

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) 644-1314 or write to him at The Observer & Eccentric Sports Department, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

REC ROUNDUP

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 prizes in the series: two triathlons; three open water swims; and a five-mile trail run. The 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. 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) 932-3981 or (734) 662-1000.

HOCKEY

MEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE OF OAK PARK
The Men's Hockey League of Oak Park's 1998 summer session begins later this month. The league is an over-30, no-check league with games played at Honeybrook Oak Park Arena. Cost is \$160 which includes a 15-game schedule. Play begins Monday, June 29. New players will be rated on Monday, June 22. Anyone interested in joining the league should call (313) 871-7500 during the daytime hours or (248) 544-4459 during evening hours.

HURON-CLINTON METROPARKS

WALK MICHIGAN '98
As part of the statewide "Walk Michigan '98" fitness program, Kensington Metropark near the Millard 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 9 a.m. walk Wednesday, June 24 at Mendota Beach. Sessions are also scheduled for 1 p.m. Sunday, July 5 (Martindale Beach) and 9 a.m. Wednesday, July 22 (Martindale Beach). For additional times and dates, call Kensington Metropark at (248) 685-1561 or 1-800-477-3178. A Metropark vehicle entry permit is required. Daily costs are \$3 weekends and holiday and \$2 weekdays except Wednesdays, which are free entry days.

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 Sept. 14 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, Ronsington, Hudson Mills, Lower Huron, Willow and Oakwoods. In 1996, 126 biking and in-line skating accidents were

reported throughout the Metroparks. That number declined to 84 in 1997.

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) 539-9942 for more information or to register.

SKATE SMART TOUR
A "Skate Smart Tour," featuring free in-line skating lessons and free skate demonstrations sponsored by Nichols Ski & Sports, will be held at six Metroparks throughout the summer. Pairs of demonstration skaters, along with the necessary safety gear, will be available for people to try from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Braking clinics and informal lessons will be held every hour during that time. These sessions are great for anyone just getting started and desiring to see what is available or for those who want to try the latest styles of in-line skates from a variety of manufacturers such as Rollerblade, Salomon, K-2 and Nike. The tour will make a stop at Stony Creek Metropark today, Kensington Metropark next Sunday and Hudson Mills Metropark on Sunday, June 28. For more information, contact Nichols Ski & Sports at (313) 565-0044 or (248) 674-5200. For sun-up locations within the metroparks, call 1-800-47-PARKS.

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 recreation and chess evening 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) 539-2290.

JOE DUMARS' FIELDHOUSE

OPEN PLAY
Joe Dumars' Fieldhouse in Macomb County's Shelby Township (Mount Road and M-59) is offering indoor and outdoor basketball and sand 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 co-ed leagues in sand volleyball (2x, 4x and 6x), softball, and 11- and 8-man outdoor soccer. Games will be conducted at various locations in Metro Detroit, including the Southfield Civic Center (sand volleyball) and Inglenook 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) 588-3366 for starting dates and additional details or send DSSC an e-mail at detroit@sassoc.com.

R & D RACE DIRECTORS

2ND ANNUAL RUN AND BIKE SUMMER CHALLENGE RELAY
The 2nd Annual Summer Challenge Relay is right around the

corner. The event, presented by Rochester-based R & D Race Directors, kicks off at 7 a.m. Saturday, June 27. The relay is a unique blend of two of the toughest and demanding recreational sports around - running and biking. The course will take athletes over some of the most scenic roads in northern Oakland and Macomb counties. Each team member will be responsible for at least five miles of running and 10 miles of biking. Last year's inaugural event was a huge success, despite a vicious thunderstorm that ripped through the finishing area on the Oakland University campus as many of the 16 teams were coming in. Team Metro Bikes finished first in 8 hours, 38 minutes, 27 seconds. Oakland County Posse was second in 8:38:45. The relay is also designed to raise money for The Rainbow Connection, a non-profit organization that grants wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses. For more information, call R & D Race Directors at 1-800-753-9820. Or go on-line at www.runnichi-gan.com/summerrelay.

