

RECREATION CENTER

The Observer & Eccentric! publishes the "Recreation Center" every Sunday in Sports. To submit results of competition, items for the Rec Roundup or local story ideas, call staff writer Chris Mayer at (248) 901-2589; fax him material at (248) 901-1314 or write to: The Observer & Eccentric! Sports Department, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

Murray roars to Grand Prix win

Farmington Hills resident Guy Murray captured top honors last Tuesday's ITT Automotive Detroit Grand Prix five-kilometer run on Belle Isle.

Murray clocked a first-place time of 15 minutes, 51 seconds, 17 seconds ahead of runner-up Gerard Donakowski of Ann Arbor.

Southfield's Jimmy Opalicky (fourth, 16:31), Rochester Hills' Brett Sanborn (fifth, 16:54) and Todd Kelly (eighth, 17:17) and Alex Clark (ninth, 17:34) also recorded top-10 finishes.

Troy resident Jimbo Boyd, one of two wheelchair racers at the event, posted a 23:45.

Karen Donoughue of Rochester Hills placed seventh female finisher in 20:26. Jill McMullen of Ypsilanti won the women's race in 18:18.

Men's and women's race results follow below.

Listed are the top 10 in each race plus additional Eccentric! racers.

ITT AUTOMOTIVE DETROIT GRAND PRIX 5K RUN (June 2 in Detroit)

Male race results (187 finished)

1. Guy Murray, 39, (Farmington Hills) 15:51
2. Gerard Donakowski, 38, (A. Arbor) 16:03
3. Matt Holappa, 30, (Ann Arbor) 16:09
4. Jimmy Opalicky, 17, (Southfield) 16:31
5. Brett Sanborn, 31, (Roch. Hills) 16:54
6. Mark Kosak, 40, (GP Woods) 17:04
7. Tim Emmett, 42, (Redford) 17:05
8. Todd Kelly, 37, (Troy) 17:17
9. Alex Clark, 16, (Troy) 17:34
10. Mike Lavague-Mansy, 32, (A. Arbor) 17:38
11. Frank Carmona, 24, (Troy) 17:39
12. Gerard Malyszynski, 55, (M. Hills) 18:13
13. Bob Cross, 50, (Rochester) 18:16
14. Mike Stone, 47, (Southfield) 18:22
15. Jamie Piro, 17, (Southfield) 18:36
16. David Duckworth, 17, (Southfield) 18:43
17. Rick Gurdziel, 43, (Bloom. Hills) 18:48
18. Bryan Crump, 34, (Auburn Hills) 20:19

1. Jill McMullen, 28, (Ypsilanti) 18:18
2. Robin Sarris-Hallou, 42, (A. Arbor) 18:23
3. Jodi Buck, 28, (Ann Arbor) 18:42
4. Ann Remmers, 37, (Ann Arbor) 18:54
5. Patricia Bagley, 27, (Livonia) 19:13
6. Susan Brown, 34, (South Lyon) 19:59
7. Karen Donoughue, 43, (Roch. Hills) 20:28
8. Monica Papels, 26, (South Lyon) 20:43
9. Susan Flory, 23, (Royal Oak) 21:28
10. Donna Swanson, 46, (Northville) 21:53
11. Tommy Sanborn, 31, (Roch. Hills) 22:21
12. Tracy Cohen, 20, (Farm. Hills) 23:27
13. Amy Hyattinen, 23, (Comer. Twp.) 25:06
17. Susie Ellwood, 45, (W. Bloomfield) 25:32
20. Christi Oppmann, 24, (Birm.) 26:12
31. Chris Farnols, 27, (W. Bloomfield) 26:15
32. Jennifer Mattson, 24, (Troy) 26:23
45. Linda Forsberg, 50, (Bloom. Hills) 27:33
50. Gretchen Anderson, 50, (B. Hills) 28:40
54. Ann Levy, 39, (Birmingham) 29:15
55. Carol Czajka, 43, (Farm. Hills) 29:18
56. Mary Beth Kous, 25, (Birm.) 29:24
62. Kristin Lechner, 22, (Troy) 29:49
65. Celia Brown, 50, (Roch. Hills) 30:09
73. Jennifer Rish, 26, (Southfield) 31:30
80. Shirlee Kuhl, 40, (Birmingham) 32:07
83. Lynette Root, 37, (Rochester) 32:59

