



The Ramp Doesn't Lie -- If every golfer had this simple tool there would be lower scores. The ramp used to measure the speed of greens is in the hands of Alan Beene, greens keeper of the North Halton Golf and Country Club. (Herald photo)

## Greens keeper can be golfer's friend/foe

By SANDY CAMPBELL, Herald Staff

Golf is a hard enough game without someone making it more so. But regardless of this fact there is someone at every course determined to challenge skill and patience. This person can add ten strokes to your game by moving the pin placements or pushing back the tees. They can decide to narrow the fairways. They can even distract you with a beautiful flower or a well pruned tree, something you haven't been able to accomplish in your garden.

You probably know them as greens keepers or golf course superintendents. But they are much more than this. They are botanists, managers, mechanics, soil scientists and golfers.

A good greens keeper might have a degree from Purdue, Penn State or the University of Guelph.

The greens keeper at the North Halton Golf and Country Club received his first training twenty years ago through the University of Guelph. Alan Beene has been at the private club since he completed a three-year correspondence course in parks management. Today most greenskeepers take courses in all aspects of golf course management. "I came up an unusual way," Mr. Beene said.

Mr. Beene lives on the golf course and sometimes sees a bit too much golf. "Every time I look out my window I see golf," he said. To get away from the game he works in the garden, practises photography and travels. Travelling is limited to the winter when he manages the club's curling rink.

In the summer, if the course isn't up to par, Mr. Beene can expect to work many as 60 hours a week.

A hard winter this year has meant many extra hours work for Mr. Beene and his crew. As many as 12 people work on the course during the peak periods.

The course is still not in the best shape. Diseases have hurt the grass. "We cut the grass so short. We do unnatural things to it. It is so susceptible," Mr. Beene said.

The greens are a particularly sensitive part of the course. Every day they are cut 5/32 to 1/8 of an inch long. If a green is not fast enough it is cut shorter. "The green is a living thing and disease is very prevalent during this kind of weather," Mr. Beene said.

A course takes a lot of punishment from disease, weather and golfers. Last year, between April and November, 37,000 golfers played at the Georgetown course.

Despite the wear on the course the grounds crew does get it in the shape they want, but they can't plan on keeping it that way. "Mother Nature has a way of reminding you not to get too cocky," Mr. Beene said.

Golfers also have a degree of unpredictability. In the twenty years Mr. Beene has been taking care of the course he has seen the calibre of golf improve. Today golfers hit the ball further, they are better athletes and the equipment is better, he said.

To keep up with the improved golfer the course must be improved. Five years ago Mr. Beene was successful in getting the club to approve contoured fairways. Contoured fairways have narrow sections where you are not supposed to hit the ball, and wide sections beyond the narrow where you should. There is more rough.

"Contoured fairways made the course a little harder. It makes it more thinkable and interesting," Mr. Beene said.

The North Halton Golf and Country Club greens keeper has a master plan for the course. He admits he can't please everyone with his course. Even he is not totally pleased with its design. "Some holes are excellent, others are good. Some golfers have favorite holes, probably the ones they par," he said.

# Golden Powderpuff victory

**SOLID GOLD HITS 14 TIGGERS 6**  
 Look out Park School! Here comes Tiggers Wendy Farrow with her to the fence hit. Even with this tremendous hit the Tiggers couldn't sneak by the Solid Gold Hits for this victory. Tiggers Rose Wilcox made an outstanding catch at 2nd, with Brenda Hamilton actively scooping behind the plate. For the Solid Gold Hitters the entire team executed top rate plays scrambling to stop the Tiggers in their unsuccessful effort. Top hitting and hustling gave Solid Gold Hits this win.

**PAUL'S NAVY 13 PURPLE REIGN 12**  
 Paul's Navy sinks Purple Reign! Paul's Navy bailed their way to a safe journey by scurrying in the 7th inning to bring in 3 runs. With Elaine Tarzwell pitching and hitting superbly, backed up with 2 allstar catches by Debbie Lindsay, Paul's Navy sailed ahead. For Purple Reign an outstanding homer belted out by Jean Turnout led in their fight. Judy Faulhaber executed great batting skill and quick hustling to the plate twice.

