

Rec Department Reports On Crowley Conditions

Provided the weatherman continues to cooperate, Crowley Lake, the famous Eastern High Sierra "lair of the tackle-busters," is expected to have the greatest opening in its history when its 1955 "big-fish parade" gets underway Saturday, April 30, the Los Angeles City Recreation and Park Department reported recently.

According to George Marks, the department is experiencing the biggest pre-season demand for Crowley rental inboard motorboats and rowboats since it took over operation of the lake as a fishing facility.

For instance, Marks reported, the Southern Rod and Gun Club has made an en masse reservation for a total of 15 boats to be used by its members during a May 13-15 Crowley angling expedition.

Make Reservations
Charles S. McCormick Jr., the Recreation and Park Department's office manager, reminded Southland Isaak Walters they can now make Crowley boat reservations for dates AFTER the 1955 opening weekend (Saturday and Sunday, April 30-May 1) by calling Mitchell 5211 Station 552, and by writing to the Recreation and Park Department, Room 305 City Hall, Los Angeles 12.

Telephone reservations must be confirmed by remittance of checks or money orders within 48 hours, McCormick announced.

He declared that anglers will have to hurry if they want reservations for Crowley's rental craft for the weekends of May 7-8, May 14-15, and the long Memorial Day and Fourth of July weekends.

Summarizing the 1955 angling outlook for Crowley, Manager Marks says that fine weather is now prevailing in the Eastern High Sierras. The lake is approximately 29 feet lower than it was at this date last year, but the early spring runoff is helping its tributaries maintain the present level.

Clear of Ice
Marks reported that Crowley is clear of ice as far south as the North Landing. At mid-day,

ice in other areas becomes mushy and looks like water. The first good wind sweeping the lake will probably break up the remaining ice, Marks said.

Crowley's all-time big-fish record is still held by El Monte angler Burke Vinkemulder, who caught a 19-pound, 8-ounce Brown while trolling in June, 1950, Marks reminded aspirants to the crown.

Veteran sportsmen confidently predict that the State Fish and Game Commission's recent legalization of the use of native minnows (chubs) for bait at Crowley Lake will mark the advent of another era of "lunker" catching.

Personnel of the State Fish and Game Commission set the stage for another gala Crowley Lake "big-fish parade" when they gave the reservoir a fine plant last fall.

Crowley's 1955 season will run through Sunday, July 31.

MIDGETS IN FINAL RACE SATURDAY

Sam Hanks, 1953 National Driving Champion from Burbank, heads a star-studded field of name drivers for the final 3-A National Championship midget auto race of the spring season, a 150-lap Grand Prix, this Saturday night at Gardena Stadium, 139th and Western.

The season's first night midget go will be the final local appearance of such Indianapolis veterans and rookies as Hanks, Roger Ward, 1951 National stock car titlist; Cal Niday, second fastest qualifier in the speed capital's history; Jimmy Davies; Johnnie Nolan, 1952 National midget champion; Frank Armi, Danny Oakes, former two-time Pacific Coast midget king; Ray Crawford, 1954 Mexican Road Race victor; and Johnny Boyd until after the Memorial Day 500-classic.

Besides the above named drivers, other top pilots seeking the 15 starting berths for the main event are "Bullit" Joe Garson, former two-time Pacific Coast midget champion and winner of the Fresno 100-lapper; Jack Turner, 1954 National midget king; "Shorty" Templeman, George Amick, Bud Clemons, "Daring" Bill Zaring, Dickie Reese, Howard Kelley, Dempsey Wilson, Chuck Fink, Bob Veith, Earl Motter, Roy Prosser, Scotty Cain and Edgar Elder.

Managing Director J. C. Aganjan pointed out that besides the 150-lap main event, there will be a 25-lap semi-main, and a 3-lap trophy dash for the four fastest qualifiers. Qualifying for this non-televised 178-lap program will start at 7 o'clock, and the trophy dash gets started at 8:30. Aggie noted that although there are but four events on the program instead of the old time 8, there will be 36 more laps of racing.

Hanks, the 1949 National midget champion, will find his hands full in trying to keep Cal Niday, the one-legged Indianapolis veteran, out of the winner's circle. Niday is currently atop the point standings for this year's National midget crown. Cal has won two of his four starts, was second and fourth in the other two. Of the 28 drivers who have scored points this season, all but six will be out at the local quarter-mile oval Saturday night trying to out split that \$2,000 guaranteed purse against 40 per cent of the gate.

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Torrance Baseball, Track Teams Face Rugged Schedule This Week



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BOYS RUSH TO BASEBALL TRYOUT SESSIONS



TRYOUT ACTION . . . Tryouts for positions on Torrance's Little League and Babe Ruth League boys' teams are slated for April, with the season opening in May. Flocks of youngsters are attending the practice sessions in the hopes of gaining a spot on the various teams. ABOVE, managers of the four squads in the newly-formed North Torrance Little League check performers with pencil and pad. Left to right, Larry Gilbert, Joe Sorenson, Pat Houng and Tone Roger watch the tryouts with eagle eyes. It will be their job to select the youngsters that comprise the four teams in the league. RIGHT, young Jack Golblene sets to take a mean cut at the ball, while Sammy Cordova crouches behind the plate to receive the sphere. Youngsters sport numbers on their chests to facilitate recognition by the managers. North Torrance's Little League will operate out of a new diamond, which is being constructed off 190th Street, just west of Inglewood Ave.

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THINCLADS IN RELAY CARNIVAL

High school tracksters from the surrounding area will be tested Thursday and Friday at Inglewood as the first big track and field carnival of the season opens in Sentinel Stadium.