Female race results (100 finished)

Strong show of support helps revive state games

Not so fast. The 1998 Great Lakes State Games are back. Due to the overwhelming support of former participants and commissioners, 11 of the original 26 competitions will go ahead this year, including women's ice hockey, weightlifting and youth baseball.

In mid-March it was announced by the Games' parent organization, the Michigan Fitness Foundation, that the 1998 Games would be canceled due to budget constraints.

However, the commitment of the sports commissioners and a groundswell of strong public support have made a difference in the future of the Games.

"Although we won't be able to supply the kind of professional support staff that was available to last year's Games, we will do all we can to help those commissioners and volunteers who have stepped forward to keep the Games a reality," Fitness Foundation Executive Director Mark Forman said. "The Games offer Michigan's citizens at all ability levels a chance to enjoy a top quality competition experience, and we are confident that they will soon be even more successful than the Great Lakes State Games of 1997 and 1996. The Games remain an important element of our mission of getting Michigan moving."

The Games offer an Olympic-style format for the beginner as

well as the seasoned athlete and are sanctioned by the U.S. Olympic Committee. Most of the 1998 competitions will be held the last two weekends of June.

The Games are sponsored by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports, the Michigan Fitness Foundation and the Michigan Department of Community Health. For information, contact the Michigan Fitness Foundation office at 1-800-434-8642 or 517-351-8959 or visit the internet at www.gfgs.org.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- The Michigan Mile Fun Run kicked off the festivities on May 30, and an in-line hockey skills competition is slated for Saturday, June 13 at the Apple Sportsplex in Lansing. Other events and dates are:
- Boys Ice Hockey, June 19-21, Capital Centre Ice Arena, Lansing
- Bicycle Ride, June 20, Williamston
- Tae Kwon Do, June 20, Lansing Community College
- Weightlifting, June 20, Lansing Catholic Center
- Floor/Deck Hockey, June 20-21, Apple Sportsplex
- Girls/Women's Ice Hockey, June 26-28, Capital Centre Ice Arena
- In-line Hockey, June 26-28, Apple Sportsplex
- Youth Baseball, June 26-28, Okemos/Lansing fields
- Fastpitch Softball, June 26-28, Okemos/Lansing fields

ATHLETIC VENTURES, L.C.

DOMINO'S PIZZAMAN SERIES
The 1998 Domino's Pizzaman Series, sponsored by Domino's Pizza and benefiting the Easter Seals Society of Michigan, features triathlons, open water swims and a trail run. And to top it off, one lucky grand prize winner will enjoy free pizza for one year. There are six races in the series: two triathlons; three open water swims; and a five-mile trail run.

The first race - the Ann Arbor Triathlon, Duathlon & Relay - was held today at Halfmoon Beach in the Pinckney Recreation Area. A second triathlon is set for Sunday, July 26 at Big Portage Lake in Waterloo, while the three open swims will go off July 3, Aug. 7 and Sept. 7 at Silver Lake in Pinckney. The series concludes Sept. 7 (Labor Day) with the Domino's Fall Trail Run.

Awards will be presented in each age division (at least three deep) of each race. The grand prize, however, revolves around participation, not wins. For each race entered, one ticket with your name on it will go into the Pizzaman Prize Hat - your name goes into the hat six times if you participate in all six races - and at an awards ceremony following the trail run one ticket will be drawn and that person wins one large Domino's pizza per month for the next year.

