

Keep your clubs handy: Golf season lasts 7 months

By JIM REGAN

There are approximately seven months in the Western Massachusetts golfing season.

With nearly 60 golf courses in the area, this means a newcomer to the four-county area could play twice a week without visiting the same course twice.

The more-populous Hampden County is the home of nearly half of the courses.

Some 25 percent are found in Berkshire County, with Hampshire County and Franklin County accounting for the other 25 percent.

Golf in this country dates back just over 100 years.

This section wasn't far behind in joining the golf scene as several clubs — Springfield, Stockbridge and Greenfield, among them — date back to the 1890's. Springfield and Stockbridge CCs are charter members of the Massachusetts Golf Association, founded in 1903, with Holyoke CC joining in 1910.

Stockbridge Golf Club's annual invitation tournament is older than both the Massachusetts Amateur and Massachusetts Open. The June Invitation at Springfield Country Club dates back to just after the turn of the century.

The post-World War II golf boom was felt heavily in Western Massachusetts. One-quarter of the area's courses have been built since that time.

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| BERKSHIRE COUNTY | HAMPDEN COUNTY | HAMPSHIRE COUNTY | FRANKLIN COUNTY |
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| ADAMS: Forest Park (9). | AGAWAM: Agawam CC; Crestview; Oak Ridge; St. Anne | AMHERST: Amherst GC (9); Cherry Hill (9); Hickory Ridge. | ASHFIELD: Ashfield GC (9). |
| DALTON: Wahconah | BLANDFORD: Blandford GC (9). | BELCHERTOWN: Mill Valley (9). | BERNARDSTON: Crumpin-Fox (9). |
| EGREMONT: Egremont CC. | CHICOPEE: Chicopee CC; Oxford (9). | NORTHAMPTON: Pine Grove; Northampton CC (9). | GILL: Oak Ridge (9). |
| GREAT BARRINGTON: Wyantenuck. | EAST LONGMEADOW: Elmcrest | SOUTHAMPTON: Southampton CC. | GREENFIELD: CC of Greenfield; Mohawk Meadows (9). |
| HINSDALE: Bas Ridge (9). | HAMPDEN: Hampden CC | WILLIAMSBURG: Beaver Brook (9). | NORTHFIELD: Northfield GC (9). |
| LANESBORO: Skyline (9). | HOLYOKE: Holyoke CC (9); Wyckoff | WORTHINGTON: Worthington GC (9). | TURNERS FALLS: Thomas Memorial (9). |
| LEE: Greenock (9). | LONGMEADOW: Longmeadow CC; Twin Hills | | |
| LENOX: Cranwell. | LUDLOW: Ludlow CC; Westover | | |
| NORTH ADAMS: North Adams CC (9). | MONSON: Quaboag (9). | | |
| PITTSFIELD: Berkshire Hills; Country Club of Pittsfield; General Electric AA (9); Pontoosuc Lake. | RUSSELL: Whipperton (9). | | |
| STOCKBRIDGE: Stockbridge. | SOUTH HADLEY: Orchards | | |
| WILLIAMSTOWN: Taconic, Waubeeka Springs. | SOUTHWICK: Edgewood; Southwick CC. | | |
| | SPRINGFIELD: Franconia; Veterans Memorial. | | |
| | WESTFIELD: East Mountain; Shaker Farms; Tekoa. | | |
| | WEST SPRINGFIELD: Springfield CC | | |
| | WILBRAHAM: CC of Wilbraham (9). | | |

Just over half the golf courses are of the 18-hole variety, most of which, again, are located in Hampden and Berkshire Counties. Country Club of Greenfield is the lone 18-hole course in Franklin County, with Southampton Country Club, Pine Grove and Hickory Ridge Country Club in Amherst the 18-hole layouts in

Hampshire County. Golf is not as expensive in Western Massachusetts as it is in the eastern part of the state. A partial survey of the private clubs shows a family membership can be obtained at many clubs in the \$400-to-\$800 range. Of course, there are also several country clubs whose dues struc-

ture is much higher and who require an initiation fee to join. For the most part, golf is it at Western Massachusetts clubs. Longmeadow, Crestview (Agawam), Hampden, Shaker Farms (Westfield), Country Club of Pittsfield and Wyantenuck (Great

Barrington) also boast swimming and tennis facilities. Stockbridge, General Electric AA (Pittsfield) and Greenock (Lee) have tennis courts available. A few others, like Springfield, Elmcrest and Northampton, have swimming pools. Obviously, the cost for joining

these clubs is higher because of the additional sports offered. But, it isn't necessary to join a private club to enjoy golf; the semi-public, public and municipal courses offer real tests. Within a half-hour of Springfield, for example, there are numerous courses catering principally to the greens-fee players. In addition, there are four municipal courses for the public links golfers. Three of the public courses are located in Agawam alone — Agawam CC, St. Anne and Oak Ridge. Others in this category include Edgewood and Southwick CC, both in Southwick; East Mountain in Westfield; and Southampton Country Club and Hickory Ridge in Amherst.

