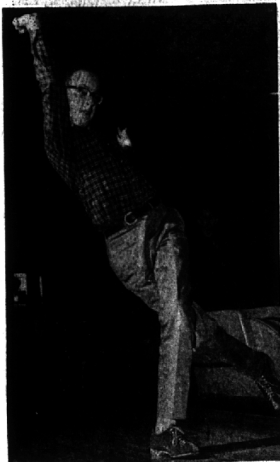


## Young Bowlers Have Own Styles, Expressions



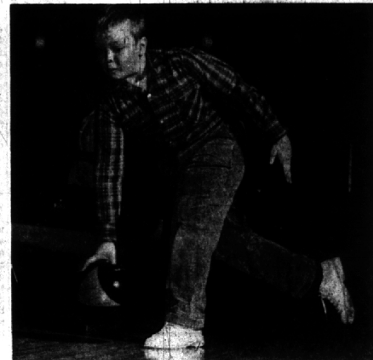
MORRIS TWINS, DICK (left) and NORM at NORTHWOOD



WHIT HEATON—A THREE-POINT FOLLOW-THROUGH

Each Saturday morning during the winter months hundreds of Birmingham-Bloomfield area youngsters take part in Junior Bowling Leagues. The kids, who range in age from seven to 14, have their own particular styles as these photographs taken by Eccentric

photographer Bill Thom show. The pictures were made at Northwood Lanes, Strike 'N Spare and Bloomfield Lanes. These three establishments, along with Birmingham Bowl, have organized play every Saturday from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m.



GRAEME SCHIFFER: 'THUMB'S GOTTA' COME OUT'



PETER LYDERS—IT'S THE FORM THAT COUNTS.

### FOR AREA SCHOOLS

## 1964 Seen As Banner Year in Sports

By DICK ZEMMIN  
Sports Editor

What lies ahead for local sports enthusiasts in the year to come? This question always pops up at New Year's time and hopeful followers usually predict better things ahead.

The same is true of Birmingham-Bloomfield fans, but not without reason. Judging from 1963 performances and returning athletes, area high schools could be ready to exceed their fine showings in the past year.

Groves and Brother Rice, the newest of the schools, seem to be approaching the status of perennial contender.

THE FALCONS served notice of their athletic prowess in 1963 when they captured the newly-formed Northwest Suburban League football championship.

With a solid nucleus of returning juniors and seniors, coach Jim Kinnison may have the basis to repeat on the gridiron.

Swimming and track are two much-improved sports at Groves.

After winning the Tri-River title for the second year in a row, Ray Vavraska's thincials are considered a potential Northwest Suburban League victor.

Swim coach Jim Gilster has an outstanding 50-yard freestyler in Dave Mead, who, incidentally, has the best time in the county this season. The Falcons will be tough to beat in league competition.

NEW LEAGUES seem to be the trend lately, and Brother Rice was the unfortunate victim of a switch in football season. The Warriors jumped into the Central Catholic Division, but, after a rocky start on the gridiron, seem to have adjusted very well indeed on the hard-court.

Tonight, Rice has a chance to move into a first-place tie with a win over Notre Dame. Win or lose, Rice has plenty of depth to mark themselves as possible champs for the next two years.

Seaholm, the perennial power of the area, can look forward to another fine year. The Maple swim team and cross-country squad have enough material and experience in

1964 to repeat as state champs, with a lot of work and a little luck. Track-wise, Seaholm cannot be overlooked, and although the school leaves the Eastern Michigan League to join the likes of Kimball, Ferndale and Southfield in a new circuit, the Maples will again be a contender for the football crown.

UNDISPUTEDLY, the loss of Ken Herl in June will hurt, but there is enough depth at Seaholm to contrast it.

Seaholm's basketball team could blossom into the best in the area and EML champs, if the Maples learn to work as a unit. Bloomfield and West Bloomfield will have a harder time equaling their 1963 finishes. The two clubs tied for the basketball championship, and the Barons walked off with the Wayne-Oakland League All-Sports trophy for the first time in the history of the school.

It appears that West Bloomfield will have the tougher road to hoc. The Lakers are in the midst of a losing basketball campaign and in June, they lose the services of All-County quarterback Dan Greig.

THE BARONS, meanwhile, meet face-to-face with Clarkson tonight for the league basketball lead. Both clubs are undefeated and Bloomfield, with high hopes of repeating, find themselves as one of the teams to beat.

Baseball could show another encore for the Barons. They wrapped up the title last season and won't be willing to give it up this year. Cranbrook, with quality plus on the basketball court, has coasted through four straight victories and may win both halves of the Interstate League crown instead of having to share it, like they did a year ago.

THE CRANES have a potent soccer team and, without much trouble, should improve over last year's record.

Country Day improved in football and has shown signs of better play on the basketball floor—1964 should hold better fortunes, yet. At any rate, the next 12 months are sure to be loaded with excitement for local sports fans. Swimming clubs, riding stables and recreation programs will amply fill

the gap when schools let out in the summer to provide Birmingham and the surrounding community with first-rate athletic teams for the balance of another year.