Entry forms and race information can be found at Athletic Ventures' impressive website: www.Athleticventures.com. Additional details can also be obtained by calling (734) 332-3991 or (734) 662-1000.

HURON-CLINTON METROPARKS

WALK MICHIGAN '98
As part of the statewide "Walk Michigan '98" fitness program, Kensington Metropark near the Millford area, will host a number of fun walks in the upcoming weeks. The non-competitive walks will vary from one mile to three miles, and people of all ages and physical abilities are welcome to participate. Registration is free and will be held on the day of the event. Up next on the schedule is a 1 p.m. walk Sunday, June 14 at Martindale Beach. For additional times and dates, call Kensington Metropark at (248) 685-1661 or 1-800-477-3178.

WEAR THE GEAR
The "Wear The Gear" safety program is back for a second year at the Huron-Clinton Metroparks. From now until Sept. 7, anyone "caught" by a Metropark ranger using all the safety gear - helmet, wrist guards, elbow pads and knee pads for in-line skaters and a helmet for bikers - while using the paved trails in one of the participating parks will receive a Wear The Gear helmet sticker and a coupon for free entry into a facility or for a free food item. They can also register for a

REC ROUNDUP

Sept. 11 drawing to win a bike, in-line skates and other prizes. The Metroparks with paved trails that are participating in the program include Metro Beach, Stony Creek, Indian Springs, Kensington, Hudson Mills, Lower Huron, Willow and Oakdale. In 1998, 126 biking and in-line skating accidents were reported throughout the Metroparks. That number declined to 84 in 1997.

LIFEGUARD TRAINING
An American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Course for those interested in lifeguard training will be held at Kensington Metropark near the Millford/Brighton area. The free, two-week class begins Monday, June 15 and lasts until Friday, June 26. Sessions will run from 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday. You must be 16 years of age or older and be able to swim 500 yards, tread water for two minutes without use of your hands and retrieve a brick from the bottom of the lake. These are the minimum qualifications required. A minimum of six people are needed to hold the class. For registration information, call Chris Johnnesse at Kensington at 1-800-477-3178 or (248) 685-1661.

BEACH SOCCER TOURNAMENT
A "Turf To The Surf" amateur beach soccer tournament, sponsored by Total Soccer, will be held at Metro Beach Metropark near Mount Clemens, Saturday, June 20 and Sunday, June 21. The five-versus-five format will be divided into several divisions: boys and girls under-10 up through under-19; men and women open, over-30 and over-40; co-ed under-19, open, over-30 and over-40. Individual players are also welcome. Registration is \$200 per team with three, 25-minute games guaranteed. Prizes will be awarded for first and second places. Call (248) 639-9942 for more information or to register.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

WEST BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY ED
The West Bloomfield Community Education Department, recognized on local, state and national levels, is currently accepting summer registrations. The list of top-notch programs includes various recreational classes covering activities such as aerobics, golf, horseback riding, kickboxing, soccer, tennis and yoga. Registrations must be made in advance by mail, fax (248-539-2295) or in-person at West Bloomfield Schools Community Education Department, 6000 Orchard Lake Road, Room 2, West Bloomfield, MI 48322. For a detailed brochure or additional information, call (248) 630-2290.

FUND-RAISERS

AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION CLEAN AIR CHALLENGE
This bicycle fund-raiser, scheduled for Sunday, June 7 at Island Lake Recreation Area in Brighton, offers riders several scenic routes to pedal from five

to 100 miles. Routes start at Island Lake and continue on country roads in the surrounding areas. Call (810) 559-5100 to register or (810) 229-7067 for park information.

TOUR DE CURE
Scheduled for Sunday, June 14 at Island Lake Recreation Area in Brighton, this cycling event features a 100-kilometer start at 8 a.m., a 50K start at 8:30 and a 13-mile start at 9 to support the American Diabetes Association. Rest stops with food, water, and facilities are available. Participants must wear helmets. A \$25 pre-registration fee or a \$30 fee the day of the event is required. All cyclists must raise a minimum of \$76 in addition to the registration fee. To register or for more information, call (248) 433-3830 or 1-800-TOUR-88. Call (810) 229-7067 for park information.

