

CANADIAN OPEN

Glen Abbey chosen permanent site

As July rolls around, the Region of Halton will be gripped in golf fever, as the Canadian Open Championship settles in at its permanent site at the Glen Abbey course in Oakville.

Paul Dulmage, of the CPGA will be submitting articles on the course, the event and the players, leading up to the Canadian Open Championship.

By PAUL DULMAGE
 Oakville—What would Jack Nicklaus be doing in Oakville?

In the summer of 1973, it was a good question. Glen Abbey Golf Club, which had been enjoying mixed success as a semi-private club, was just another course until one hot, sunny afternoon when the attention of some of the players was distracted by a passing golf cart and one of its passengers, who bore a remarkable resemblance to Jack Nicklaus.

But on a Tuesday afternoon in Trafalgar Township? Jack Nicklaus?

It was Ladies Day and when some of the ladies returned home that night to report that Jack Nicklaus had been seen at the club, the scorn heaped upon them was considerable.

Now, of course—and very soon thereafter—the truth was revealed: that the Royal Canadian Golf Association, the governing body of amateur golf in Canada, was on the verge of realizing a dream of more than 40 years that will culminate at Glen Abbey in the week of July 18-24 when the Canadian Open Golf Championship for the Peter Jackson Trophy is played for the first time at a permanent site.

That clandestine visit by Nicklaus in 1973 was one of many the blond Ohio-born superstar was to make to Oakville in his then newly-emerging role as a golf course designer. There are many experts, including his fellow professionals from his home town of Columbus, who claim that Glen Abbey represents Nicklaus' best work thus far.

The RCGA's decision to move its prestigious Open Championship to a permanent location was not without some reservations on behalf of many of the parties involved, including the RCGA and the sponsor, Peter Jackson Cigarettes. The Canadian Open is the fourth oldest in golf, and is ranked

internationally as one of professional golf's five top tournaments.

First held in 1904 at Royal Montreal, it has been played in every part of Canada with the exception of the Atlantic provinces, and has been won by most of the greatest names in golf: Arnold Palmer, Tom Weiskopf, Lee Trevino of the modern era; Billy Casper, Kel Nagle, Bob Charles, Art Wall, Doug Ford of an older generation, and reaching even farther back into history, Byron Nelson, Walter Hagen, Tommy Armour, and Sam Snead, a three-time champion.

So, certain questions had to be asked and answered: why a permanent site when other national Opens can pick and choose from top courses; why Oakville, which is chiefly famous in golf for Sandra Post; why Glen Abbey, with a history of financial difficulty; and why Jack Nicklaus, whose talents as a designer were overshadowed by far more legendary designers like George Fazio or Robert Trent Jones?

The permanent site question was the easiest to answer: the Canadian climate restricts

the golf season, and the hosting of a major championship restricts the course usage by club members, who include the approximately 600 tournament volunteer committee members. Committed to alternating the Open between Toronto and Montreal, the RCGA found it increasingly difficult to attract interest from top-calibre courses, particularly in Quebec where the playing season is even shorter.

The annual problems of training a totally-different volunteer work force, of tailoring and grooming courses located hundreds of miles away from RCGA headquarters, and of accommodating the technical facilities necessary for television also influenced the decision.

The Oakville location and particularly the Glen Abbey Golf Club answered specific needs: the scenic site is located between Toronto and Hamilton in a densely-populated area, and the course was then owned by the Abbey Glen Property Corporation, which, in addition to being ready to become involved in major-league golf on a long term basis, was willing to provide the

RCGA with some extremely attractive ancillary benefits. These included space for the RCGA's national headquarters and its long-planned but home-less Golf Museum in a building just a few hundred yards from the first tee.

And why Jack Nicklaus, when a host of reputable Canadian architects, and a horde of internationally-reputable architects was available?

First, the RCGA was well acquainted with Nicklaus theories of course design, which includes small greens, imaginative use of the terrain, and innovative contouring for the ultimate enjoyment of the spectator. Second, Nicklaus had been a tireless supporter of the Canadian Open in the number of years. And third, with the RCGA seeking to increase the prestige of the Open, it would mean that the tournament would annually be held on a Jack Nicklaus-designed course with every chance that Jack himself would compete.

