

The Court Jester

by BILL CAMERON

Gals! Mark the 23 and 24 of September on your calendar quick. Entry forms are now ready for the first Observerland women's singles tennis tournament. Entries must be in by Friday, Sept. 22 at 1 p.m.

To be eligible, you must be over 18 and a resident of either Livonia, Plymouth, Farmington, Southfield, Westland, Redford, Garden City, Wayne or Northville.

Play will be held in two classes, A & B with a consolation tourney for first round losers. The distinction between A & B may cause a few problems.

We'd like to see all the beginners and a few in-

termediate players in Class B and the more advanced players in Class A. If there is any doubt in your mind, the seeding committee will reserve the right to assign you your classification.

In order to do a first class job we're recruiting ball boys and girls to chase down stray tennis balls so that you don't expend all your energy needlessly (if you have any children 10 and up who will volunteer, call me.) Officials will be provided for semi-final and finals matches on Sunday.

Play will begin at 9 a.m. on the Livonia Stevenson High tennis courts. Two tennis balls per match will be provided by the tournament committee and suitable awards will be presented to the finalists in each division and consolation winners.

This tournament will officially end our tennis season and this column until next spring. If enough interest warrants it, I will continue to run tennis classes for beginners and intermediates this winter. Let me know. Pick up your official entry form at the Livonia Family Y, 14255 Stark Road, Livonia.

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BACK TO DEFEND the titles they won a year ago in the men's and women's golf tournaments at Livonia's Whispering Willows course are Dick Lind (left) and Kay Coppola (right). They were the first to sign entry blanks with Pro Gary

Whitener (second from left) and Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation supervisor John Dufour. More than 60 entries have been received including that of Bud Stevens, of Livonia, who was champion two years ago. (Observer photo)

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36 Holes Medal Play ... Saturday, Sept. 16, Sunday, Sept. 17
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18 Holes Medal Play ... Thursday, Sept. 14
Entry Fee: \$6 (Green Fees and Trophies)

Make check payable to Gary Whitener, Tournament Director, and enclose with application blank.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
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MEN'S entries closed Thursday, Sept. 14, at 5 p.m.
Call for starting times, Friday, Sept. 15 after 10 a.m.
Women's entries closed Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 5 p.m.
Call for starting times, Wednesday, Sept. 13 after 10 a.m.

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Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Michigan racing soars in to the highest peaks of the fall season during the next 10 days and nights with Hazel Park hosting the Grand Circuit starting Saturday and the Detroit Race Course counting the days until the running of the \$100,000 added Michigan Mile and an eighth on Saturday, Sept. 16.

The field for the Mile, richest of all Michigan thoroughbred stakes, won't be known until next Thursday when DRG President Jack Davis and Director of Racing Norris Gwin open the entry box prior to the drawings for post positions.

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The traditional Michigan Mile brunch, at which the press, radio and television will join with trainers, owners and jockeys in watching the draw, will precede the ceremonies. Vice President and General Manager Paul Ryder hopes to have every starter represented with the thought that the media will be able to interview all if they desire.

Then comes the big day on the following Saturday ... the day that generally attracts the largest crowd of the entire year and brings the biggest handle. There was a time when track officials thought in terms of a \$2 million day but such won't be the case this year.

Business is off at tracks throughout the land and the DRG will settle for the largest crowd of the entire year in Michigan in 1972. If the weather is good, the goal should be reached. There is one slight drawback ... that same Saturday marks the opening of the collegiate football season and that may hold down the attendance at the track.

thoroughly dominates his class that he now finds his foremost challenger is time itself. Of course, any horse can be beaten but Super Bowl has now won 10 in a row, he broke two records in winning the Hambletonian, he has been under two minutes in seven races this year and he has won over \$220,000 in the first eight months of 1972.

Neville Pride, the only trotter in recent years to merit comparison with Super Bowl, set the present Hazel Park record of 1:59 1/5 in 1968. His admirers believe that Super Bowl can do it in 1:58 and a fraction.

This will be the last time the Star's Pride colt, who seems destined to become a sports legend, will race at Hazel Park. A syndicate, which recently purchased him for \$1 million, intends to retire him to stud Jan. 1, 1973. Super Bowl comes here at the top of his game. He never looked better than he did in sweeping the Hambletonian in straight heats. He won the first heat in 1:57 2/5 and the second in 1:56 2/5. The second heat was the fastest in Hambletonian history. His combined time of 3:53 4/5 for the two heats was another record, clipping 1/5 of a second off the mark Neville Pride had posted in 1967.

COULD YOU believe that pacers could be switched in unloading and one actually run under the name of the other?

It happened at Hazel Park Raceway when carelessness in the identification procedure resulted in Grand a three-year-old, racing under the name of his half-brother Shondo, a four-year-old.

A joint investigation by the Michigan Racing Commission, the United States Trotting Association and Harness Track's Security has uncovered no evidence of fraud nor a betting coup. The problem began when the two horses were delivered to Hazel Park to the stable of Terry Buter and Grando was placed in the stall reserved for Shondo and vice versa.

Deputy Racing Commissioner Dick Morris, Ray Traynor of theUSTA and Ken Brown of HTS started the investigation as soon as the mistake was discovered. They are continuing the probe. NANSEMOND PROVED again that it is better than Albatross in head-to-head competition. Matter of fact, the winner of the 1971 Brown Jug, where it twice whipped the "Bird," is the only pacer to consistently turn the trick. A millionaire and generally rated the greatest pacer of all time, Albatross was whipped by his nemesis two weeks ago in Chicago in a rich stake.

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