### Local Cagers, Tankers Begin 1964 Action

The Birmingham-Bloomfield area high school basketball and swimming teams swing back into action tonight and tomorrow.

Seaholm resumes its Eastern Michigan League schedule tonight with a game at Hazel Park on the Parkers home court. The tip-off is slated for 8 p.m.

Tom Carson's hoopsters from Groves are also on the road after a two-week lay-off. The Falcons journey to Berkeley for an 8 p.m. contest.

Bloomfield Hills will probably face their toughest competition of the season tonight as they take on Clarkson on the Wolves home court.

BOTH TEAMS have a perfect 4-0 record in Wayne-Oakland play and the winner of tonight's encounter will be in first place by themselves.

In another important tussle tonight, Brother Rice has a chance to move into a first-place tie in the Central Catholic League with a win over powerful Notre Dame High.

The Warrior game will get underway at the local school at 8 p.m. Brother Rice also has a game called Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. to Ann Arbor.

The Groves swimmers will take on Hazel Park tonight in the Falcons home pool.

### Franklin Golf Pro Accepts Detroit Post

Franklin Hills golf pro Walter Burkemo has been named professional at the Detroit Golf Club.

Burkemo, 5786 Snowshoe Circle, Bloomfield Township, succeeded Horton Smith at the DGC. Smith died in October while serving in his 18th year as pro at the club.

The 45-year-old Burkemo has been Franklin pro for the last 15 years. His appointment becomes effective immediately but he won't take charge until April.

Several possible successors to Burkemo at Franklin Hills have been mentioned but it is expected a committee will be selected to pick a new professional.

Burkemo is only the fifth professional at the DGC in its 64-year history.

## One Lesson—She's 'Hooked' on Skiing

By MARY BAHN  
Staff Writer

Tired of that sluggish feeling, those winter doldrums? Longing for some "fun in the sun"—even when the temperature zooms below 32 degrees? Need to brighten up in a gay Swiss-and-sporty atmosphere?

Then what you're looking for, my friend, is a ski slope.

And take it from me—anyone, but anyone—can learn.

I HAD MY first professional ski lesson last weekend at the Swissly enchanting Alpine Valley Ski Resort, near Milford on M-59. By the end of the evening, I was zooming—and I do mean zooming—down intermediate slopes.

All that's needed before heading out on M-59 is a ski jacket and stretch pants—and a few limbering up exercises would also be wise.

Manager Ward McDonald will outfit you in boots, skis and bindings, or for those who really get enthused about the sport, a complete ski shop is open.

Novices who need to bolster their confidence (especially after getting a look at the 14 ski-worthy slopes for beginners, intermediates and experts), a talk with ski instructor Ed O'Neill is recommended.

"IT'S NOT difficult at all to learn," says morale-builder O'Neill. "Age is no barrier, either. I've taught many three-generation families. All that's needed is reasonably good physical condition and practice to develop skill and technique," he said.

"If you can walk, you can ski," said O'Neill, for the dlincher.

With this thought in mind, I

went out to join in "America's fastest growing family sport."

The biggest challenge to novice skiers is gaining enough confidence to grab the tow rope that will take you on a ride seemingly to the stars. If you can manage to stay up, and on your skis, you have it made for the rest of the evening.

ONE OF THE greatest sensations derived from skiing is the view from atop a slope, especially in Oakland County where the surrounding area is allowed to continue in its wild state of nature.

Even in the dead of winter, tree tops are fascinating when surrounded by drifts of snow. Nestled in the valley is Alpine Lodge, looking warm and inviting with its charming Swiss chalet atmosphere.

ENOUGH OF this daydreaming! Your main objective when coming up this hill was to go back down—but on skis.

Taking poles and nerve in hand, all that's needed is a slight "push," either psychologically or from a friend, to zoom into a sport that's become one of Michigan's favorites.

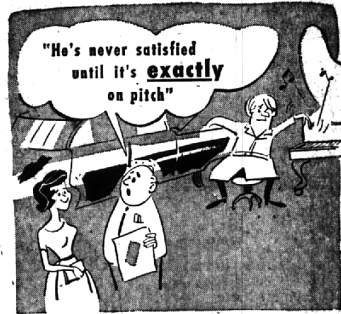
That first hill is the hardest, and if you can make it down without breaking a leg, you'll be a ski fan for life. It's a brisk, refreshing feeling to swiftly glide down a hill, wind in your hair, snow in your face, maneuvering to gain momentum or snow-plotting to reduce speed.

APRES-SKI IS EVEN more enjoyable, when with ruddy cheeks you can rest with friends in Alpine's spacious lounges, sitting next to huge, blazing fireplaces that take the nip out of cold bones.

Just keep in mind one sobering thought as you boast about all feats: there's always a bigger hill!



TOM SMITH and LESLIE GILLO of BIRMINGHAM On the slopes at Alpine Valley Ski Lodge



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