**ULTRA VIOLET 14 BLUE PURRS 4**  
 Superb effort by all of the Ultra Violet squad. Gloria Sinclair pitched a great game, striking out three in a row. Kasie Waldie had a good night at bat and played well at third. Martha Jack prevented a grand slam with a fantastic catch. Barb McBean was dazzling in her flight around the bases. Lesley Beague played great behind the plate. Everyone hit well for the Blue Purrs. Mick Woods knocked out a tremendous triple, followed by Pat Morey's double. The entire team hit quite well but was stopped at every turn!

**SCARLETT'S FEVER 5 GANG GREEN 4**  
 Scarlett's Fever kills first. A tough battle between Scarlett's Fever and Gang Green. Gang Green gave it a great fight preventing the rise of Scarlett's Fever. Stopping potential runs was Gang Green's Sandy Bujold making two fantastic catches at 2nd, followed by Karen Smith's outstanding double play at first. Pat Mashinter followed suit with 2 great catches outfield. For Scarlett's Fever, Laurie Hensen pitched to perfection. Marnie Orr made an unorthodox but tremendous catch at

short. A great triple by Laura Raine combined with Laurie Henson's and Laurie Hill's dandy doubles secured this win.

**HEART BUSTERS 13 TOM COLINS MIX 2**  
 Heart Busters sweep just one more victory to add to their side. A great triple play executed by Pam McDonald and Dianne Saunders was the key to this win. As well as a super glove off catch by Jean Wilson. Excellent pitching by Jean Puckering, Joyce Hutchinson and Doreen Dobbins. Tom Collins Mix made an unsuccessful good effort in this slide, but feel this is only a temporary setback.

**MAC'S MUFFINS 14 BLUES BATTERS 10**  
 A flawless game by Mac's Muffins. Two tremendous homers by Anne Korack and Jan Walker for the muffins. Bev Compton belted out two triples combined with Lois Cassista's triple bringing in two runs all but secured the victory. Defensively Muffins shone as well with Darlene Bishop having the key catch in the bottom of the 7th. For the Blues Batters 3 excellent pitchers

(Kim Marcell, Sylvie Washborne and Janet Hanson) led their team in this close battle. Key hitters of the game were Robin Hillock scoring 2 runs, Peggy Rawlings coming in once and Suzette Corley crossing the plate twice with 3 RBIs. Carol Dean also had 3 for 3 at the plate.

**TOM COLINS MIX 11 TIGGERS 11**  
 A great game of hitting by both teams but Tom Collins Mix crossed the plate 6 more times to beat the Tiggers. At the plate for the mixers, Julie Fournier and Jeannie Brookes smacked out homers. Cheryl Mader hit a triple with Monica Donaldson, Kay King and Jackie Diegel hitting doubles. Defensively Patti-Poo McElroy returned to fine pitching form setting the side down in the 4th with only three pitches. A good team effort put this team in the books. For the Tiggers consistent hitting gave them their 11 runs. Dianne Richardson, Jo-Anne Richardson and Robin Richardson all crossed the plate twice.

**BLUES BATTERS 10 GANG GREEN 9**  
 Blues Batters terminate Gang Green in this come from behind win. Outstanding ball talent to score 8 runs in the 6th and 7th innings. Robin Hillock hit the winning hit bringing in Lori Sproule for the winning run. Kim Marcell pitched excellent and defensively made numerous key catches. Hitting, catching and base running was superb. For Gang Green Sandy Bujold and Sylvia Murphy led their team offensively, each scoring a single and double.

## Giants leave Young's blue in Kinsmen softball play

By DEE-DEE HAYNES, SENIORS

Blue Giants were victorious over Young's Pharmacy 15-7. Pitching were for the Giants Liane Monchamp and Dee-Dee Haynes, while for Young's were Toni McClements and Carolyn Stewart. The game's single homerun was from Teri Korzack of Blue Giants. Game stars were Rachel Halovanic of Young's and Tammy Wood of the Blue Giants.