The result is a magnificent golf course, a new, million-dollar clubhouse, an historic old Jesuit monastery which now

serves as the home of the RCGA and the Golf Museum and the latest step aimed at ensuring that the Canadian Open remains in the forefront of prestigious national golf events.

McCormack gets second

Charlene McCormack of Georgetown, the event's defending champion, finished second, behind Audrey Owad, of Cambridge in the 19th Annual O'Connor Ladies Open five pin bowling championship, held two weeks ago at O'Connor Bowl in Toronto.

In the eight game total pins score, Charlene rolled 2,121 to pick up the \$150 second place money. Marg Holmes, of Toronto finished third, while Verna Bryan, of St. Catharines was fourth.



Jack Nicklaus, golf's Golden Bear and considered by many to be the greatest golfer ever to tour the links, will play a big part in this year's Peter Jackson Canadian Golf Championship at Glen Abbey Golf Club of

Oakville. Nicklaus' mere presence is sure to assure a degree of success to the tournament but Jack is joined even closer to the event this year as he designed the Glen Abbey course.

Rams plumb the depths

The Acton Rams hit the high points and the low points last week as they saw action three times in the Ontario Lacrosse Association's Central Ontario Junior "C" Division.

Last Tuesday (June 7) the Rams notched their first win of the season as Ronnie Turkosz scored both the tying and winning goals in the Rams 15-14 overtime win over Bolton.

Last Thursday at home, the Acton squad entertained arch-rival Orangeville but just came up a bit short, as Orangeville eked out an 11-9 overtime win. The game was deadlocked at 7-7 at the end of regulation time.

These two performances represented the high point of the Rams week, but then they hit the skids and the depths in Owen Sound on Sunday night, as Owen Sound triumphed by the resounding score of 31-3.

Only 12 players suited up for the Owen Sound game, so the lack of bodies, as well as a wealth of missed scoring opportunities combined to blunt the Rams.

Early in the first period, Owen Sound led 6-1 and by the eight minute mark of the opening frame had jumped out in front 8-1 and by this point, for all intents and purposes, the game was over.

The Rams were behind 13-3 after the first, then were

blanked (a rarity in lacrosse) over the final two periods as Owen Sound piled up the goals for their one-sided 31-1 romp.

Shane Withers, Ron Turkosz and Kevin Marcoux scored the Ram markers, while Graham Harrison and Dave Butters were the victimized net-minders.

This week the Rams will attempt to get back on a more dignified footing as they have three games scheduled. On Tuesday night they journeyed to Rexdale, at press time the score was not available, this Thursday they host Huntsville, game time 8:30 p.m. at the Acton arena, while this coming Friday, they journey to Orillia.

West B gals sweep four

West "B" division ladies continue to shine, while West "A" division ladies continue to have their problems for the Gordon Alcott ladies teams in inter-county team tennis competition.

The West "A" gals won one match while dropping three others, while the West "B" division teams swept all four of their matches.

In West "A" division play, Doreen Thomson and Mary Hughes won their match, 7-5, 6-3, but the team of Pat Harris and Isla Allison had

hard luck in losing, 7-5, 3-6 and 4-6. Kay King and Linda Rice lost their match, 4-6 and 2-6 and the team of Vivienne Cartwright and Ann Geh lost their match, 4-6 and 6-7.

The West "B" division teams won all their matches in straight sets. Marilyn Serjeantson and Pauline Kent won 7-6 and 6-2; Agnes Daniell and Caroline Murray triumphed, 6-4 and 6-2; Judy Kowalski and Audrey Houston romped to a 6-1 and 6-0 straight set win and Patti Brown and Carole McLeod won their match, 6-1 and 7-5.

Wrestling championship

The Clarkson-Lorne Park Lacrosse Association are hosting the Second Annual Mississauga Open Wrestling Championships at the Clarkson Arena on Saturday, June 25.

Contestants will compete in three weight classes for a first prize of \$200 and a runner-up prize of \$100 in each division, plus Carlisle-O'Keefe Awards.

Weight-in begins at 10 a.m. the day of the championship with preliminary competitions at 12 noon. The Semi-finals and Finals will take place at 8 p.m. followed by a Victory Dance and Celebration.

This is an open competition for all right-hand pull male contestants: Lightweight - under 160 pounds, Medium weight, 160-200 pounds and Heavyweight, over 200 pounds.

