

Baseball season swings into view

Spring has come and summer meekly follows, having little choice in the matter. With the summer comes baseball, and there is plenty of it in Acton.

A welter of leagues and teams are getting ready for the upcoming season, some of them earnestly competitive and others decidedly less so.

Minor softball
The most popular is, of course, the minor softball league, run this year by Marg Glenn. The league gives softball enthusiasts an organized outlet for their energy with over 200 registrations this

year, so far. More players are expected to sign up as they see friends involved.

There are eight rep teams from the Acton Minor Softball Association playing in the Halton rural league, as well as eleven or twelve house league teams, playing among themselves. They are divided into boys' and girls' divisions.

The most serious competition is found in the rep teams. They will play two games a week from the end of May to the first week of September, playing one home and one away each week.

Home games are played at

Prospect Park for the rep teams, while house league teams will be playing at M.Z. Bennett School or at Sir Donald Mann in Gleda. Robert Little School is a third choice for the house leagues.

House league games are a little less serious than the rep team games, until the Field Day. Playoffs and championships are decided then for all age groups in the league.

Brookville selects
Another of the highly competitive teams in the area are the Junior A Brookville selects. Led by pitcher Sue Thomson, they played their

way to a third place finish in the All-Ontario Tournament held in June last year. Their strong record in the tournament is what placed them in the Provincial Women's League Junior A division.

They play teams from Burlington, Brampton, Oakville, Kitchener, Georgetown and two Toronto teams, Glenfield and Bridlewood.

The schedule is over 30 games long, with home games being played at Brookville school. Miss Thomson predicts that the team will "stand a good chance" this

year. They have lost only two players and have picked up a few new ones.

The other seriously competitive team is the Rockwood Colonials playing in the inter-county fastball league. They are a senior men's team, playing a twenty-eight game schedule starting May 15, plus playoff and tournament action.

The team plays its home games in Rockwood at the Rockwood ball park, and has an excellent chance of making the inter-county playoffs against such teams as Fergus, Orangeville, Cam-

bridge, Hillsburgh and Hespeler.

Less competitive
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Soccer drops first exhibition
Acton's newest team, the senior soccer team, played their first game ever April 24, dropping a 4-1 decision to the Georgetown Meteors in a friendly exhibition game.

The team has decided to call itself the "Acton Villa". Fifteen players are allowed to dress for a game, and Acton had 14 out on Sunday. The team is made up of both Junior and senior players. Sunday's juniors were Gordon Bruce, John and Tom Hogenbirk, John Smith, Lee Robinson, John Gibson and Kevin Weir. Senior players were Reg McKnight, Oscar Leal, Bernie Fryers, Carl Fisker, Fred Blaine, Larry Nolan and player/coach Colin Breckenridge.

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hard to tell just how competitive the league will be. "It was tight last year between the first four teams. This year half of our players are new."

Fun teams
Mr. Hillier is also involved with one of the many thoroughly noncompetitive teams in the area. He is helping run a ladies of all ages and sizes team which will play with teams from around the Churchill area and maybe

even a Georgetown team. He emphasized that neither experience nor ability nor fierce competitive spirit were important in the selection of the team. For more information call him.

Ref group looking for AMHA games
Robin Inscoc hopes that the Acton referees association he has recently formed will be able to get into refereeing Acton minor hockey games. They are already looking after Legion minor hockey action and non-contact industrial league play.

About 25 people turned up for the organizational meeting. "I thought it was a good turnout," said Inscoc. People of all ages showed up, with "a lot of young kids". The adults who showed up "seemed to be the newcomers in town" according to Inscoc.

The group is hoping to fund itself, and may hold a draw to get a bit of money to get started.

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