

Rec open house

In recognition of Local Government Week, April 11-16 in Ontario, the Town of Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department will have an Open House on Thursday, April 14, from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Department Office, 25 James Street, Georgetown.

Department staff will be available to try and respond to any comments or concerns people may have.

Anyone who would like to meet staff or ask about Department programs, services, swimming pools, arenas, community centres, the Cultural Centre, theatre and gallery; parks, sports fields, cemeteries and open space planning and maintenance; schools, sports fields, parks and facilities scheduling; grants, special events, affiliation, or information in general is encouraged to drop in.

Tennis lessons

They are back again! If you are a Beginner or an Intermediate tennis player, the Recreation and Parks Department has a program for you.

Lessons are being offered at George Kennedy Public School, Joseph Gibbons Public School and Prospect Park Tennis Courts.

Starting the week of May 2, you can choose to play once a week for six weeks or twice a week for three weeks. Sign up soon as space is limited. Call 877-5185, ext. 261 for details.

Pool clinic

The Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department will be holding workshops for people who own backyard pools. They will be held in Georgetown on May 16 and in Acton on May 17 at 7 p.m.

Such topics as opening and closing the pool, chemical treatment, water safety and first aid will be discussed.

The clinics are free but participants are asked to please register by phoning the Recreation and Parks Department at 877-5185 ext. 261.

Jans wins

Two Junior squash players from the Georgetown Racquet Club turned in fine showings at the Toronto and District Junior Squash Championships held in Ajax on the weekend.

Melanie Jans competing in the girls' Under-16 category took top honors in her division, defeating Carole-Anne Rogers of Ottawa 3-1 in the championship match.

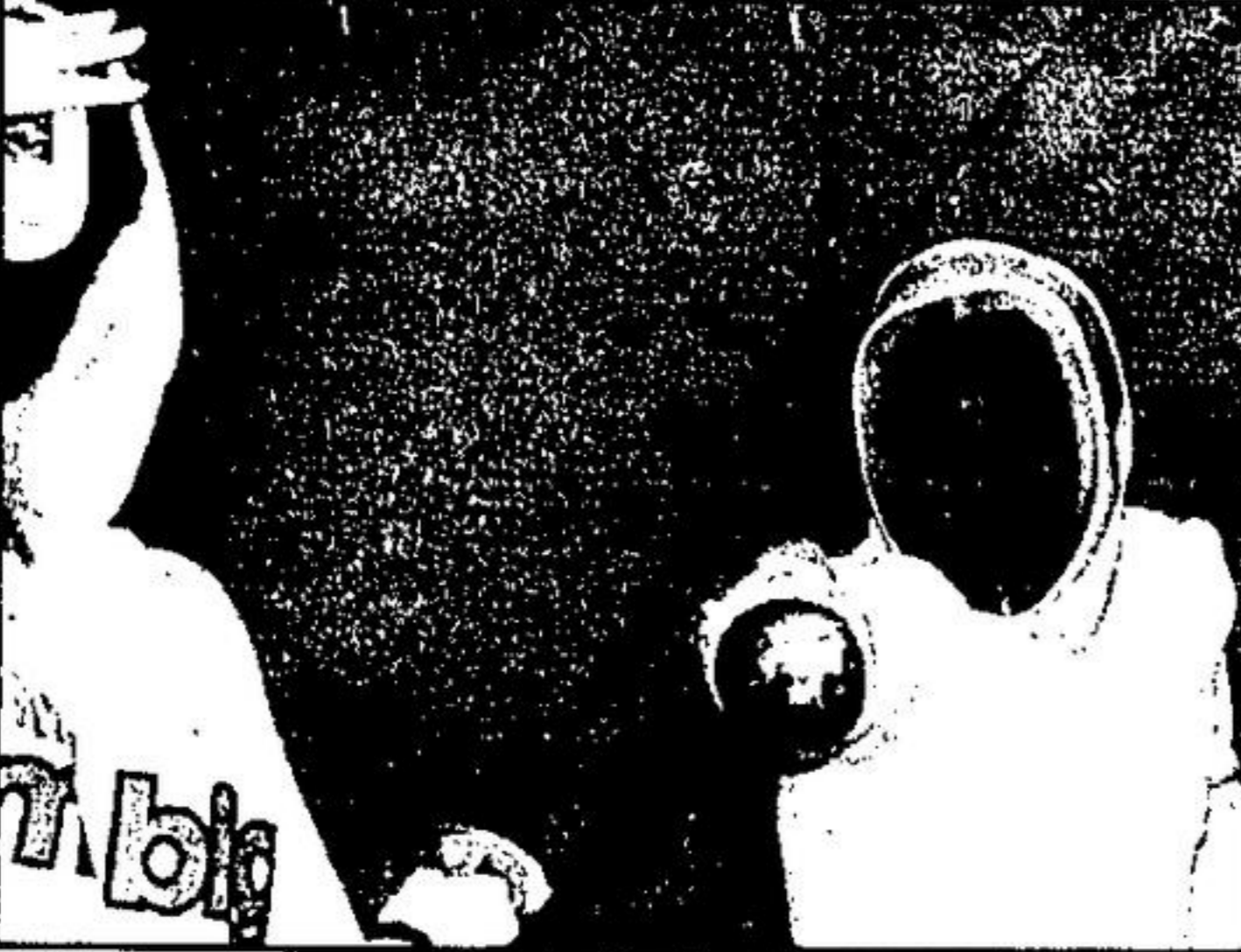
Jim Dieroff, competing in the boys' Under-19 category made his way through two rounds in what was a very competitive draw.