The city of Springfield has two municipally-operated golf courses, Franconia and Veterans Memorial, while there is one each at Chicopee's Chicopee CC and Ludlow's Westover. Franconia is the oldest of the group, dating back to 1929. Veterans replaced the old Memorial golf course, which gave way to an industrial park. Greens-fee weekdays at the two Springfield courses costs \$4.50, with a \$6.50 rate for weekends. The fee at Chicopee is \$7 weekdays and \$8 weekends. At Westover, the weekday fee is \$6 and \$7.50 on weekends. All four courses have special rates for qualified senior citizens. An accompanying list shows the golf courses in Western Massachusetts with the nine-hole layouts indicated.



Republican file photo

Western Massachusetts has something for all sportsmen, and much of it revolves around the Connecticut River. Most freshwater species inhabit the river, and the fertile fields adjacent to the river are home to lots of wildlife.

Bay State sportsmen have goals to aim at

By FRANK SOUSA

Massachusetts, for a small state, has some big-time fish and game records for sportsmen to aim at.

While the state also stocks trout, pheasant and quail, big game, which in this state means the white-tail deer, black bear and wild turkey, is still the big apple of the hunter's eye. A license is not needed for salt-water fishing in this state, though several government agencies and sportsmen's groups are pushing for one.

To hunt or fish in Massachusetts it will cost a resident \$12.50 for each license.

A special sportsman's or combo license allowing both can be purchased for \$19.50.

A hunting or combo license allows a sportsman to take both large and small game.

A minor between 15 and 17 can purchase a license for \$6.50.

Special state stamps are needed to hunt waterfowl, or to hunt deer with bow and arrow or black-powder gun. A federal waterfowl stamp is also needed.

The prices of these stamps increase from year to year.

Here are some of the big-game records hunters have, not necessarily to aim at, but of which to be mindful.

Firearms record aims — A 10-point buck white-tailed deer, 265 pounds field dressed, taken by Robert Besaw of Westford in Huntington in 1955; a male black bear, 467 pounds dressed, taken by Karl Dewlett of Peru in Peru in 1980; a 41-pound bobcat taken by Herr Hageman of Blandford in Berkshire County in 1977; a tom turkey, 21 pounds, 9 ounces dressed, taken by Mike Herrington of Pittsfield in Alford in 1983.

Archery records — A white-tailed deer, eight points, 240 pounds dressed, by Kevin Hearn of West Tisbury on Martha's Vineyard; a male black bear, 337 pounds, by Jim "Boomer" Hayden of Hopkinton in Cummington in 1982; a tom turkey, 17 pounds, 7 ounces dressed, by Ron Smith of Lee in 1981 in Tyringham.

Fishermen are more mindful of records than hunters, mostly because they are written about more often and there are more fishermen.

Among the Bay State freshwater records are a 6-pound, 4-ounce brook trout by Tom Lapfaw at Otis Reservoir in 1968; a 19-pound, 10-ounce brown trout by Dana DeBlois at Wachusett Reservoir in 1966; a 13-pound rainbow by Jim Craven at Quabbin in 1984; a 9-pound, 11-ounce, landlocked salmon by Bob Koske at Quabbin in 1975; a 15-pound, 8-ounce largemouth bass by

Walt Bolonis at Sampson's Pond in 1975; a 7-pound, 4-ounce smallmouth taken by Mike Howe from the Quaboag River in 1984; an 11-pound walleyed pike by Bob Methot at Quabbin in 1975; a 9-pound, 5-ounce chain pickerel by Mrs. James Martin in Laurel Lake in 1954; a 31-pound, 7-ounce northern pike at the Oxbow by Roger Pyzocha in 1984; a 31-pound, 8-ounce carp in the Oxbow in 1983.