Thirteen schools will send Varsity, Bee and Cee squads to Inglewood for the Thursday and Friday festivities, which comprise the eighth annual relay of the Inglewood Relays.

Bay League schools participating are Torrance, Paramount, Leuzinger, Santa Monica, Redondo, Centennial and host Inglewood. Pioneer League schools that will send teams are Beverly Hills, Mira Costa, El Segundo, Culver City, Morning-side and Hawthorne.

Centennial Tough
Centennial, looked upon as the most powerful prep representative in Southern California by some observers, seems a shoo-in for the team championship, at least in the Varsity meet. Charles Dumas, long-legged high jumper, leads the Apaches. They also have shown tremendous strength in the dashes, and the relay events.

On the local side of the ledger, Coaches Willard Morzan and Don Porter hope to pick up Varsity points in the sprint relays, with Brown, Al Rainwater and Gary Cooke leading the way; in the high jump, with Dennis Hester and Bob Boss teaming up; and the distance events where Hester and Gus Sanchez have been running one-two.

Tartar individual marks should be right up there when the final score is tallied, but since the relays are based on the aggregate total of each school's three top men in each event, a top individual effort may not count too much in the point standings.

Field Events Thursday
Thirty afternoon, the finals in the field events will be held at the Inglewood stadium. Track events are scheduled to be run the following night, beginning at 8 p.m.

The Tartars stand in good stead in most of the running events. But in the field, the locals seem to be the weakest.

Another event that seems destined to fall to Torrance is the Varsity broad jump. Morgan and Power have three top jumpers in Jimmy Powers, Ron Heffler and Hester. Powers and Heffler have both jumped in the 21' neighborhood, while the versatile Hester has never been too far behind.

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Tartar Nine In Fourth BL Tiff

Torrance's Tartar baseball nine returns to the spring schedule tomorrow when Del Nuzum's charges tackle Redondo in a 3 p.m. Bay League tilt at Redondo.

The Seahawks, always tough rivals for the Tartars, have had a busy slate so far. They took in the Pomona 20-30 Club's prep tournament last weekend, while the locals haven't trotted out on the diamond since March 31.

A flashy shortstop dubbed "Squeaky" Valenzuela spearheads the Hawk attack, while Redondo Coach Bob Cardona has banked in the past on Johnny Niemann and Jack Beattie as his top hurlers.

Torrance has had a hot and cold season, winning five and dropping the same number in three league and seven practice tilts.

Rugged Hitters
Although Nuzum has some awesome swatters, the Tartars inability to score when men were on the sacks has proved their downfall. Bob Boss, little Mike Bertolet, Tom Vanderpool, Barrett Lee, Ron Anderson and Chuck Todd have all supplied power for the locals at the plate. But they have failed to punch their hits effectively.

When the Tartar hitters have jelled their efforts, the opposition has been overwhelmed, as evidenced by their 16-5 smashing of a good Centennial nine.

Anderson, Gary Hakanson, Vanderpool and Tom Mills have been splitting the pitching chores. Because of their hitting, Vanderpool and Anderson see almost steady action, playing in other positions while not toiling on the mound.

Friday at Leuzinger
Friday, the locals travel to Leuzinger for another Bay League tussle. Game time is set for 3 p.m.

Also on Friday, George Stanich's highly successful Tartar Jayvee nine plays host to Leuzinger at Torrance Park. The Jayvees will call on either Herm Cobrea or Jess Hanon to turn back the Olympians.

Grover Morris, Jim Schmidt and Frank Johnson have been the most consistent JV hitters of late, although the entire squad has shown a steady improvement under Stanich's tutelage.

Varsity starters tomorrow and again on Friday probably will be Butch Truman, catcher; Boss, first base; George Hurley, second base; Lee, third base; Charley Valencia, shortstop; Bertolet, left field; John Drazkowski, center field; and Todd, right field. If Anderson or Vanderpool do not draw a starting mound assignment, each will probably see action at some other spot.

Arson Attempted
Vandals broke the windows in a utility building at his trailer park at 2350 W. 250th St., and apparently tried to set fire to it. Melvin L. Donnelly reported to sheriff's deputies Sunday.

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SPORTS

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Golf Sense

By STEPHEN CONNOLLY
In putting, "reading" the green is a very important factor.

"Reading" the green is merely judging the line the ball is expected to take to the pin. It is determined by the way the green, or contours, lie from right to left, left to right, uphill, downhill, slow, fast, all these must be considered in "reading" the green.

In observing the line of the ball, be sure and pick up any and all obstructions—small stones, match sticks, etc.—that lie in the path of the ball. But do not brush the proposed line with your putter. This will cause you to be penalized.

Stroke the ball firmly on slow greens and more carefully on fast greens.

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Otsea Sinks Long Ace At Wilshire CC

Art Otsea, vice president of the California National Bank and manager of the Torrance branch, joined golfdom's select circle Thursday when he scored a hole-in-one at Wilshire Country Club.

The genial banker employed a five iron to fashion his ace on the 175-yard fourth hole. His tee shot landed on the green about three feet in front of the cup and trickled in.

The ace helped Otsea register an 80, good for low gross in a foursome that included William Maurer, George Cronk and Joseph De Franco.

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UMPIRE CLASS AT SAN PEDRO PARK

A softball umpires school, for prospective men in blue in the Harbor area, is slated to begin Wednesday night at 7:30 at the Anderson Memorial Playground in San Pedro.

Men who wish to umpire this coming season and who reside in Wilmington, Lomita, Redondo, Hermosa, Gardena, Torrance or any other outlying area may join the classes.

The playground is located at Ninth and Mesa Streets in San Pedro.

Bob Hodgins, sports director, urges anyone interested to attend the Wednesday night opening session.

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