

Outdoor rinks offer fun

There are plenty of opportunities to enjoy the winter weather in Halton Hills. The outdoor ice rinks are ready for use. The Georgetown Fairgrounds has two rinks, one with boards and nets for pick-up shinny and one rink for recreational skating.

The outdoor rinks at McKenzie Smith School, Harrison School and George Kennedy rinks are also ready for use (weather permitting).

The Department has equipped the two public tennis courts at Emerson and Joseph Gibbons Park with hockey nets for pick-up hockey. Be sure to try the Toboggan Run which is located at Cedarvale Park. The hill is located at the main park entrance along Main

Street (8th Line).

Cedarvale is also an ideal location for a short jaunt on the cross country skis.

The track at the Georgetown Fairgrounds is ploughed regularly for the 'all season' joggers and runners.

Anyone planning a party or social gathering who would like to reserve one of the outdoor rinks for a small skating party or shinny hockey game, can contact the Recreation and Parks Department Office for a permit.

The Recreation and Parks Department also has a limited number of broomball brooms and balls which can be borrowed on a first come, first served basis.

Wyocrevar Ski Jam set

The first-ever Wyocrevar Ski Jamboree will be held this weekend at the Seneca College Ski Area near King City.

The event is co-sponsored by the Girl Guides of Canada, White Oaks Area, and Scouts Canada of the Credit Valley Region.

The purpose of the event is to provide youth with a chance to meet each other and to promote the sport of cross-country skiing.

Ski instruction clinics will be held prior to participant races of five, 10 and 15 kilometres, and the five-kilometre leaders race.

Saturday night's entertainment for the event will be based on a

Valentines Through the Ages theme.

Sunday, a non-denominational service called Reflections will be held prior to the official awards ceremony and the official closing.

The Motorola Trophy will be awarded to the group accumulating the most points for participation and performs the best in the various events.

This is the first year for the event, which begins Friday at 6 p.m. with registration and winds down Sunday at about noon.

Among the local groups taking part are members of the 1st Georgetown Pathfinders and the 3rd Milton Pathfinders.

Jr. Redmen show improvement despite two more setbacks

Despite a record of five straight losses in league play, Acton High School junior basketball coach Dave Boycott has been encouraged by the performance of his team, and has noted a steady improvement with each outing.

In recent games, the Acton Junior Redmen dropped a 58-51 decision to White Oaks last Tuesday, and then were edged 28-36 by the Georgetown Rebels Thursday.

The Redmen trailed throughout their contest Tuesday, as White Oaks held quarter-time leads of 20-7, 34-20 and 44-34.

"We started slowly, but kept closing the gap all the way through the game," Boycott said of the contest.

"At one point, we were within two points. When they went into a stall, we tried for the steals and got called for fouls."

Boycott is a firm believer in a

team making its own breaks. When the Redmen got close to White Oaks, he made the players go all out to try and take the lead. "You can sit back and lose by a couple of points, or try and make something happen," he says.

Chris Burrell, who was playing in his final game of the season as a junior, led the Redmen with 16 points. Gord Taillefer chipped in with 14, while Dave Thorpe had nine, and Kevin Priestman seven.

Burrell was elevated to the senior ranks for the remainder of the season by Boycott, who also guides the senior Redmen.

The game with Georgetown was close from start to finish, according to Boycott, with the two teams trading baskets throughout the match. The halftime score read 25-22 in favor of the Rebels.

"It was an excellent game,"

Boycott said. "Both teams played well in a controlled defence, which kept the score down."

The Redmen had their chance to tie the contest, when they had control of the ball, and ran the clock down to 10 seconds. A player drove the basket and was fouled, but missed the free throw attempts.

Boycott feels the absence of Burrell from the line-up was probably a big factor in the loss to Georgetown.

He was also missing a starting guard who is expected to be back for action this week.

Priestman was top scorer for the Redmen against Georgetown, picking up 11 points. Taillefer had nine, while Thorpe added eight.

The Acton Juniors hosted Oakville Trafalgar Tuesday and this Thursday take to the road for a contest against Loyola in Oakville.

Spence settles for silver

Brutal weather conditions forced cross-country skier Dwight Spence to stop short of his goal of attaining a gold medal in a Quebec endurance run on the weekend, but he still managed to return with a silver for his efforts.

Spence was supposed to return from Quebec Sunday, but due to the storm that lashed through the province, his arrival was delayed until Monday night.

To qualify for the gold medal in the endurance run, Spence would have had to ski over 100 km along the course which stretched from Lachute to Hull.

On his first day, after getting less than four hours sleep Friday night, he completed 51 kilometres. On the second day, he skied 38 kilometres, but that was where he had to call it quits.

"We had to stop," he said. "The weather was just too cold and it was blowing all over the place."

At the point where he stopped, Spence says there was an open stretch of about 5 kilometres. If they had been able to get by that point they would have been home free, but he and his skiing companion were already wet and the strong winds convinced them to call it a day.

Spence said many people were suffering from hypothermia along the course route, and had to be treated.

But despite falling just short of his goal, he is confident that under other conditions he could have completed the course.

"If the conditions had been better, I would have kept going," he says. "I was all psyched up."

Another skier from the area, Brian Hill of Burlington, managed to complete the entire course, and was awarded a gold medal. Jeff Wood, also of Burlington, received a bronze medal.

Spence earned the right to go to Quebec after claiming the gold medal in a 20-km race at the annual provincial Ski Jamboree held at Base Borden a few weeks ago. The 15-year-old was skiing as a member of the 1st Glen Williams Venturer company.

Next year, Spence plans to participate in a more challenging event, where skiers "get up at 6 a.m., ski 'til they drop, and then get up and do it again the next day."

Spence is also a member of the Georgetown District High School cross-country ski team and will be competing at the OFSAA finals at Horseshoe Valley later this month.

Mal Dodge Atoms on a roll

The Mal Dodge ReMax Minor Atom "AA" hockey team opened the second round of the Ontario playdowns on Thursday night at Memorial Arena with a convincing 8-0 victory over Chinguacousy.

Most satisfying, from the coaches' point of view, was the return of the

locals to the overall level of play that saw the team win twenty-six games in a row in November and December.

Centers Doug Sheppard and Duane Erler led the attack with three goals and one assist each. Mark Aldridge and Dave Bouskill

rounded out the scoring.

Two assists were earned by Mike Kotsos, Jamie Stephenson, Gavin Glaser and Stephen Onoprijenko. Aldridge, Robbie Wands and Matt Brain were each credited with one assist. Goaltender Chad Hughes earned the shutout.

A win on Monday night in Chinguacousy or Tuesday night at Memorial will qualify the Mal Dodge ReMax squad to meet the winner of the Milton-Stoney Creek series to determine who represents Tri-County in further Ontario playdown action.

Slip slidin' away



Good snow, crisp air, sunshine make it a perfect day for cross country skiing for Jean and Brian Griffiths. They were captured on film recently enjoying an outing at the ski trails at North Halton Golf and Country Club.

GDHS bowlers advance

The Georgetown District High School girls' five-pin bowling team earned a berth in the Ontario Winter Games scheduled for March after capturing their regional final Sunday in Hamilton.

The team consists of Trina Bassett, Julie McCorry, Tracy Weeks, Sandy Weeks and Traci Peggle. Their coach is Wendy Parent.

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