Among the salt-water records are a 27-pound, 4-ounce bluefish by Louis Gordon off Graves Light in 1982; a 1,228-pound bluefin tuna by Marlene Goldstein in Cape Cod Bay in 1984; a 73-pound striped bass by Charles Church off Quicks' Hole in 1913 and by Charlie Cinto off Sow and Pigs in 1967 and by Anton Stetzkoff off Nauset Beach in 1981.

Massachusetts has a new world-record fish, yet the northern pike taken last month in Pontoosuc Lake is not a state record.

The 26-pound, 9-ounce pike taken by Rod Teehan of Westfield has been approved as a new, 16-pound-test-line, rod and reel-class record.

Strangely enough, while Teehan's world record is in the books, the largest northern ever taken here is still a 31-pound, 7-ounce pike taken by Roger Pyzocha of Ludlow two years ago while fishing the Oxbow in Northampton.

Western Mass. supports wide offering of news media

Newcomers who like to keep on top of the news have a host of choices in the Connecticut Valley.

The valley has six daily newspapers; 15 weekly papers and one Sunday newspaper, the Sunday Republican; and a handful of bimonthly publications.

Those who like to listen to, rather than read, updates of local and national news can flick to one of the 15 commercial radio stations and hear rock 'n' roll, jazz or top 40 hits as well.

Television fans have the choice of the valley's three commercial stations and one public television station, WGBY, Channel 57.

DAILY NEWSPAPERS

Springfield Daily News, 1360 Main St. or P.O. Box 2499, Springfield 01102. 788-1300. Circulates throughout Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut. Publishes weekdays and Saturdays, no holidays. Bureaus in Chicopee, Palmer and Westfield.

The Morning Union, 1860 Main St., Springfield 01102. 788-1200. Circulates throughout Western Massachusetts. Published weekdays and holidays. Bureaus in Westfield, Northampton, Greenfield and Pittsfield.

Holyoke Transcript-Telegram, 120 Whiting Farms Road, Holyoke 01040. 536-2300. Circulates in Hampshire and Hampden counties.

Greenfield Recorder, 14 Hope St., Greenfield 01301. 772-0261. Circulates in Franklin and Hampshire counties.

Daily Hampshire Gazette, 115 Conz St., Northampton 01060. 584-5000. Circulates in Hampshire and southern Franklin counties.

Westfield Evening News, 62 School St., Westfield 01085. 562-4181. Circulates in western Hampden County.

SUNDAY NEWSPAPER

Springfield Republican, 1860 Main St., Springfield 01102. 788-1200. Circulates throughout Western Massachusetts. Publishes Sunday mornings.

WEEKLY, MONTHLY AND BI-MONTHLY NEWSPAPERS

Agawam Advertiser (Thursdays and Saturdays), 14 Southwick St., Feeding Hills 01030. 786-7747 or 786-8137. Circulates in Agawam and Feeding Hills.

Amherst Bulletin (Wednesdays), 109 Main St., Amherst 01002. 256-0111. Circulates in Amherst, Hadley, Deerfield, South Deerfield, Leverett, Shutesbury and Sunderland.

Belchertown Sentinel (Wednesdays), 10 S. Main St., Belchertown 01007. 323-7040. Circulates in Belchertown, Granby and South Amherst.

Catholic Observer (bi-monthly on Friday), P.O. Box 1570, Springfield 01101. 737-4744. Circulates through-

out the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield.

Chicopee Herald (Thursdays), 53 Springfield St., Chicopee 01013. 592-9441. Circulates in Chicopee.

Springfield Journal (alternate Thursdays), 2095 Wilbraham Road, Springfield 01129. 783-8785. Circulates in Wilbraham, Ludlow and sections of Springfield.

Jewish Weekly News (Thursdays), 99 E. Mill St., Springfield 01101. 739-4771. Circulates throughout Western Massachusetts.

Longmeadow News (Wednesdays), P.O. Box 941 or 399 Enfield St., Enfield, Conn. 06082. 1-800-843-0011, toll free. Circulates in Longmeadow and East Longmeadow.

Ludlow Register (Wednesdays), 50 King St., Ludlow 01056. 583-3095. Circulates in Ludlow, Indian Orchard and sections of Chicopee and Wilbraham.

Palmer Journal Register (Thursdays), 24 Water St., Palmer 01069. 283-8393. Circulates in Palmer, Monson, Wales, Holland and Brimfield.

Southwick-Suffield Advertiser News (Saturdays), 14 Southwick St., Agawam 01030. 786-7747 or 786-8137. Circulates in Southwick, Suffield and West Suffield.

