

On Course

Sylvan Glen

By RON HINCH

Golf has always provided the classic setting.

Man versus nature, the elements, a human designed-grass covered course, and a small white, dimpled ball.

The season's first golf outing took the O&R sports staff to Sylvan Glen Municipal Golf Course in Troy.

Located on Rochester Road between Sylvanwood Road and Square Lake Road, the course is offers a variety of challenges to the golfer.

Because the trip was the first outing of the season and due to some effects on the land from the recent winter, scores of those participating will remain a secret to protect the innocent.

GOLFERS INVOLVED are week-end golfers who might get out once or twice weekly. Average scores usually range anywhere from 45-55.

The No. 4, 440 yard-par 4 gets the nod as Sylvan Glen's toughest hole with the No. 8, Par 3 taking a close second.

The No. 4 fairway is deceiving. Only a large tree about 30 degrees to the left of the tee dots the relatively wide and straight path.

A driver is used on the first shot but the output must be straight and strong. Some 300 yards down the fairway there is a slight incline which blocks the view of the hole. From that point (50 yards), a creek divides the golfer from the green, which incidentally also is carefully angled upwards.

My first shot traveled about 175 yards. That position faced me with the problem of outdistancing the creek or sending an iron shot just

short of the water. Since the season was still young, conservatism was followed.

THE THIRD shot with a three iron was too strong and fell about the hole presenting me with the problem of shooting downhill. A carefully placed nine iron pitched the ball on the green but some atrocious putting resulted in a disastrous, eight.

As mentioned, the No. 4 fairway presents no particular hazard to the long hitter. But once off the tee accuracy plays an important role. The creek is located within 180 yards of the hole with trees bordering each side of the fairway on the creek.

Sylvan Glen golf course manager Al Zuck suggested entering No. 4 from the left side of the fairway. A healthy drive can allow better golfers to pop their second shot on the green with about a five iron.

The No. 8 rated a close second. Here another stream provides the short shooter with a ton of headaches in reaching the green. Other above average challenges at the Troy facility can be found on the No. 9 and the No. 18.

Sylvan Glen is currently open seven days a week. There are resident and non-resident fees with discounts offered for resident senior citizens and students.

For additional information call 878-0000.

Classic match

The eighth annual Michigan Round-ball Classic All Star Basketball game will be held at Olympia Stadium, Sunday, June 1 at 2 p.m.

The event will feature a contest between the Michigan All Stars and the U.S. All Stars and a preliminary game between the teams from Detroit and the Metropolitan area.

Tickets are on sale at Olympia, Hudson, Grinnell's and Sears.

Initial win

Birmingham Groves girls golf team won its first dual meet of the season to even its record at 1-1 by beating Rochester High School 200-222. Lisa Davis took medalist honors for the Falcons with a 48.

Falcon first

Andrea Atherton has become the first girl in the history of Birmingham Groves high school to win the Parents' Award for two sports. Miss Atherton received the honor for both basketball and volleyball.

Family affair

The Detroit Tigers and the Kansas City Royals will provide the competition for the first Family Night of the current season at Tiger Stadium on Monday, May 12.

The head of the family pays \$2.50 and other members of the family group will be admitted for 50 cents each with Upper Deck seating.

Birm 'Y' offers scuba lessons

An eight week course in scuba will be offered at the Birmingham YMCA beginning May 7.

The program will meet four hours per night with one day of open water training and a YMCA certification will be issued to those who complete the course.

Students must be at least 15 years old, be in good health and strong swimmers and they will need to furnish their own equipment.

Additional information can be ob-

Tigers, Reds to play benefit for sandlots

The Detroit Tigers and Cincinnati Reds will square off in a benefit baseball game on Thursday, May 29 at Tiger Stadium beginning at 7:00 p.m. Funds from the game will benefit sandlot baseball in the Michigan-Ohio-Ontario area.

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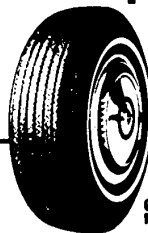
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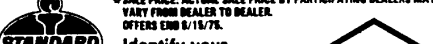
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