

Several summer programs being offered

In between assigning diamond and soccer field playing times and keeping all the total summer sports groups happy, the staff of the Halton Hills Parks and Recreation Department have also been busy planning for the coming summer season.

Each year the local department hires students to run the summer fun for local youngsters and adults alike. This summer the department is looking at hiring 75 young adults. They will be handling a variety of different programs from roller skating lessons, and swim lessons to day camps and nature camps.

Roller Skating lessons are one of the first projects on the Parks and Recreation agenda this summer with Tina McGrath heading up a six week course that is a basic introduction to roller skating—balance, rhythm and style. The course begins Wednesday, May 18 at the Georgetown Memorial Arena and the following night, Thursday, May 19 at the Acton Community Centre. The fee for the six weeks (not including skate rental) is \$18.

Tennis is another area in which the recreation department is active but only in Georgetown. Tennis players in Acton can attend the Acton club's functions or join the other half of the Town at the

Joseph Gibbons or Emmerson courts for lessons and fun.

Ladies' morning tennis is a good way to start the day. The Town is offering the use of Joseph Gibbons or Emmerson for \$5 per person per hour beginning this week for ladies' morning fun, and exercise.

Lessons will also be provided in Georgetown by Ed Serjeantson for those wishing to improve their game. Those interested in lessons on the Acton courts can call Joan Morris at 853-2354.

Chess is another recreational activity that the Town is trying to promote this summer and anyone in Halton Hills interested in participating in a local club call Joy Gwilliam at the Department, 877-5185, ext. 62.

While the summer is upon us, hockey is still in the recreational minds and the Town of Halton Hills is planning both level One and Level Two coaches clinics.

The Level One Summer Technical Hockey Coaching Course is scheduled for Georgetown District High School and Gordon Alcott Arena Tuesday, August 16 from 6.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. Fee for the clinic is \$14 and coaches will need skates, sticks, gloves, helmets and a clip board.

The Level Two stage is Saturday, August 20 at the same locations only

'Round Robin

with Robin Innes



begins at 9 a.m. and ends around 6 p.m. The cost of this course is \$24.

This year's summer programs for youngsters include Tot Lot, day camp, nature camp, and summer activity centres, and sports camp.

The activity centres will be placed at St. Joseph's Separate School and McKenzie-Smith Middle School in Acton while George Kennedy Public School will be the home for Georgetown centre. Additional centres include Norval Community Centre, Hornby Community Centre, Glen Williams Public School and Limehouse Public School.

Fees for the centres vary but an average intown centre will cost \$25 per week with cut rates for families. More

details can be found in the summer recreation brochure.

Day camps can be found this summer at Prospect Park in Acton and Cedarvale Park, Georgetown. The camp will teach such skills as archery, orienteering, and camp crafts. Sleepovers are scheduled for the second Thursday of each session with outdoor cooking, and sing-alongs. The camp runs daily from 9 a.m. till 4 p.m. and costs \$50 per session. Sessions are approximately two weeks in length.

The nature camp is offered at Rockwood Conservation Area only and runs three days in August. This special trip is designed for campers between the ages of 10 and 12. It is a two night, three day adventure in hiking orienteering and more. The cost is \$40 including bus pickup.

The Tot Lot is fun for the three to five year olds. It takes place at Wrigglesworth School in Georgetown or Knox Church, Acton, and runs July 4 to August 19. The fun includes painting and games. Fee for the Lot is \$25 per week, with reductions for families and special weeks.

The sports camp is once again offered at Georgetown and Acton High Schools with basic instruction in a variety of sports, organized games and swimming.

Susan Ackroyd is once again in charge of the summer activities program as co-ordinator. Susan will be responsible for a staff of 35, which have already been hired. She is a Child Studies Major at the University of Guelph and is in her sixth year with the Halton Hills summer program.

The pools will also be busy this summer with swim lessons, and other activities. Lessons are offered in a wide range with Parents and Tots being a newly added course. In addition Recreation Department offers handicapped swimming lessons at the Georgetown Indoor Pool on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3.45 to 4.30 p.m. Masters swimming is also offered at the Georgetown Pool for adults over 20 while the Swimming Stars of Acton offer recreational, yet competitive swimming for Acton youngsters.

