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**May 19 date cancelled**

**GMHA loses bingo**

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There will be no GMHA Monster Bingo tomorrow night at the Alcott Arena and Wayne Pries is not happy about the situation.

The financially-strapped GMHA had originally scheduled the Monster event for May 19 but found out just last Wednesday that their plans would have to be shelved. The association had planned to offer a total of \$10,000 in prizes with a grand prize of \$3,000.

According to Pries, past president of the GMHA, the association was informed last week that only one Monster Bingo may be held over a three-week period within a radius of 50 miles. Apparently a Monster event had already been scheduled for Etobicoke on June 3.

"It's a dirty rotten deal," said Pries on Monday. "Apparently commercial bingo operators complained about other groups holding Monster Bingos and now the ministry (Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations) sanctions only one a month within a 50-mile radius."

But according to Pries, the GMHA also learned that a second Monster Bingo is being staged on June 11 at Copp's Coliseum in Hamilton. That bingo is apparently being staged by the Hamilton Rotary Club for Polio Plus and will offer upwards of \$180,000 in prizes.

Pries said the approval of the Hamilton event would mean there are two Monster Bingos scheduled for June within a 50-mile radius of each other. "That shoots down the theory," he said. According to Pries, the ministry was not aware of the Hamilton event.

"The ministry said they weren't aware of the one at Copp's and they said they were going to check it out," he said.

Pries said the GMHA also learned that a bingo operation in Etobicoke has apparently booked one Monster Bingo a month for the entire sum-

mer. "They've tied up all the Toronto and Hamilton areas," he said.

Pries said the GMHA prepared its application for a Monster Bingo with the approval of the Town. The Association was apparently told its application was in order and that receiving ministry approval was "just a formality," said Pries.

"There was no indication it wouldn't be approved," he said.

The GMHA may have wasted time by not submitting its application for approval sooner, said Pries. "That was probably an error on our part," he stated. "We rushed it through."

But Pries is still not convinced of the fairness of the ministry ruling. "Why is it the ministry's responsibility to ensure the commercial operators a profit?"

"From what I understand complaints came from commercial bingo operators who said one-time Monster Bingos were hurting their operations," said Pries. "We have no intention of competing at that level."

Pries said the restriction, in effect, limits the ability of small-town operations - such as minor hockey - to make money. "It's unfortunate," he said.

"We were looking at the \$10,000 range," he continued. "The problem is that we (GMHA) are in the hole. Commercial operators can run Monster Bingos and we'll have to start applying for 1990."

Pries said the GMHA had hoped to operate the event this month after enjoying success with a previous one last year. The restriction will force the association to abide by a \$3,500 maximum prize ceiling (approved by the Town) for its next potential bingo. "We wouldn't need ministry approval for that," explained Pries. "But it doesn't have the same attraction."

Meanwhile, Halton North MPP Walt Elliot told The Herald on Monday that a restriction limiting Monster Bingos to one every three

weeks in a 50-mile radius was indeed imposed by the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations, but he wasn't sure if the ruling was "written in stone."

"The guidelines are in place to be fair," he said. "Too many Monster Bingos were causing a 'dry-up' in the area."

Elliot said he understood there was already one Monster Bingo in place for the area in June and that the GMHA bid was late. He said he didn't realize the association's bingo had not been approved until last week when he noticed there was no provincial licence number attached to their advertising.

Elliot added that he would be checking out the GMHA claims that an Etobicoke bingo operation had booked the summer months up for Monster Bingos. "The whole guideline would be down the drain if that's the case," he said.

However, Elliot said it was possible for one group to pre-book the Monster schedule for an entire summer. "Technically in a 50-mile radius there could be a lot of applications in," he stated.

The ministry usually requires about six months notice in advance of a Monster Bingo application, said Elliot. "There's a lot more to it than meets the eye."

He said if the GMHA planned far enough in advance there should be no problems in securing a date for a future Monster Bingo.

Diane Roy, hall manager for Diamond Bingo in Etobicoke, was unavailable for comment prior to press time. Tim McLaughlin, a Diamond employee, said the local charitable organizations that use the Diamond bingo facilities usually handle their own bookings and special event applications.

"There aren't that many Monster Bingos," he said.

The GMHA approached the ministry directly last week in a bid to win approval for its May 19 event, but was turned down.



**Flying Falcon**

A Georgetown Falcon soars through the air to clear a loose ball during opening day exhibition action between both Georgetown senior men's teams used the tune-up match to finalize their rosters for the 1988 summer season. (Herald photo)

**Second in Haltons**

**Rebels send 45 to GHAC**

Forty-five GDHS athletes will carry the Rebel colors into the GHAC track and field finals tomorrow after the team placed a strong second at the annual Halton meet last week in Burlington.

