPER AND RV SHOW

The Detroit Camper and RV Show, featuring all types and sizes of recreational vehicles, accessories and supplies, will be held Feb. 8-16 at the Novi Expo Center. Call (517) 349-8881 for more information.

## OUTDOORAMA

The 1997 Outdoorama Sport and Travel Show will be held Feb. 21-March 2 at the Novi Expo Center.

## SPORTSFISHING EXPO

The ninth annual Greater Detroit Sportsfishing Expo will be held March 6-8 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

## NOVI BOATING EXPO

The 6th annual Novi Boating Expo will be held March 12-16 at the Novi Expo Center.

## SEASONS/DATES

**TURKEY**  
February 1 is the deadline to apply for a spring wild turkey permit. The season opens April 21.

**GOOSE**  
A special goose season runs through Feb. 2 in the Southern Michigan Goose Management Unit. Consult the 1996-97 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for additional details.

## RABBIT

Statewide through March 31.

## SHOOTING

## WINTER LEAGUES

The Bald Mountain Shooting Range in Lake Orion will hold winter leagues in sporting clays, skeet, and 6-stand. Cash prizes (\$500), donated by Wings & Clays, will be awarded in each league. Registration is open through Jan. 31. Call (810) 814-9193 for more information.

## RANGES

## BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun, rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to sunset, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenfield Rd. (three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills). Call (810) 814-9193 for more information.

## PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, shotgun and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (810) 666-1020 for more information.

## ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (810) 693-6767 for more information.

## POINTE MOUILLEE

Pointe Mouillee State Game Area in Rockwood has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. Pointe Mouillee State Game Area is located at 37205 Mouillee Road. Call (313) 379-3820 for more information.

## Hunter overcomes minor obstacle

## OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

Oxford's Keith Spencer drew an antlerless elk permit for Michigan's December hunt and headed up to Canada Creek Ranch, north of Atlanta. While his hunt turned out to be a "dry" one, he admitted he ran into a slight

problem. "Finding elk was easy. The problem was finding a cow," he said. "The first elk I saw were seven bulls ranging from a spike to a 6x6. It was unbelievable. I stopped counting bulls at 40." Spencer, a tri-owner of Oxford Outfitters, finally overcame his problem and shot a cow elk, which dressed out a 285 pounds. "If anyone gets drawn for that area I'd recommend they do everything they can to hunt Canada Creek," said Spencer. "They do one heck of a job with their hunt. They have perfect

habitat for the elk and they manage the herd on the ranch very well. The people up there are real friendly and very helpful. I'd recommend it to anyone. I saw everything from calves to enormous bulls. It was an absolute riot."

## Kendall connects

Clarkston's Brian Kendall wasted little time filling his antlerless elk permit. Hunting near Vanderbilt during the December hunt, Kendall and his partner Ed Freeman started out on a some fresh tracks early on opening day.

"We had planned on hunting the north side of the road, but upon arrival we immediately found elk tracks that had passed to the south, not long before we got there," explained Kendall.

The two set out on the tracks and followed them approximately four miles through the woods before finally getting a clear shot.

"We saw the herd of about 20 elk probably three or four times during the hunt, but I could

never get off a clean shot because they were bunched up in a group," said Kendall. "I finally got a clear shot at about 40 yards as they were going through some pine trees."

The cow dressed out at 245 pounds.

"It was the experience of a lifetime," added Kendall.

## Good advice

Jared Wiebeck convinced his father Gerald to apply for a Michigan elk permit this year for the first time ever. The encouragement paid off as the Livonia resident received and filled an antlerless permit for the December season.

Hunting on state land just north of Atlanta, the father-son duo experienced the thrill of a lifetime while filling Gerald's permit with a cow elk. The hunt started with a bang when they found several sets of tracks on opening day and began tracking the small herd.

"You have no idea what it's like to try to track an animal that has three- to four-foot legs,"

said Gerald. "They can really move. It's definitely not an easy hunt. Just imagine, there's snow on the ground, you're always walking, sometimes running, and the terrain is extremely hilly. It's nothing like deer hunting where you sit and wait. It's hard work, but it's enjoyable work."

