

Nominations open for top athlete

Who will be the 1979 Athlete of the Year? That question will be answered on June 14 when the second annual Halton Hills Athlete of the Year is presented.

The location of dinner will be made official in an announcement in next week's

Herald. The winner of the award will receive the Royal Bank Trophy.

Last year there were approximately 60 nominations received. Fifteen athletes were nominated in all. This year the sponsors of the event the Herald, The Royal Bank and Miracle Mart, are

hoping to receive more nominations.

FIRST WINNER

The first-ever Halton Hills Athlete of the Year was wrestler Peter Fournier who squeaked by runner Jan Clark and figure skater Kris Barber.

The selection committee for this year's event will be announced in next week's newspaper.

However, nominations for the award can be filled out this week with the ballots appearing elsewhere in today's paper.

Anyone, whether or not he

or she is a resident of Halton Hills, is allowed and invited to nominate an athlete. It is suggested that the rules, which also appear on another page, are read carefully so that only eligible athletes are nominated.

We do ask that all nominators write their names and addresses on the ballots.

As was the case last year there will again be a winner and two runner-ups selected from among the nominees. They will all be invited to the dinner. Only athletes who are nominated on the official ballot will be considered for the award.

LESS TIME

This year there is not as much time to file nominations as there was last year. Nominations will only be received until May 25.

The names and achievements of all the athletes nominated will be published in the May 30 edition of The Herald.

This has been a very good year for teams in the Halton Hills area and also for athletes who compete in individual sports. Last year there were nominees from throughout the town, and of course it is hoped that there

is again a good cross-section this year.

The word achievement may give the impression that the committee is only interested in statistics and winning records. However, intangibles will also be seriously discussed by the committee. The space in the ballot left for achievement(s) is very small. We encourage nominators to use as much paper as is needed to give a thorough assessment of an athlete's accomplishments over the past year.

Sports Builder to be honored at Miracle Foodmart opening

Miracle Foodmart will join the Halton Hills Herald and the Royal Bank as sponsors in saluting the Halton Hills Athlete of the Year.

This year a new facet will be added to the ceremonies as a Halton Hills Sports Builder will be honored. It is in this area that Miracle Mart will be most involved.

The Athlete of the Year and Sports Builder Award will be under the same umbrella, however this year the two awards will be given out at separate events.

OPENING STORE

Miracle Mart will be opening their Halton Hills store on May 29. Due to the official opening being close to the Athlete of the Year dinner, this year and this year only, the Builder of the Year will be announced and honored as part of the ceremonies of the opening.

Next year and the years following the Athlete of the Year, who will win the Royal Bank Trophy, and the Sports Builder will both be announced at the same dinner.

The creation of the Builder of the Year, which will go to a non-athlete, actually was talked about by the committee which selected the Athlete of the Year last year.

Bryan Lewis, who was a member of the committee, suggested that an organizer, or as he said, "a man behind the scene", also be honored.

One of the nominees last year for the Athlete of the Year was Jonathan "Jack" Wingrove, a man who built up the Pineview Soccer program. Obviously, since he was not an active athlete in the year being considered, he could not receive serious consideration for Athlete of the Year. The Sports Builder Award will eliminate the conflict between organizers and the like and athletes.

GETTING INVOLVED

Since announcing that they would be opening a store in Halton Hills, Miracle Mart has shown a great interest in getting involved in the community. Last Friday William Evdokimoff, publisher of The

Herald, and Dave Kentner, a main organizer of the Athlete of the Year program, met with Miracle's Jerry Cox, district manager, and Bob Dudgeon, manager of the store here, as well as Bill Ward, the branch manager of the Royal Bank to discuss how Miracle could get involved with the project.

Royal Bank's involvement in the project will not be diminished whatsoever by the addition of Miracle Mart. As previously mentioned it will be the Royal Bank Trophy which will be presented to the top Athlete. The Herald and the Royal Bank welcomed Miracle's participation in the project.

The Athlete of the Year and the Sports Builder will be selected by the same committee. The committee will be made up of six people, to be announced in next week's Herald, and a chairman. The chairman will act as a moderator and will vote only in case of ties.

BALLOT

The ballot for the Sports Builder appears elsewhere in the newspaper. Nominations will only be received until May 14, so do not hesitate in filling one out and delivering or mailing it to The Herald.

Only people, or groups, who are nominated will be considered for the award. A winners and two runner-ups will be selected from the nominees.

All nominees who qualify under the rules listed elsewhere in the paper will receive

Stacey Hurley goes to the semi-finals

Stacey Hurley of Georgetown went to the semi-final of the seventh and final event of the Rolex junior tennis circuit at Cobblestone Courts before being eliminated.

Hurley, who plays out of Cobblestone, was defeated in the semi-final of the tournament 2-6, 6-7 by Tory Thomas, who plays out of the same club. Thomas went on to win the girls' under-16 category.

The two clubmates teamed up to win the girls' under 16 championship. They

defeated Karen Hardtke and Lynn Salo in the final 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

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