**INTERMEDIATE**  
 Elk Lodge beat Kentner's Dairy Bar 25-20. Pitching were Carrie Walsh, Melynda Poyntz, Pam Gledhill, and Cindy Rouillard for Elks and Kentner's Mylene Benito, Laura Doyle and Lorie Johnson. Homeruns were from Sara Funston of Kentners and Pam Gledhill (2) Christine Wilson, and Tracy Paul of Elks. Game stars were the entire Kentner's team and Shari Loke of Elk's Lodge, who hit 100 and

steadily improving. An exciting game was played between Delrex Smoke Shop and Dairy Queen, resulting in a 13-12 victory for the Smoke Shop. Pitching were, for Dairy Queen, Leanne Mossop, Jodi McClements, Joy Swain, and Kerri-Ann Vander Valk while Lisa Hamilton threw for the entire game for Delrex. Game stars were Tracey Morey for her great defensive plays, Jodi McClements and Kyla Jackson, who both had homeruns all of Dairy Queen. Delrex's game was Lisa Hamilton who hit 1000, with 4 RBIs, and who pitched very well.

The Optimist team ran over the Kinnettes 28-8. Pitching for the Kinnettes were Susan Morey and Denise Harden. Kinnettes' game star was Susan Morey.

**JUNIORS**  
 On July 10, North Halton Sports and Valdi Discount Foods tied at 28 runs. Homeruns were from Tara Hamilton, Jalme Conolly, and Carl Robichaud of North Halton, while for Valdi Amy Korzack, Andrea Le Bannister and Tara Grootjen. Game stars were the entire North Halton Sports and for Valdi's Korzack, Le Bannister, and Grootjen.

## Angels nip Mets in T-ball loop play

**MONDAY**  
 Casselman Fuel Angels and Bumper To Bumper Reds battled it out with Angels coming up with a 29-28 win. Chandra Shall, Lisa McDonald and Brent McLung exhibited super fielding in the third for Angels while Ian Williams and Geoff Quinn hit well. Reds' defence was right on with super plays from Dawn Richardson, David Leni and Dianne Allan. Homers were hit by Michael Richardson and Andrew Terrell who also robbed Angels of a hit on a fly ball. Richard Allan of Reds is also commended for power hitting in the second.

Royal Canadian Legion Astros met McEachern Sterring Rangers and although Astros had good hitting from Matthew McMullen, Jennifer Armstrong and Jason Armstrong Rangers won 29-19. Rangers had three homers from Bradley Kouborjian and great fielding from Wesley Blight. Erin Snook scored her first home run of the year.

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Halton Credit Union Mets celebrated their first, well earned win of the year against Standard Products Tigers 23-22. Honorable mention goes to the entire Mets team for a well executed game. Stephen Gibbons had two homers while Brianne Beaumont went three-for-three and Christopher Day drove in some critical runs. Jason Myers and Stephan Gibson led Mets defensively with good plays in the field. Special mention goes to Garrett Norman of Tigers for a nice catch of a fly ball and Dawn Ladds for her good hits.

Royal Canadian Legion Astros and Casselman Fuel Angels battled it out to the final inning with Astros winning 32-29. Shane Slater, Kevin Kelly and Daniel Yearling led Astros with booming hits and superb fielding. Fans also witnessed outstanding defence by Angels Chris Rapson and Megan Boyce. Scott Ellis and Renee Kitchen led Angels with solid hits.

McEachern Steering Rangers and Halton Credit Union Mets entertained fans with a close, fast-moving game. The third inning decided the game, as Rangers won 27-21. Power hitting from Andrew Beevan and Wesley Blight (both had homers) led Rangers to victory. Shaun Cadie is to be commended for his great fielding. Jennifer Ingram and Brianne Beaumont kept Mets alive with good plays both offensively and defensively. Stephen Gibson and Robert La Rose with a grand slam homer gave Mets fans a great show at the plate.