2ND ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE HILLS

The second annual Festival of the Hills 6K Run/Walk and one-half mile Kiddie Run comes to Bloomer Park (John R and Avon roads) in Rochester Hills on Saturday, July 4 beginning at 7 a.m. Entry fee is \$12 before July 1 and \$15 thereafter. For more information, call R & D Race Directors at 1-800-753-9820 or go on-line at www.runnichi-gan.com/festival6K.

RUNNING

MOTOR CITY STRIDERS
One road race remains in the month of June - the Open Door 5K Julie Run/Walk on Saturday, June 27 at Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes campus. In addition, this year's Big Boy Road Race Series kicks off Thursday, July 2 in Huntington Woods with the one- and two-mile runs. The three-mile run follows on Thursday, July 9 and the series ending four-mile run goes off Thursday, July 16. Other races scheduled for July include the 15th annual Firecracker Mile (July 4), the Just For Fun Open 6K Run and 1.5-mile walk (July 18) and the 13th annual Heart of the Hills 5K and 10K Run (July 25). Call (248) 544-9099 for additional information on any of the above events. Or visit the Motor City Striders website at www.motorcitystriders.com.

CANCER FOR CANCER
Scheduled for Saturday, June 20, The Andrea McClure Center for Cancer is a three-mile run/walk designed to raise money to support health education, patient service and research programs of the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Registration is now taking place. The run begins at 9:20 a.m. the walk at 9 a.m. Race brochures are available by calling 1-800-KARMANOS (800-527-6286) or by stopping in the Oakland Regional office located at 1851 W. 12 Mile Road. Entry fees are \$20 for an individual or \$35 for a family. The race itself began as a tribute to one of Lathrup's own residents and employees, Andrea McClure. Registration continues right up to the morning of the race.

WATER SPORTS

PADDLE PLAY
This event, scheduled for Sunday, June 21 at Island Lake Recreation Area in Brighton, features on-the-water instruction in beginning and tandem solo canoeing, beginning and intermediate solo freestyle canoeing, tandem freestyle canoeing, Canadian-style canoeing, bent shaft canoeing and voyageur canoeing. Shore-side seminars teach wilderness tripping and custom paddle building. Meet North America's top custom paddle builders at this unique paddle opportunity sponsored by the Great Lakes Paddlers Canoe & Kayak Club. For more information, call the club at (810) 437-2496 or the park at (810) 229-7067.

Area runners shine at Heart Challenge Run

Chalk up another win for Farmington Hills' Keith Stopen.

Stopen, this year's West Bloomfield Half-Marathon and First of America Half-Marathon champion, captured first place at last Saturday's Heart Challenge 4-Mile Run in Madison Heights.

Stopen, 37, clocked a time of 19 minutes, 22 seconds and finished 43 seconds ahead of runner-up Don Johns of Lambertville.

Dave Peterson of Farmington took third (20:37) and Brett Sanborn of Rochester Hills was sixth (21:11).

Sydney Pounds of Warren claimed top honors among female racers, but Eccentric-area competitors dominated the top 10.

Rochester's Laura Murphy posted a 24:07, good for third place. Brigitte Dery of Farmington Hills came in fourth with a 26:33. Lynda Kennedy of Rochester Hills placed fifth in 28:13. Cindy Hankins of West Bloomfield crossed sixth in 28:31. Susan Sczesney of Southfield was ninth in 27:29 and Tammy Sanborn of Rochester Hills rounded out the women's top 10 with a 28:03.

Men's and women's results follow.