All-in-all it promises to be an active summer for youngsters and adults alike. The Town is offering several ways to get in shape and have fun and there are several other local ball, soccer, and tennis groups that will be willing to help too.

There should be no reason for having nothing to do in the summer of 1983.

Free Press SPORTS

Solid pitching efforts help A's open season

Pitching is of vital importance in fastball and if the first two games of the Acton Junior A's season is any indication they are in for a banner year.

The local club headed into the Ontario Junior Fastball League this season hoping to be competitive and that they have been.

The A's have had sterling pitching performances from Dick Spear and Dave Wilson in their opening matches, scoring a pair of victories over Cambridge 14-4 and 8-

In Friday's opener in Cambridge, Dick Spear allowed three hits striking out 16 in leading the A's to their first win. In their home opener against the same squad, Dave Wilson hurled a no-hitter and reached base three of four times helping them to a 6-1 win.

In Cambridge the A's scored six times in the second inning and five more in the ninth on their way to the rout. Don Casselman, Dick Spear and Tim Baker all pitched out two hits for the A's. All three reached out

triples as did Glenn Scott and Roy Spear. Dick Spear batted in four runs with brother Roy cashin in three.

In Monday's rematch at Prospect Park the A's picked up only six hits, but it was enough to count six runs. Glen Scott pounded a pair of singles while Kelly McArthur, Roy Spear, Dave Wilson and Gord McArthur also reached safely. Kelly McArthur's shot was a solo homer in the seventh inning.

The A's took a 4-0 lead in the fifth as Wilson, Gord McArthur, Baker and Mark Duval touched the plate. Scott singled and scored in the sixth and McArthur's seventh inning homer moved the score to 6-0 before Cambridge got on the board with a solo run in the eighth.

Last night (Tuesday) the A's travelled to Kitchener and next Monday they host Maryhill at Prospect Park. Game time is 8.30 p.m.

Thomas' team triumphant

The Acton Thomas' Video Bantams got off on the right foot in Inter-county Bantam softball play last week as they took a 4-3 win from Galt in their season opener.

The Thomas' team fell behind in the first inning as Galt picked up two runs, but the local side fought back getting over a case of the early season jitters and scoring three times in the bottom of the fifth.

Randy McIntyre brought the Thomas' Video bats to life leading off the fifth with a double, followed by a bunt single from Kevin Lobsinger. Mark Pries, Jon Hammer and Peter Cargill all reached base safely providing Acton with the lead.

Galt got even in the sixth on an errant throw by the Video squad. Video rallied in the bottom of the seventh for the win. Hammer and Cargill singled to lead off the inning, with Hammer touching home on a double from David Hynes to end the match.

Hammer picked up the win for the Thomas Video team striking out seven.

The Acton team is up against teams from Guelph, Galt, Woodstock, Hespeler, Preston, and Kitchener in league play this season. Their next home game is Friday at 8.30 p.m. when Woodstock provides the competition at Prospect Park. Sunday the Thomas' Video team will play a 2 p.m. home match in Limehouse against Preston.

Shut-outs in AIFL

Shut-outs and rain were the order of the week in the Acton Industrial Fastball League as three games resulted in shut-outs and four were rained out.

Deamond's handled the Bears 9-0 in a five inning contest this week while the Acton A's topped Halton Hills Furniture 7-0 and Freed handled the Bears 5-0.

A five run fourth inning was the big difference for Deamond's in their win over the Bears. Gord McArthur scored twice for the winners with Ron Wood, Joe Deponte, Greg Robertson, Clint Peacock, Terry Powless, Don Archibald and Ray Rusiani crossing the plate for singles.

The A's ambushed Furniture with three in the first, two in the second and three more in the fifth to mercy rule the match. Kevin Frank's homer scored Scott Somerville and Chris Schuts in the first. Brian Casary and Don Allen crossed in the second with Jamie Frank and Vince Thornton tallying in the fifth.

Dick Spear did most of the damage for Freed firing a one hitter and scoring three runs. Roy Spear and Bob McKay added the others in the 5-0 triumph over the Bears.



