

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 Meyer at (248) 901-2559, fax him material at (248) 644-1314 or write to him at: The Observer & Eccentric Sports Department, 505 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

REC ROUNDUP

CLINIC

BICYCLE MAINTENANCE
REI in Northville is offering a how-to-clinic on basic bicycle maintenance at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26 for the rider who wants to keep his or her bike in optimal condition throughout the season. The clinic will cover proper fitting of a bike, including adjusting the seat and handlebar height, and how to select a bike that is best suited for one's own needs. Learn how to fix a flat tire, lube and adjust the chain and do simple brake and derailleur adjustments. The clinic is free and open to the public. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information. REI is located at 6 Mile and Haggerty roads, just off I-275.

COMMUNITY ED

WEST BLOOMFIELD SCHOOLS
The West Bloomfield Schools Community Education Department is currently accepting fall registrations. A variety of exciting recreational and physical fitness programs run by selected, professionally gifted instructors are being offered. Whether you're interested in gaining new insights, learning new skills or needing new friends, the West Bloomfield Schools Community Education Department offers a place to learn and share. Registrations must be made in advance by mail, fax (248-639-2295) or in-person at 6000 Orchard Lake Road, Room 2. Call (248) 639-2290 for a brochure of classes or additional information.

GOLF

TOURNAMENTS
The Southfield Parks and Recreation will host its Fall Golf Scramble on Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Beech Woods Golf Course (22202 Beech Road, south of Nine Mile Road). Teams of four golfers each will tee off beginning 9 a.m. and this tournament is open to anyone who wants to participate. Cost is \$30 per person and refreshments will be provided following nine holes of golf. Pre-registration is required. Please call the Beech Woods Golf Course at 248-354-5653.
■ The Detroit Medical Center's Grace Hospital hosts the 29th annual Club 600 Golf and Tennis Day on Monday, Sept. 14 at the Detroit Golf Club. The annual event is designed to raise money for medical education and research. There will be plenty of extra opportunities to challenge one's golfing ability, including a hole-in-one contest. A longest drive competition and other contests will also provide prizes ranging from resort packages to airline tickets to golf clubs. The day will be capped off by a reception and dinner at the Detroit Golf Club. For times and registration information, call the golf and tennis hotline at (313) 368-3511.
■ The second annual Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology charity golf outing is set for Monday, Sept. 21 at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon. Proceeds will sponsor activities for visually impaired children and young adults. Tickets are \$175 and include golf, a cart, barbecue lunch, dinner, beverages and prizes. A shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. kicks off play. Call (313) 824-4710 to register.

JOE DUMARS' FIELDHOUSE

FLOOR HOCKEY
Joe Dumars' Fieldhouse in Macomb County's Shelby Township (M-59 and Mound Road) will present a weekend of floor hockey tournaments Oct. 9-11. Each team will have a three-game guarantee and all players will receive a T-shirt. Team registration fees are \$300, and \$2,000 in prize money will be awarded to the top teams. Call (810) 731-3080 for more information.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

ADDITION OAKS FALL CLASSIC

Challenging terrain awaits riders at the Addison Oaks Fall Classic Cross Country Mountain Bike Race. Scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 20, the race features six miles of steep inclines, rolling hills, three sections of single track, and wooded trails. The number of laps will be determined by class: one lap is six miles. The length of the kids' races will be determined by age. Kids ages 12 and under race free. New for this fall is the "First Time Rider" class, a non-competitive, one-lap race for both men and women ages 15 and older. Early registration ended Wednesday, Sept. 9. On-site registration begins at 8 a.m. or 30 minutes prior to each race. Pre-registration is \$20 and includes a water bottle. On-site registration is \$25. Long-sleeve race T-shirts are available for \$12 while supplies last. A preview of the course is strongly recommended. The course will be open Sept. 14 through Sept. 18 after 2 p.m., on Sept. 19 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sept. 20 from 7 a.m.-10 a.m. Riders must provide a helmet and properly working bicycle. On-site spectators will be charged. Men's Pro and Women's Expert winners will receive cash prizes while the top 10 finishers in each division will get plaques or medals. Mountain bikes and fitness equipment will be given away as part of prize drawings. Addison Oaks Country Park is located on West Romeo Road, nine miles north of Rochester. For additional information, call (248) 693-2432, (248) 858-0916 or (248) 858-1684 or visit www.co.oakland.mi.us.

PLATFORM TENNIS
Sample platform tennis or "winter tennis" at the open houses at Waterford Oaks Court Games Complex. Open houses are set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29; 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4; and 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16. Instruction and equipment will be provided. A gross between tennis and racquetball, platform tennis is played outdoors with teams of two people. Waterford Oaks has two lighted, heated courts that are open October through April. The Waterford Oaks Platform Tennis Club organizes leagues, league and inter-club play. Open play is 8:30 a.m.-11 p.m. daily, based on availability. The court games complex is located in Waterford Oaks County Park on Scott Lake Road, between Dixie Highway and Pontiac Lake Road, in Waterford. For more information, call (248) 394-1233, (248) 640-0144 or (248) 858-1683 for more information.