For entry fee and further information, contact Ron Bishop, 1612 Watersedge Road, Mississauga, telephone 822-9129. Only the first 125 entries can be accepted.

Stephanie Gorin in Canadians

Stephanie Gorin of Georgetown, has been accepted as a member of the Ontario team that will advance to the YBC Canadian Bowling Championships, slated for Winnipeg, September 10 and 11.

Stephanie, a bowler in the Georgetown YBC League, placed third in Ontario in the recently held championships and because of her fine showing, qualified for the Ontario team.

ONTARIO OUTDOORS
 Citizens Band for sportsmen

By Bob Ollivier
 I previously mentioned one of the latest books in the DBI line, titled CITIZENS BAND RADIO DIGEST. I have a copy of this very timely and informative book and it is all I expected it to be and more. Citizens Band Radio Digest includes 40-channel information as well as chapters on everything from ANTENNAS to a MANUFACTURERS DIRECTORY.

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Last Friday evening, I visited Terra Cotta Conservation Area for an hour or two of relaxation. This area, as you may know, is stocked every year. Unfortunately the stocking was not done for the opening of the trout season this year. I mainly fish for the "hold-over" fish so this does not effect me too much but a lot of people depend on it to provide fun for the kids. It is stocked now with about 1500 speckled trout. Friday night I landed and released 50, yes fifty nice trout, not counting those that got off.

To make sure that it was not a "fluke, I went back again on Saturday evening when the park was really busy. Same thing. In an hour and a half I landed and released 40. Please don't consider this as bragging, but only as an indication of the great fun that can be had at Terra Cotta Conservation Area.

A new Provincial Park will open on July 1st. Murphy's Point Provincial Park in Lanark County is a 2,900 acre natural environment park and is located about 12 miles southwest of Perth. It will be unique in that it will cater to boaters on the Rideau Canal system. There is an abundance of wildlife in the area and the opportunities to view wildlife are excellent. This will make the total number of Provincial Parks 123, with an estimated acreage of 1.4 million.

KOA Campgrounds have added a new feature. Called TENT CANADA, the system provides for the rental of tents for those who do not own one of their own or who only require a tent for a minimal period of time. It will make for more convenient camping for some families and give others the chance to try a new experience. Maybe this will be your chance to try camping in ONTARIO OUTDOORS.

Rebelettes end play

The GDHS Rebelettes regularly scheduled soccer season ended last week, but on something of a dismal note, as the Rebelettes "B" team lost 2-0 to Aldershot, while the "A" team dropped a 3-2 decision to Perdue.

The "A" squad received some solace, however, as White Oaks defaulted a match and that gave Georgetown second place in the league, behind Queen Elizabeth Park High School of Oakville. Georgetown and Blakelock finished with identical four and two win-loss records but the Rebelettes got the nod for second as they had previously defeated Blakelock.

The Rebelettes "B" squad 2-0 loss to Aldershot, it was just a matter of failing to finish off scoring plays as the Georgetowners controlled 70 per cent of the play.

The "A" teams 3-2 loss to Perdue was again a case of not enough bodies, as there were no spares and injuries cut down the team's effectiveness. Shella Rafferty scored both Georgetown goals.

Correction

In last week's story concerning the Blue Jays' training camp, held in London, the Acton youth that the Blue Jays expressed interest in was incorrectly identified. The ball player is Mark Williamson and The Herald apologizes for the error.

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Georgetowners off to Britain

Fourteen Georgetown athletes as well as five young athletes from the Toronto suburbs of Etobicoke and Scarborough, all members of the Scarborough Optimists Track team, will be leaving for Britain this Friday for three weeks of competition in England and Scotland.

Two highlights of the tour will be the participation in the Scottish "AAA" Track and Field Championships in Edinburgh and entrance in the prestigious Thames Valley Track and Field Championships, in London.

The three week tour, although arranged by the Scarborough Optimist Track Club, will be financed almost solely by money raised or expended by the athletes. To date, the Georgetown contingent has raised \$4700 but this still falls well short of their needs. It is expected that it will cost each competitor in the neighbourhood of \$180, out-of-pocket expenses, to make the trip.

The Wintario fund, handled by the Ministry of Culture and Recreation, has been approached for a grant to help with expenses, but as yet, no reply has been received.