MS 150 BIKE TOUR
The Michigan Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society invites all Michigan bicyclists to register for the 1998 MS 150 Bike Tour on July 11 & 12, starting at Springfield Oaks Activity Center in Davidsburg. MS 150 riders pedal 75 scenic miles (or take the 100-mile option) to Michigan State University in East Lansing, spend a fun night in MSU dorms and ride back to Davidsburg the next morning. New this year is a one-day option on Sunday, July 12. Cyclists can ride 30 or 60 miles or choose the 7-mile mountain bike trail. All riders meet back at Springfield Oaks for a fun fish barbecue. It's easy to sign up for the MS 150! Cyclists pay a \$30 registration fee and must raise at least \$180 in pledges. (The registration deadline is June 26, 1998.) Along the route, the MS Society provides bike mechanics, medical support, vehicles to give weary riders a rest and rest stops stocked with refreshments. For information, please call the MS Society at 1-800-247-7382 ext. 215.

JOE DUMARS' FIELDHOUSE

OPEN PLAY
Joe Dumars' Fieldhouse in Macomb County's Shelby Township (Mount Road and N-59) is offering indoor and outdoor basketball and sun volleyball pickup play through Labor Day. Cost is \$5 per person.

LEAGUES

DETROIT SPORT & SOCIAL CLUB
The Royal Oak-based Detroit Sport & Social Club is offering summer-ed leagues in sand volleyball (2's, 4's and 6's), softball, 11-on-11 and 8-on-8 outdoor soccer. Games will be conducted at various locations in Metro Detroit, including the southfield Civic Center (sand volleyball) at Ingersoll Park (softball) in Southfield. A men's 3-on-3 basketball league will also be held at Joe Dumars' Fieldhouse in Shelby Township. Interested players and/or teams can call DSSC at (248) 688-3360 for starting dates and additional

details or send DSSC an e-mail at detroit@dsscc.com.

LAKESHORE FAMILY YMCA
Lakeshore Family YMCA in St. Clair Shores is now forming an adult men's floor hockey league. Openings are available on Sunday evenings. The season begins Sunday, June 28 with a mandatory manager's meeting set for Thursday, June 18. Fee is \$325 which includes eight games plus playoffs. For more information, call (810) 778-5811 or league director Gordie Miskelly at (810) 401-7165.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

TALKING ENTERPRISES CROSS COUNTRY RACE
Sunday, June 14, 9 a.m. at Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford. No pre-registration or registration fee. For event details, call (248) 634-6178. For park information, call (248) 656-1020.

GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS

- WOMEN'S METROPOLITAN GOLF ASSOCIATION (June 5 at Oak Ridge)**
- CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT**
Low Gross - Kathy Aroramith (Highland), 41-37; Second - Carol Elias (Rochester Hills), 40-39; Low Net - Betty Vandeputte (Birmingham), 38-36.
- INTL FLIGHT**
Low Gross - Judi Stutzman (Huntington Woods), 45-42; Second - Sandy Gadinica (Warren), 45-43; Low Net - Joyce Quimet (Sterling Heights), 91-19-72.
- 2nd FLIGHT**
Low Gross - Doris Rudd (Clinton Township), 43-41-84; Second - Karen Condon (Warren), 47-45-92; Low Net - Renee' Ross (Sterling Heights), 93-91-72.
- 3rd FLIGHT**
Low Gross - Dolly Vettero (Northville), 48-47-95; Second - Jo Pashek (Madison Heights), 49-47-96 and Sallie Campbell (St. Clair Shores), 49-47-96; Low Net - Pauline Cady (Detroit), 103-35-68.

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