HEART CHALLENGE 4-MILE RUN

(June 8 in Madison Heights)

MALE RACE RESULTS (170 finished)

1. Keith Stopen, 37, (Farmington Hills) 19:22
2. Don Johns, 33, (Lambertville) 20:05
3. Dave Peterson, 31, (Farmington) 20:37
4. Rick Bauer, 25, (Northville) 20:57
5. Adam Unsworth, 29, (Ferndale) 21:03
6. Brett Sanborn, 31, (Rochester Hills) 21:11
7. Kenneth Baginski, 20, (Center Line) 21:32
8. Jeff Riser, 25, (Warren) 21:37
9. D. Bergman, 25, (Norwalk, Iowa) 22:15
10. Tom McMahon, 30, (Westland) 22:20
11. Mark Neal, 30, (Rochester) 22:40
12. Frank Carmon, 34, (Troy) 22:47
13. Greg Szauland, 47, (Troy) 22:55
14. Paul Wheeler, 58, (Birmingham) 23:23
15. David Lambert, 40, (Troy) 23:50
16. Corey Jacoby, 30, (Franklin) 27:27
17. Tim Klokhamer, 52, (Birmingham) 27:37
18. David Steiger, 31, (Birmingham) 27:43
19. Kevin Taylor, 36, (West Bloomfield) 27:53
20. Lee Trepek, 30, (Birmingham) 28:14
21. Ken Gutowski, 39, (Farm. Hills) 28:15
22. Ulrich Zinkann, 38, (Troy) 28:21
23. Brian Stoffer, 37, (Troy) 28:21
24. Craig Bayer, 34, (West Bloomfield) 29:43
25. Ed Funk, 60, (Troy) 29:54
26. John McDonald, 59, (Rochester) 30:19
27. Bern Degan, 30, (Troy) 30:21
28. Michael Tucker, 39, (Beverly Hills) 30:50
29. Bill Swift, 65, (West Bloomfield) 31:02
30. Rob Benedis, 28, (Troy) 31:23
31. Jeff Tataris, 44, (Troy) 31:52
32. Ron Teed, 20, (Farmington) 32:10

FEMALE RACE RESULTS (85 finished)

1. Sydney Pounds, 23, (Warren) 23:49
2. Amy Doucette, 24, (Warren) 23:54
3. Laura Murphy, 34, (Rochester) 24:07
4. Brigitte Dery, 29, (Farmington Hills) 25:33
5. Lynda Kennedy, 35, (Rochester Hills) 26:33
6. Cindy Hankins, 28, (W. Bloomfield) 27:31
7. Tracy Riser, 28, (Warren) 28:03
8. Andrea Unbrindan, 10, (Hazel Park) 27:21
9. Susan Sczesney, 48, (Southfield) 27:29
10. Tammy Sanborn, 31, (Roch. Hills) 28:03
11. M. Cunningham, 37, (Roch. Hills) 29:31
12. Nicole Seaman, 23, (Ann Arbor) 31:10
13. Mia Warner, 30, (Troy) 31:22
14. Alyse Betakos, 34, (Bloom. Hills) 31:27
15. Jill DeHoff, 38, (Troy) 32:06
16. Janet Dalry, 40, (Troy) 34:48
17. Sharon Giffin, 41, (Troy) 35:05
18. Lisa Lerner, 27, (Birmingham) 35:06

GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS

WOMEN'S METROPOLITAN GOLF ASSOCIATION

(June 10 at Dogie Lake)

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

Low Gross - Deb Robert (New Baltimore), 35-39-78; Second - Carol Elias (Rochester Hills), 37-43-80; Low Net - July Figa (West Bloomfield), 86-113-73.

1st FLIGHT

Low Gross - Doris Rudd (Clinton Twp.), 43-48-89; Second - Marlene Maige (Birmingham), 48-42-91; Low Net - Shirley Estabrook (Milford), 93-18-75.


2nd FLIGHT

Low Gross - Karen Condon (Warren), 47-47-90 and Pat Meyers (Birmingham), 47-43-90; Second - Judi Stutzman

(Huntington Woods), 46-47-83; Low Net - Beverly Sudath (West Bloomfield), 97-23-74.

3rd FLIGHT




Low Gross - Gwen Sheppard (Royal Oak), 49-49-98 and Dolly Vettese (Northville), 49-49-98; Second - Sally Locklear (Macomb Township), 51-50-101; Low Net - Toni Saltirelli (Clinton Township), 103-33-70.



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