Southwoods (first of each month), 592 College Highway, Southwick 01077. 569-0266. Circulates in Southwick, sections of Agawam and Westfield.

Town Reminder (Tuesdays), 136 College St., P.O. Box 61, South Hadley 01075. 536-5333. Circulates in South Hadley, Granby, Chicopee and Holyoke.

Valley Advocate (Tuesdays), 1113 Main St., Springfield 01103. 781-1900. Circulates throughout Western Massachusetts.

Wallace Pennysaver (Saturdays), 64 School St., Westfield 01085. 562-4181. Circulates in Westfield, Southwick, West Springfield, Agawam and Southampton.

Ware River News (Thursdays), 4 Church St., Ware 01082. 967-3505. Circulates in Ware, Hardwick, Warren, West Warren and West Brookfield.

West Springfield Record (Thursdays), 516 Main St., West Springfield 01089. 736-1587. Circulates in West Springfield.

COMMERCIAL TELEVISION STATIONS

WGGB Channel 40, 1300 Liberty St., Springfield 01101. (413) 785-1911. ABC affiliate.

WWLP Channel 22, P.O. Box 2210, Springfield 01101. (413) 786-2208. NBC affiliate.

WFSB Channel 3, 3 Constitution Plaza, Hartford, Conn. 06115. (203) 244-1700. News bureau at 10 Chestnut St., Springfield 01103. (413) 733-0533 or 785-5136.

PUBLIC TELEVISION STATION

WGBY Channel 57, 44 Hampden

St., Springfield 01103. (413) 781-2801.

COMMERCIAL RADIO STATIONS

WACE (730 AM), 326 Chicopee St., Chicopee 01020. 594-6654.

WAQY (102.1 FM), 45 Fisher Ave., East Longmeadow 01028. 525-4141.

WARE (250 AM), 90 South St., Ware 01082. 596-9550 or 967-6231.

WHAI (1240 AM and 98.3 FM), P.O. Box 32, Greenfield 01302. 774-4301.

WHMP (1400 AM and 99.3 FM), P.O. Box 268 or 15 Hampton Ave., Northampton 01061. 586-7400 or 584-3515.

WHYN (560 AM and 93.1 FM), 1331 Main St. Springfield 01103. 734-4432.

WKXY (600 AM), 45 Fisher Ave., East Longmeadow 01028. 525-4141.

WLDM (1570 AM), 249 Unin St., Westfield 01085. 568-8643.

WMAS (1450 AM and 94.7 FM), 101 West St., Springfield 01104 or P.O. Box 1418, Springfield 01101. 781-6397 or 737-1414.

WPOE (1520 AM), 154 Federal St., Greenfield 01301 or P.O. Box 1520, Greenfield 01302. 774-2717.

WQXQ (1490 AM), 34 Sylvan St., West Springfield 01089. 781-5200.

WREB (930 AM), 1 Court Plaza, Holyoke 01040. 536-3930.

WRSI (95.3 FM), 158 Main St., Greenfield 01302. 774-2321.

WSPR (1270 AM), Union and Palmer Ave., West Springfield 01089. 732-4182.

WTTT (1430 AM), P.O. Box 67, Amherst 01004. 256-6794.

NON-COMMERCIAL RADIO STATIONS

WAIC (91.9 FM), American International College, 1000 State St., Springfield 01109. 736-6255.

WAMH (89.3 FM), Amherst College, Station 2, Box 318, Amherst 01002. 542-2288.

WCCH (103.5 FM) Holyoke Community College, 303 Homestead Ave., Building C, Third Floor, Holyoke 01040. 536-5201 or 538-7000, ext. 488.

WFCR (88.5 FM), Five College Radio, 301 Hampshire House, University of Massachusetts, Amherst 01002. 545-0100.

WMHC (91.5 FM), Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley 01075. 538-2044.

WMUA (91.9 FM), University of Massachusetts, 102 Campus Center, Amherst 01003.

WNEK (97.5 FM), Western New England College, 1215 Wilbraham Road, Springfield 01119. 783-4183.

WSCB (89.9 FM), Springfield College, 263 Alden St., Springfield 01109. 732-1000.

WSKB (89.5 FM), Westfield State College, Western Ave., Westfield 01086. 568-3311, ext. 427.

WTCC, (90.7 FM), Springfield Technical Community College, 1 Armory Square, Building 16, Room 136, Springfield 01105. 736-2781 or 781-7822, ext. 3831.