The Acton High Redmen are in the middle of another rugged season. Here is some junior action from a game last week. On Thursday the Redmen hosted J.A. Turner. The Acton Midgets dropped their match 28-0, while the Juniors defeated the visitors 13-0 on a try by Ken Jespersen and kicks from Rich Kilpatrick. The Seniors drew their match 12-12. Paul Nolan had the Acton try while Tony Wright booted two penalties.

AHS track and field

School, meet marks fall

by Paul Nolan

The Acton High track and field team recorded six first-place finishes, including five meet records at the prestigious Father Redmond Memorial Track Meet at St. Michael's College in Toronto on Friday and Saturday.

The Acton group also set many different school marks at the annual event, attended by athletes from 59 schools and colleges.

Doreen Uranick was selected as the outstanding Junior Girl competitor for the meet, winning three separate events over the weekend. Doreen broke meet and school records in all of her races. She won the Junior Girls' 800M in a time of 2:13.4; the Junior Girls' 1500M with a 4:36 clocking; and the Junior Girls' 3000M, running a 10:12.56.

Teresa Dunn set two meet marks by winning the Senior Girls' Discus (32.26M) and the Junior Girls' Shot Put (10.38M). Teresa placed third in the Junior Girls' Javelin with a toss of 29.38M.

George Gidman set two new school records, running first in the Senior Boys' 800M with a 1:55.8 time, and placing third in the Senior Boys' 400M with a 50.9. As well,

George ran third in the Senior Boys' 200M (23.65).

Tom Shannon placed second in the Senior Boys' Shot Put, with an 11.49 toss. He also placed third in the Senior Boys' Discus, throwing 39.92M.

Sandra Brundle threw 29.95M in the Senior Girls' Javelin to finish in second spot and set a new school mark in the process.

The team is competing in the Halton meet qualifiers this week.

Two school relay records were set by Acton High teams at the Rebel Relays at Sheridan College, April 27.

The Junior Girls' team of Doreen Uranick, Pam Mahal, Janice Jickling and Teresa Dunn set a new record in winning the Sprint Medley event in a time of 4:22.87.

The same team placed second in the 4x400M relay race. In it, they set another school mark of 4:22.94.

The Senior Boys' squad of Gord March, George Gidman, Les Dobisz, and Richard Martin won the Sprint Medley in a 3:42.27 clocking.

The same runners finished fourth in the 4x400M event, with a time of 3:39.00.

Street rivalry gives birth to Acton Condo ball loop

by Paul Nolan

Everything sounds fine until you ask Acton Condo Ball League president Dave McLean how the loop began.

"Once, the south side of the street (Kingham) challenged the north side of the street to a game, and that's how it all started."

Sounds like something out of "West Side Story". All that's needed are the "Sharks" to complete the scenario.

There are four teams in the league: Jug City, coached by Bob Doyle; Wedco, coached by McLean himself; The Spirits, coached by Don Weaver; and... The Limehouse Landsharks, led, er, coached by Frank Wood.

Sounds like it could be quite a season. The games begin this weekend. There will be Friday night match-ups all season, under the lights at Prospect Park. Games are also slated for Sunday mornings at 10.30 a.m. at the M.Z. Bennett ball diamond.

According to President McLean, the league has adopted a more social tone than normal industrial ball. It attracts crowds, though; don't be fooled.

A lot of the fan support comes in the form of wives and children. As well, if a ball player is entertaining company around game time, they will often be shuffled off to the diamond for a couple of hours explains McLean.

The league will hold a playoff day in Limehouse in September, which will replace a normal playoff structure.

"We've been going for six or seven years now," informs McLean. During the off-season, the league lost two teams from last year, and picked two new ones up: The Spirits and the dreaded Land-Sharks.

There you have it: territorial rivalry in the gravel pits of Acton. The president has one last thing to say...

"Thanks to all the wives and girlfriends who come out to support us and don't give us a hard time for being at the ballpark."



The fifth annual Halton Hills Mayor's Road Race is just around the corner. This year the event will be held Sunday, June 12. Mayor Pomeroy and John Payton were just two of the competitors last season. The special wheelchair class will be competed for again this season and the Recreation Department is hoping for more entries this time out.