Juggling update

The formation of a Juggling Club has been postponed and will now commence on Friday, April 29, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Cedarvale Community Centre. This club will meet once a month to swap new tricks, challenges and to assist any new beginner. Anyone who has an interest in juggling can give the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department a call at 877-5185 ext. 261.



The warm-up before getting into fencing bouts is very important. Although most people don't realize it, fencing is a very demanding sport that requires a great deal of stamina, as well as concentration.



The Georgetown Fencing Club is attempting to recruit new members so there can be more in-club tournaments held, like the one Thursday night. The club is hoping to develop its members so they are competitive enough to fence at higher level competitions.



Carlo Testa sizes up the performance of one of the fencing club's members during one of their regular weekly sessions.

Rugby team getting into shape

The North Halton Rugby Football Club is looking forward with anticipation to a successful and hopefully, another winning season for 1988.

The team will start off with an exhibition game against Castlemore on April 30, with league play opening on May 28 against Merritton.

Practices will start this Sunday at the Georgetown high school track at 1 p.m. with a lot of running to be expected. Anybody interested in trying out, is welcome to attend.

North Halton gets a taste of international flavour with Buffalo participating in the league along with Merritton, Castlemore, St. Catharines, Grimsby and Stoney Creek.

On Aug. 24 a team from Tonbridge, England, will be playing North Halton, however a playing site is yet to be determined. All other home games will be played at Acton High School.

This year's team will again look to captain Terry Pottruff for his sportsmanship and leadership, with veterans, Ian and Cam MacIver, Mark Armstrong, Tim Kunicia, Deep River Smith, Bob and Ted Ford-King, Andy Meyer, James Paul, Duane Wilson and Pat Wolfe

hopefully returning. Sandy MacKenzie will again coach the team, no doubt putting in many hours.

So come on out and cheer North Halton's rugby team to a winning year.

Grant approved for seniors' games

Ontario Minister of Tourism and Recreation Hugh P. O'Neil recently welcomed the National Bank of Canada as the first major corporate sponsor of the Ontario Senior Games.

"This partnership marks a new beginning for this important program," Mr. O'Neil said. "It means the games can now depend on the combined efforts of business, government and volunteers."

