

GOLF TOURNAMENTS

■ Two "Four-Person Scramble" tournaments, with teams flighted by handicap, will be held Saturday, June 13, and Sunday, June 14, at the Golf Course of Kensington Metropark (2240 W. Buno Road) near Milford. Players must have established handicaps. Entry fee is \$4 plus greens fees per player. Fees and applications must be received at the starter's desk by 5 p.m. Sunday, June 7. For more information, call Kensington at 1-800-477-3178 or (248) 685-9332.

■ The Friends of the Foster Farmhouse will host a benefit outing Tuesday, June 16, at Bogie Lake Country Club in Commerce Township. The event, held to raise funds to preserve the Friends of the Foster Farmhouse, is \$75 per golfer and will include 18 holes with a cart, refreshments, lunch and dinner.

For further information, call Linda Onderko at (248) 360-0310.

■ A "Seniors Tournament" (ages 62 and older) is scheduled for Thursday, June 18, at the Golf Course of Lake Eric Metropark (32481 W. Jefferson) in Brownstown.

The format is a two-person scramble. The entry fee is \$45 per team, which includes greens fees.

Applications and fees must be received at the starter's desk by Thursday, June 11. Call 1-800-477-3189 or (734) 379-0048 for additional details.

■ The local Independent Insurance Agent Junior Classic will be held June 22 at Bogie Lake Country Club in Commerce Township. Winners of the local tournament will advance to compete in the Michigan finals July 12-13 at Cascades Golf Course in Jackson. Michigan's top finishers will then advance to the national finals to be held Aug. 10-14 in Edmond, OK.

Entry forms and other information can be obtained by calling Jon Retherford at (248) 624-1631.

■ Mead Lexus in Southfield, along with Lexus Champions for Charity, will sponsor a Hole-In-One Contest as part of the June 29 St. Louis Center Celebrity Golf Outing to be held at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.

The winner of the Hole-In-One Contest will receive a 1998 Lexus, courtesy of Meade Lexus and Lexus Champions for Charity. The St. Louis Center will also have the opportunity to send a two-person team to the 1998 National Championship in December at the LaQuinta Resort and Club in Palm Springs, CA. Amateur competitors at this event will compete for a \$75,000 charity purse.

Former Detroit Tigers pitcher Milt Wilcox will serve as emcee for the event.

Proceeds from the event will go toward maintaining services at the St.

Louis Center.

Cost is \$350 per golfer or \$2,500 for hole sponsorships which include 18 holes of golf, lunch, dinner and prizes.

For further information, call (734) 475-8430.

■ The Academy of the Sacred Heart Parent's Club will host its seventh annual Golf Classic at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester Hills on Monday, Sept. 28.

The event includes lunch, dinner, gifts and four-person teams engaging in a best-ball scramble on Great Oaks' challenging 18-hole layout. Prizes will be awarded to winners in each flight, including a separate flight for female foursomes. Additional contests and an informal live auction of golf and various sports packages is sure to make the day a memorable one.

Cost is \$250 per person. Hole sponsorships are available at a cost of \$250.

The 1998 Golf Classic is chaired by Academy parents Larry Graves of Bloomfield Hills, Tim Glaros of Royal Oak and Jerry Watson of Troy.

Proceeds from the event benefit the athletic and recreational program at the Academy.

For more information, call the Academy at (248) 646-8900, ext. 172.

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hurry," Clarkston Creek Golf Club pro Eric Hiner said. "It took off."

The diversity doesn't stop there, though. Let's not forget golf for the disabled, which is also booming.

"I do a lot of workshops for people with disabilities called Adaptive Golf," Portfilio said. "That's grown immensely. I do a clinic for a hospital in Flint. They bring their people in, whether it's stroke victims or whatever, people with various disabilities go out there and play. That is going big right now."

Disabled golfers are highlighted in a related story in this publication about a golf outing sponsored by the Bloomfield Hills Optimist Club and On My Own. Members of a special olympics golf team will pair with local celebrities or golf pros and play a round of golf on June 11 at the Shenandoah Golf and Country Club in West Bloomfield.

But what is it that has made golf so appealing to so many different types of people?

"It's a game for everyone," Portfilio said. "Anyone can play, young or old, at any level. Everybody's playing golf now. We don't play on the same playground. It's not like going to play baseball or basketball. You can go to a different basketball court and it's still a basketball court."

"Like I say, 'golf is unlike any other sport I've ever played.'"

Many are saying that these days.

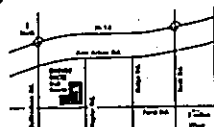

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