

# Sports Outlook

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## Royal LePage sponsors triathlon events

As many as 4,000 participants will run, swim and bicycle their way through the six events in the new Royal LePage Triathlon Series this year. This series begins with the Golden Horseshoe Biatlon on Saturday, May 16 in Stoney Creek.

"Triathlon is one of the fastest growing amateur competitive sports in North America," says Jim Abernethy, a Vice President and Regional Manager for Royal LePage Residential Real Estate Ser-

vices in Toronto. "We are pleased to be able to sponsor this event and hope that it may grow and become a national event in future."

Graham Fraser, organizer of the Royal LePage Triathlon Series, said that "there are triathlon events almost every week during the season, but this is the first time a number of events in different places in Ontario have been put together in a series." The series opener in Stoney Creek

on May 16 will not include the swimming portion. "The lake water is still too cold," says Fraser. Officially classified as a "biathlon", it is being billed as a warm-up for the triathlon season and will require a 10 km run and a 40 km bike ride.

The Niagara Triathlon on August 2 in Grimsby will have as many as 800 competitors complete a one-kilometre swim followed by a 40 km bike race and a 10 km run.

The main race in the Royal LePage Series is scheduled for August 22 in Orillia. Billed as the Northern Triathlon Weekend, the event will feature a half-ironman triathlon course - 1.2 mile swim, 56 mile bike course and a 13.1 mile run. A second event on the weekend, the Ontario Sprint Triathlon will require a .75 km swim, 30 km bike ride and an eight kilometre run. Officials expect up to 1,000 entrants for the two events.

The Milton Triathlon on August 30 and Oakville Biatlon on September

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13 will complete the Royal LePage Triathlon Series. Winners in each Royal LePage Triathlon Series will receive trophies and more than 100 prizes awarded in each event. The top 15 male and female finishers in each of the six events will accumulate points to determine the Royal LePage Series Champions.

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### Acton Meadows offers 'a friendly game of golf'



Greg Wagstaff is the newly appointed manager at Acton Meadows Golf Club.

It can be said Acton Meadows is no "Glen Abbey". But then, it doesn't profess to be either. Acton Meadows is a charming little nine-hole Par 35 course, which can offer golfers a satisfying game, in friendly surroundings. Greg Wagstaff, a former PGA player, has taken over as manager of Acton Meadows this year, and says there have been a few changes made at the course, most of them to the interior of the clubhouse. These changes have been made in answer to a shortage in the area of banquet halls which offer self-contained facilities. "We've redesigned the kitchen, so it is more serviceable, both on a day-to-day basis, and for banquets," Wagstaff says. "We can provide buffet, or sit-down dinners, or barbecues. There's a reasonable variety for potential banquet customers, at reasonable prices." With the expansion of their kitchen and bar facilities, Wagstaff says they are prepared to take bookings for virtually any function, including wedding receptions and Christmas parties, and can comfortably accommodate from 150 to 175 people. In terms of the course itself, Wagstaff says it is probably in the

best shape it has been in years, thanks largely to the cooperative spring weather. No major projects are in the works for changing the course, but Wagstaff says he is looking at means of defining boundaries and hazards better, which will make for a more enjoyable game for the golfers. As far as long term plans are concerned, Wagstaff says the staff there will be looking into improving the drainage system, and adding a few ponds, which will "make a picturesque course more so." At present, Acton Meadows has about 150 registered members, with the ladies' and senior men's sections making up a large portion of the total. Many of the members are obviously retired, and it's possible to set your watch by the playing habits of some. "We have an ideal situation here for everyone," Wagstaff says. "It's sufficiently easy to walk the course. There's a definite fitness aspect, but there's no heavy hill climbing. It's virtually ideal for the seniors' needs." But the junior players haven't been forgotten at Acton Meadows, either, Wagstaff says he has always been in favor of encouraging young






golfers, and a \$95 junior membership, which offers unlimited play Monday through Friday opens up excellent opportunities for those wishing to take up the game. Tournaments at Acton Meadows play a large part in generating revenue for the course, but most are restricted to Saturdays, or through the week, so Wagstaff says they are able to keep all groups happy. Clinics and lesson sessions are also being provided for members as they are required. The staff at Acton Meadows is a mix of returning employees, and some new ones who have been hired on for the season. Wagstaff's assistant is Wayne Allan, and Mabel Hoare looks after the kitchen staff. Ziggy Luty looks after the maintenance of the course "practically single-handedly", according to Wagstaff. "As a group, we're pretty confident," Wagstaff says. "Staff morale is very high, and hopefully we'll keep it that way. It makes a big difference when everyone is doing their job well, and I don't have to be looking over their shoulder." Acton Meadows can be reached by turning right at the first sideroad off of Acton on Highway 7 West.

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