The National Bank of Canada is providing funding for the games through fundraising efforts and donations. They will also cover the manufacturing costs of souvenirs bearing logos such as sweatshirts, caps, badges and pennants.

The event, which is called 'Actifest', is expected to draw 1,500 participants this year.

Actifest is sponsored every two years by the Older Adult Centres' Association of Ontario with support from the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation.

"Actifest made its first appearance with success in Kitchener in 1986," Mr. O'Neil said. "Since the inception of the senior games my Ministry has been an avid supporter because we believe they fill a real need."

For the past five years, district games have been held annually throughout the province. Representatives from the district games are then invited to participate in Actifest.

Competitive events include lawn bowling, shuffle board, darts, cribbage, carpet bowling, swimming, golf and tennis.

Fencing club looking for new members

As sports go, fencing is perhaps one of the most obscure in terms of participation, particularly where most people turn to hockey and baseball to while away their recreational hours.

But the Georgetown Fencing Club is attempting to change that by recruiting more members for a sport that is very demanding, both mentally and physically.

The club staged a demonstration at George Kennedy School Thursday, which is where they hold their regular weekly workouts. And "workout" is the proper terminology.

"It's one of the most active sports you can imagine," says Carlo Testa, who organized the club a year ago. "It requires good reflexes and coordination, and you have to be in good shape to do it well."

Testa began fencing in his native Italy, and since then had taken part in the sport competitively while living in England and the United States. But there was no club in Georgetown, so he started one last April. Currently, there are about 10 active members.

The goal of the club now is to get more people interested so they can increase their numbers. Testa says it takes three to four months for someone new to the sport to reach a competitive club level. And with more people, it makes it more interesting for all the members.

As time progresses, Testa feels members will reach a point where they are competitive enough to go in-

to competition at the provincial level.

It costs surprisingly little for someone to take up the sport of fencing. To begin with, a foil and mask are needed, and can be obtained for about \$60.

A fee of \$15 to join the club, goes towards the cost of renting facilities for workouts.

As members progress, it is advisable to have a fencing jacket, which can run about \$40, and to complete the ensemble for competition, white pants and shoes are required. A glove is also a good idea.

So to start in fencing from scratch, the cost is about \$120 to prepare for competition.

But anyone who would like a taste of fencing is encouraged to come out and see what the sport is all about.

"People can come out with nothing for a couple of lessons," Testa says.

Anyone who does decide to take up the sport of fencing though, can expect to improve their concentration skills, and also better their fitness standard.

"It takes absolute concentration," Testa says. "Few other sports require as much concentration, combined with such muscle movement."

The Georgetown Fencing Club meets Thursday nights at George Kennedy School.

Anyone interested in finding out more about fencing is welcome to drop by and speak with members, or they can call secretary Pam McGillivray at 877-8798 for more information.

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Bowlers decided for 'pins game'

Georgetown Bowl was the scene Sunday for the local competition to determine Georgetown's representatives to the qualifying round for participation in the "Pins Game" on the Sports Network (TSN).

In the men's division, Brinley Hole powered his way to the win after eight games. His closest rival was Paul Chaplin who was only 21 pins behind after seven games, but Hole threw a 288 in the last game to clinch the win. Chaplin was relegated to a runner-up replacement role. Hole had his ups and downs during the afternoon with the lowest game being 186 and the highest two 299 games.

On the distaff side, Marg Brosseau started with a 287 to pull into the lead and was never under any pressure.

Julie McCorry was relegated to the runner-up role, sitting 149 pins behind.

"The Pins Game" on TSN consists of a series of 16 weeks for the men and a series for the women with \$18,000 for each series in prize money starting in September 1988. It's \$50 per winning frame (10 frames per game) in the preliminary 16 week shows; \$100 per frame in the quarterfinals; \$200 per frame for the semifinals and \$400 per frame for the finals in January 1989.

Here's hoping that by good preparation our local contestants, Brinley Hole and Marg Brosseau, will be successful in getting a chance to bring some of those thousands home to Georgetown.

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