OUTINGS
SOLAR
The School of Outdoor Leadership Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR) is offering a backpacking class in September. The class will be held every Wednesday during the month from 6:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. in Farmington. An overnight practical trip at Pinckney Recreation Area is also scheduled for Sept. 26-27, and a longer backpacking trip to Fished Rock National Lakeshore is slated for Oct. 8-11. The cost of the backpacking class is \$75, and you must become a club member by paying a \$30 annual membership fee. For more information, contact Carol McChirre at (810) 229-5232 or Cindy Felix at (734) 722-3994.

RUNNING
BIRMINGHAM LIONS CLUB 10,000 METER RUN FOR THE BLIND
The 21st annual Birmingham Lions Club 10,000 Meter Run For the Blind comes to downtown Birmingham on Sunday, Sept. 20. Events include 10K and 5K runs and a one-mile walk over a protected course that winds through downtown Birmingham and surrounding residential areas. Registration is \$15 from Sept. 15-19 at Total Runner (29207 Northwestern Highway) in Southfield. On-site registration will be \$18 and begin at 8 a.m. The race starts at 10 a.m. The registration area is located on Merrill at Pierce. Free parking will be available in the Pierce Street deck. Awards will be presented to male and female finishers in five age categories.

Run applications are also available at the Birmingham YMCA, Beverly Hills Racquet Club, Oakland Athletic Club, The Varsity Shop and the Birmingham Community House. Call Total Runner at (248) 354-1177 for more details.

RUN WILD
The Second Annual Run Wild will take place Sunday, Sept. 20, at the Detroit Zoo for the benefit of the veterinary hospital. Proceeds from the event, which features a 5K run and a one-mile, non-competitive walk, will fund the purchase of veterinary equipment and maintenance for the hospital and training for the hospital staff. The hospital's veterinary staff provides services for the zoo's 1,250 animals. Run Wild is hosted by the Detroit Zoological Society and the Southeastern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association. The 5K run takes place on a flat course (wheelchair accessible) circling the outside of the zoo and through the surrounding Huntington Woods neighborhood. The one-mile walk is through the zoo. The run begins at 9 a.m. and the walk at 9:10 a.m. Advance instructions to enter and participants in a pre-race warmup beginning at 8:20 a.m. in the zoo's south parking lot. Individual registration fees for the run are \$17 through Sept. 18 and \$20 on race day; family/group (three or more) rates are \$12, \$14 and \$20, respectively. Individual fees for the walk are \$10, \$12 and \$15; family/group fees are \$8, \$10 and \$15. Race-day registration begins at 7 a.m. Only applicants whose entry forms were received on or before Sept. 12 received their race packets by mail. To obtain registration forms and information call (248) 641-5717. The entrance gates to the Detroit Zoo will close at 8:55 a.m. the morning of the race. No vehicles will be allowed to enter or leave until the last runner has crossed the finish line.

APPLE AMBLE
Oakland University in Rochester represents the site for this month's 17th annual Apple Amble. Featuring a five-mile run, five-kilometer run/walk and 1K Caramel Apple Dash, the Apple Amble is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 27. Rochester-based R & D Race Directors presents the event, benefiting the Oakland University men's and women's cross country teams. The 5K run/walk kicks off the festivities at 8:30 a.m. The five-mile run goes off at 9 a.m., followed by the 1K dash at 10 a.m. The course traverses the paved, rolling roads of OU's campus. An early registration period lasts through Thursday, Sept. 24 at a cost of \$16. Late registration will be conducted race day only at a cost of \$18. Participants ages 55 and older and 3R Club members may register for \$13 (early registration) or \$16 (late). Race-day registration is slated for 7:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m. inside OU's Shewell-Gustafson Pavilion, located on the east side of the campus near Kalkreuth-Cousins Golf Course and Meadow Brook Hall. Early registrations may be mailed or dropped off at Runnin' Gear stores in Rochester and Waterford. For more race information or additional details, call 1-800-763-9820 or check out www.runmichigan.com/amble98.

CHILI-PEPPER RUN
R & D Race Directors will help present the 2nd annual Chili-Pepper Run on Sunday, Oct. 4 in Plymouth. This run is held in conjunction with the annual Plymouth Chili Cook-Off and benefits the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan. A one-mile fun run/walk begins at 8:30 a.m. followed one-half hour later by the 10K main event. Call (313) 455-0610 for registration details.

WALKS
GILDA'S CLUB
Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, a free, non-profit social and emotional support community for men, women and children with all types of cancer, invites friends, family members and co-workers to attend the Gilda's Club Metro Detroit 5th annual Family Walk & Block Party at 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 4 at Cobo

Hall in Detroit. The event begins with a five-kilometer walking tour of downtown Detroit and/or a one-mile indoor fun walk and then goes back to Cobo Center for a family block party. Registration is \$15 if postmarked before Monday, Sept. 21 or \$20 thereafter. People can register at Cobo Center on Oct. 4, and children under 10 can participate for free. Call Gilda's Club at (248) 577-0800 for additional information.