**"C" team earns split**  
 The Gordon Alcott Ladies "C" Inter County tennis team had to settle for a split in points against Credit Valley. Karin Wilson and Ouida Graville had scores of 1-6, 6-7, while Margot Prior and Daiga Zelek won handily 6-1, 6-1. Trudy Roy and Lois Fraser, who just love going to three sets, won with 2-6, 7-6, 6-2 scores. Sandy Morrow and Norma Maynard did not get on track losing 2-6, 2-6.

The team is in second spot in "C" division.

The house league continues to be a fun night with competitive games. Ute Schluter's team and Don Henderson's are coming on stronger each week. Malcolm MacLeod's team is closing in on top place Frank Buckley's team.

## Lindaur's play helps Motors team net win

Mark Lindaur had four goals as Nick Martino Motors defeated Bulk Food 10-3 in Georgetown Ball Hockey Association action last week.

Andreas Hack had three goals for the winners while Doug Ivany chipped in with a pair. Glen Leslie had the other. Jeff Talbot had two goals for the Bulk team while Craig Lucas had the other.

Mike Green and Al Nurse had the goals as O'Tooles edged Animal Control 2-1. Gary Stone scored for Animal Control.

John Peters had two goals to pace Guelph St. Stationery past McGibbon Hawks 6-2. John Rivers, Andrew Shenton, Bruce McCandless and an unknown scorer had the others for the winners. Rob Hamilton and

Larry Peterson scored for McGibbon.

Dave Norton, Rick Foot, Mike West and Sean McQuarrie all had two goals each to lead Exchange Tavern past Leferink Disposal 10-1. Kevin Phillips and Greg Lawr had singles. Ed Blekkenhorst scored for Leferink.

Shawn Zuber and Dan Dubois had two goals each as Little Trailer World edged Midas Muffler 5-4. Doug Keeny had the other goal for the winners. Ed Dwyer and Brad Ferguson had goals for Midas as the other two scorers weren't available.

Alan Tistra had three goals as Harvesters defeated Pompei Pizzeria 8-2. Hoss Ferri, John Sanga, Allan Hyatt, Peter Vanderleat and Mike Geofreda had the others. Nole Stoyles and Kirk Harrington scored for Pompei.

Paul Atkins scored twice as Dave's Service Centre defeated Grizzlies 5-2. Ken Constable, Bill Wren and Sean Brown had the others. Ed Boonstra and Paul Sheppard scored for Grizzlies.

Five players all had three goals each as Royal Pizza defeated Chev City 15-2. Rob Spliteri, Greg Robertson, Mike McNiven, Tim Turner and Larry Melton all had hat tricks for the winners. Paul Mercer and Tom Squiglia had the Chev goals.

## Limehouse squad victorious

Limehouse minor boys ball squad netted a pair of wins this week, defeating Acton West and Glen Williams.

Limehouse edged Acton 6-5 as the two teams were tied 5-5 heading into the seventh frame when Limehouse scored the winning run. James Willett started on the mound for the winners, giving way to Jeremlah Fendley about halfway through the contest. Fendley had a homer for the winners, and scored a pair of runs. In the third frame Mathew Medland caught a fly ball with the bases loaded.

In the second contest, Limehouse scored an 11-3 win over Glen Williams, with seven of those runs coming in the sixth frame. Willett started on the mound for Limehouse with Fendley coming in relief. Cam Sproule pitched for Glen Williams.

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Exchange	8	2	1	17
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Meteora	4	5	1	10
Grizzlies	4	6	1	9
Pompei	3	6	1	7
Chev City	1	9	1	3
Hulk Food	0	11	0	0

  

M and M PRO SPORTS DIVISION				
	W	L	T	Pts
Dave's Service	10	0	1	21
Royal Pizza	10	0	1	21
Little Trailer	7	4	0	14
Harvesters	6	4	1	13
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