Mr. Lyn McLaren, of Georgetown, has two daughters making the trip. Heather and Meredith and he will also be taking part in his capacity as Coach. The trip has become a family venture, however, and a third daughter, Susan, aged 13 has also done her part.

Last Saturday, Susan, a friend, Carolyn Greenham and some neighbours, Marilyn Greenham, Josephine Gruter, Chris Isaacs, Ann Ross and Rose Lockwood held a court sale and raised \$80 to help with the cost of the trip.

Despite their efforts, the competitors will still be well short of the desired break-even point. Anyone wishing further information on the club, or wishing to donate funds for the trip is advised to contact Mr. Lyn McLaren, at 877-9692.

Limehouse girls win games

Limehouse Pee Wee girls team opened up their season against a strong Milton team losing 24-6 at Limehouse. The team made a better showing against the same Milton team losing 24-23 in an exhibition game, by giving up 7 runs in the last inning.

Elaine Somers and Juli Clow each scored 3 runs, Diane Crew-Read scored 3 runs in leading the Pee Wee girls to a 23-14 win over Hornby.

Acton edged Limehouse 25-22 despite a 8 run last inning by Limehouse. George Gaskill led Limehouse with 4 runs including 2 home runs. Heather Mulder, Julie Carline and Marion Case also scored 4 runs in a losing cause.

Marion Case pitched a strong game, and Wendy

Carroll scored 2 runs leading the Pee Wee girls to a 18-10 victory over Glen Williams. Loville scored 7 runs in the last inning, but it wasn't enough as Limehouse defeated them 16-11.

Marion Case went the distance for Limehouse. Shirley Wilson and Heather Mulder were the stand-outs for Limehouse. The next game for the Pee Wee girls will be Thursday night at Limehouse.

Limehouse Squirt girls opened up their season losing to Omagh Wednesday night at Limehouse. They came back to defeat Hornby on Thursday night. A rained out game against Milton resulted in the 2nd defeat for the Squirt girls. The next home game for the Squirt girls is Wednesday evening against Acton.



Members of the Georgetown Judo Club presented instructor Jim Cooper with an appreciation gift at their annual grading night last week. Mr. Cooper was a founder with the club but announced that he is leaving to return to his native England.

Judo Club honors departing founder

Jim Day tops event

On Wednesday, June 8, the Georgetown Judo Society closed its 1976-77 season with a grading night for Juniors in the gym of the Holy Cross School. The Belfountain Judo Club was invited for this evening to give the older Juniors some competition in their grading fights.

Mr. Mike Pembrey, of the black-belt instructor of the Belfountain Club, came down to Georgetown with five older Juniors. A total of thirty-five Juniors participated. Parents, relatives, and friends of the participants were also invited to see the action. The wives of Senior members of the Society provided coffee and other refreshments.

Mr. Jim Cooper, blackbelt instructor of the Georgetown Judo Society, and Mr. Mike Pembrey of the Belfountain Club refereed the grading fights.

The grading results of the evening were as follows: green belt, Arnold Brands; orange belt, Christine Hayes, Trudy Hawkins, Todd Casely and

Collin Davenport; yellow belt, Karin Smith, Ian Donaldson and Brian Bell. Mr. Cooper also announced the promotion to blue belt of the Senior member Tony Walker.

At the end of the evening Mr. Jack Nieuwhof, on behalf of the Georgetown Judo Society, presented Mr. Jim Cooper with a plaque as a token of appreciation for all the time and work Jim gave to the Society to promote Judo Sport. Jim Cooper was one of the founders of the Georgetown Judo Society twelve years ago. He will leave for England in the

middle of June. The Society wished him all the best in his endeavours in England.

Mr. Mike Pembrey of the Belfountain Judo Club presented Jim Cooper with an engraved pewter beaker in appreciation of all the help he gave to the Belfountain Club. It was a successful evening enjoyed by all.

The Georgetown Judo Society will start again its activities in the beginning of September. For information phone Tony Walker (877-7402) or Jack Nieuwhof (877-2526).

Hornby's Jim Day, riding Sympatico, triumphed in a five horse jump-off to win the Rothman's Grand Prix event at the Aurora Horse Show on Sunday. First prize money of \$10,000 was up for grabs in the event.

Day, aboard Sympatico, had a faultless round in the jump-off and beat Barney Ward, of Bedford Village, New York by 2 seconds.

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