Gerald never got a shot that first day, but the hunt didn't go by without some exciting moments.

"At one point on Monday we crested a knoll and had a look over a clear cut," explained Gerald. "We'd been tracking five of them and when we crested the knoll there were probably 30 elk out in the clear cut. It was a stunningly beautiful scene."

On the second day the Wiebecks tracked a herd of seven elk for close to three hours before finally getting a shot. The cow elk dressed out a 382 pounds.

"It was a great hunt. The DNR conducted a fantastic program," added Gerald. "It's done with such professionalism it's just amazing."

## Political process works for benefit of bowlers

## TEN-PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

The long wait is over.

M i c h i g a n bowlers have officially won the battle against the bureaucracy.

Gov. John Engler signed

House Bill HB 6114 into law

last Friday in a

bowling setting

at Continental

Lanes in Roseville.

There were many interested parties present to witness the

ceremony as Scott Bennett, Don

Williams and Eric Bogodinn, officials

from the local associations and the media who helped make it happen.

The bowling community owes a great big "thank you" to all

who worked so hard to bring this about and to demonstrate how

the democratic process is supposed to work.

It was not just to bring back the mystery games, but in all

reality an act to correct a wrong. A special thanks is due from all

league bowlers to Rep. David

Jaye of the 32nd district in Macomb County, who wrote the bill and sent it to the State Legislature.

Also, a thanks is due all the state's other legislators who co-sponsored the bill, rushed it through at the eleventh hour, brought about nearly unanimous support in the final day of the legislative session and made sure that it was finished in time, with final approval coming at the end of an all-night session.

With the full support and endorsement of Gov. Engler, we can legally have our own side fun to league bowling.

Gambling and bowling have always gone together, most of it involving simple jackpots or mystery games.

John Berli of Livonia is an avid senior league bowler who recalls his days growing up in Canada where the popular games were 5-pin bowling and duck pins.

In both games a smaller ball is

thrown, usually by palming it. The balls are about the size of a softball and weigh 2 1/2 pounds.

In 5-pin bowling, the shorter stubbier pins are rubber-banded for a little more bounce. A bowler is given three shots to make a spare; it's much more difficult to strike or spare.

Scoring is 15 points per frame, with a top possible score of 450. A score of over 100 is pretty good.

We get to see the Molson Tournament on Canadian TV at various times. This sport is still popular in Canada along with Duck-pin bowling.

In "Ducks," 10 pins are used. The ball is still smaller, and scoring is difficult because of the wide gaps between pins, which we don't have in our 10-pin game.

The Canadians run lots of "pot games" with Duck pins, and they have many variations like "Duck Pin Poker." Another variation is "Candlepins," which Berli has played while in the

New England area, where it is popular.

They have some big money tournaments around the Boston area. John Berli recalls a day back in the '60s when the great Andy Varipapa was watching him practice and remarked that he would not be a good bowler.

Berli challenged Varipapa, and when he explained that they would have to go across the river and bowl Duckpins, the great one chickened out.

Berli finally did learn to be a pretty good 10-pin bowler.

## BOWLING HONOR ROLL

Country Lanes (Farmington): Sunday Good times — Mark Silverstein, 258-235; 210/701; Wayne Lanning, 238-228; 202/668; Ray Buchalter, 234; Bill Vida, 234; Jerry Finneman, 238; Mike Kell, 230-216/615.

Bel Air Lanes: Keglars — Don Taylor, 221-245/634; John Butli, 228-238/607; John King, 247-641; Kevin Galt, 247; Rob Fidler, 244.

Farmington Pin Pals — Bob Rich, 243-241/669; Michael Wilson, 220.

Out Lady of Sorrows — Steve Eirschale, 263/200/633; Bob Rute, 204-259/636; John Everett, 226; Bill Salimani, 205-255/645; Cliff Crawford, 242.

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