WALK FOR LUPUS
Celebrating its 25th anniversary, the Michigan Lupus Foundation is sponsoring the 4th Annual Walk for Lupus on Saturday, Oct. 3 at Metro Beach Metropark in Cobo Clemens. The public is invited and encouraged to participate in the event, which starts at 10 a.m. There is a \$5 registration fee. Those who raise \$50 or more in pledges will receive a free T-shirt. The 4.1-mile course is ideal for people of all ages and will be open to walkers, joggers, rollerbladers, strollers and wheelchairs. For more information, contact the St. Clair Shores-based Michigan Lupus Foundation at (810) 775-8330.

WIDEWORLD SPORTS CENTER

FALL LEAGUES
WideWorld Sports Center in Ann Arbor is now accepting registrations for its fall indoor soccer and roller hockey leagues. The soccer season begins Thursday, Oct. 22 and ends Saturday, Dec. 19. Team fee is \$750. The roller hockey season runs from Oct. 6-Dec. 16. Individual fee is \$75 and team fee is \$695. Registration deadline is Monday, Oct. 12 for soccer and Friday, Sept. 25 for roller hockey. Call (734) 913-4625 for more information.

Area competitors succeed at 1998 PizzaMan Series



BY CHRIS MEYER
STAFF WRITER

Athletes from the Eccentric area helped make the 1998 Domino's Pizza-

Man Series a huge success. The summer-long series, presented by Ann Arbor-based Athletic Ventures, L.C., concluded Labor Day with an open water swim and five-mile trail run in Dexter.

Corby Lavery of Farmington was the highest local finisher in the trail run, which was conducted at Pinckney Recreation Area. Lavery crossed 17th overall in a time of 38 minutes, 30 seconds.

Perry Helm of Walled Lake finished 24th in 40:43. Joe Pineda of Southfield came in 34th in 45:23. Kathie Cavaleri of Commerce was 41st in 46:27. Olivier Lecor of Farmington Hills placed 43rd in 46:58. Rick Franczak of Walled Lake was 47th in 47:23 and Maureen Helm of Walled Lake was 53th in 56:08.

Ken Ferguson of Brighton won the race in a time of 31:48. Larry Bostwick of Pinckney earned runner-up honors in 33:29 and Fred Heldmeyer of Plymouth came in third in 34:09.

The open water swim consisted of one- and three-mile events at Pinckney Recreation Area's Silver Lake.

Brandon Schmandt of West Bloomfield placed seventh overall in the three-mile race, clock-

ing a time of 54:44. Kristin Fusco of Troy (ninth, 55:20) and Rob Myers of Farmington Hills (33rd, 1:17:27) also completed.

Sheila Taormina of Livonia won the three-mile race in 44:02.

In the one-mile swim, Lavery was again 17th in a time of 21:39. Lecor followed in 22nd (22:27). Antonia Vivian of Rochester Hills came in 25th (23:21). Sarah Falls of Rochester Hills placed 31st (25:43). Franczak finished 32nd (26:15) and James Falls of Rochester Hills was 35th (34:07).

Dave Alasger of Mount Pleasant finished first in 16:21.

The PizzaMan series featured two triathlons, three open water swims and the five-mile trail run. For each race entered, one ticket with the participant's name on it went into the PizzaMan Prize Draw. At an awards ceremony following the trail run, Dr. Earl Gaball of Battle Creek had his name drawn as the winner of one large Domino's Pizza per month for the next year.

Athletic Ventures, L.C. will also help stage the Domino's Pizza Festival of Lights 5K Run/Walk and Krieger Kilometer (10-under) at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. This event figures to be quite popular as the run winds through the St. Nicholas Light Display at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor. Look for additional details in future editions of the Recreation Center.

Steps to Greatness

Presented by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce and the Livonia Observer

The first step in your Steps to Greatness is designed to excite, enhance, and educate you and your staff

- Integrity in Sales
- How to Build Endless Referrals
- How to Qualify a Prospect
- Winning Without Intimidation

Featuring National Speaker and Author

Local Speakers Include:



Bob Burg
Million Dollar Round Table Speaker



Robert Shensholt
Great White North Distribution Services



Rich Levinson
RHL & Associates

Cost of seminar includes Bob's book and 12-cassette package. Retail Value: \$146

"Hey, I've shared the platform with this guy. He will give you the information that will enable you to build your sales career. If you are really interested in a career in selling, listen to what Bob Burg has to say. You will be glad you did." - Zig Ziglar

INTERMISSION ENTERTAINMENT—THREE MEN AND A TENDER

SPONSORED BY—
Exhibit Works

Citizens Bank

NEXTEL
YOU'VE NEVER USED A PHONE LIKE THIS BEFORE
WALSH COLLEGE

URRURY SEATING IS LIMITED

Thursday, October 8, 1998 • Burton Manor • 7:30 - 4:30 p.m.
For Reservations, call 734-427-2122 • FAX 734-427-6055
Visit our Web Site at www.livonia.org/steps

\$149 All Chamber Members
\$199 Non-Members
Advance payments only. Check/VISA, MasterCard
INCLUDES BREAKFAST AND LUNCH