"We were very pleased with our performance," said Rebel co-coach Donna Metcalfe of the team's outing in the Haltons on May 10-13. "The team did very well."

Rebels scored a total of 15 firsts as 45 athletes in 70 events qualified for the GHAC's. Individually, Dave Paul led the red, white and blue charge as he took gold in three events - 2000-metre steeplechase (6:21.9), senior boys 3000-metre run (9:00.5) and 1500-metre run (4:03.38).

Mike Dyer also shone for GDHS as he placed first in both the junior boys 100-metre (11.3 seconds) and 200-metre (23.15) events as well as sharing a gold as a member of the school's open boys division 4x400 relay team.

Two other members of that team also won individual gold as Glenn Mulder copped the junior boys 400-metre (52.71) and Yanne Letarnec was tops in the senior boys 800-metre run (1:59.34).

Other individual firsts went to Natalie Goldson with a 13.7 clocking in the midjet girls sprint hurdles, Holly Sones with a heave of 8.46 metres in the midjet girls shot put, Lisa Carter with a time of 61.97 in the junior girls 400-metre event and Mark Dunning who tossed the senior boys discus a distance of 41.20 metres.

Georgetown took first place in both the open girls and open boys 4x100 relay. The girls squad of Shannon Snyder, Lisa Carter, Anna Toone and Tara Burroughs won their event in a time of 4:15.46 while the boys team consisting of Glenn Mulder, Rick Lane, Mike Dyer and Yanne Letarnec turned a 3:27.78 to win their final heat.

Both the midjet girls and junior girls 4x100 relay teams came away with gold at the Halton meet, hosted by Burlington's Nelson Secondary School. Kristy Lewis, Laura Homer, Natalie Goldson and Trisha Harkley teamed up to win the midjet division with a final 54.75 while the junior team of Anna Toone, Michelle Thompson, Lisa Carter and Tara Burroughs turned in a solid 51.94 finish to win their event.

Other top three finishers included: Rick Lane, 2nd in 2000-metre steeplechase; Sean Cleary, 3rd in 2000-metre steeplechase; Melanie Jans, 2nd, midjet girls sprint hurdles; Jen Arnold, 3rd, Junior girls sprint hurdles; Trisha Harkley, 3rd, midjet girls long jump; Cindy Kallo, 2nd, junior girls javelin; Glenn Mulder, 3rd, open boys 400-metre hurdles; Kristy Lewis, 2nd,

midjet girls 100-metres; Teri Korzack, 2nd, senior girls 100-metres.

Kristy Lewis, 2nd, midjet girls 200-metres; Michelle Thompson, 3rd, junior girls 200-metres; Teri Korzack, 3rd, senior girls 200-metres; Sarah Broughton, 2nd, midjet girls 800-metres; Sheri Nairn, 3rd, junior girls 800-metres; Dave Lawrence, 2nd, midjet boys 800-metres; Glenn Mulder, 3rd, junior boys 800-metres.

Sheri Nairn, 3rd, junior girls 1500-metres; Paul Lalonde, 3rd, midjet boys 3000-metres; Bob Donker, 2nd, junior boys 3000-metres; Sarah Broughton, 3rd, midjet girls 400-metres; Tara Burroughs, 2nd, junior girls 400-metres; Shannon Snyder, 3rd, senior girls 400-metres; Dave Lawrence, 3rd, midjet boys 400-metres; Mike Dyer, 3rd, junior boys 400-metres; Yanne Letarnec, 2nd, senior boys 400-metres.

Bob Donker, 3rd, junior boys 1500-metres; Sara Mulholland, 3rd, midjet girls 3000-metres; Sheri Nairn, 2nd, junior girls 3000-metres; Trent Cull, 2nd, midjet boys shot

put. A second place finish went to the junior boys 4x100 relay team (C. Herman, S. Teetzel, G. Mulder and M. Dyer) while a trio of thirds was also recorded in the same event.

In third spot were senior girls (S. Snyder, J. Brandford, S. Nairn and T. Korzack), midjet boys (K. Usher, J. Jickling, D. Lawrence and T. Cull) and senior boys (D. de Haas, J. Balson, B. McDonald and Y. Letarnec).

The Rebels' overall showing was good for second spot behind Oakville's White Oaks Wildcats.

Meanwhile, Metcalfe is hopeful the GDHS squad will be a healthy unit heading into tomorrow's GHAC's at Burlington-Nelson. "We've had some nagging injuries," she said on Monday. "We're not going to overwork anyone, so hopefully they can get over their aches and pains."

The GHAC meet is the last qualifier prior to the provincial OF-SAA track and field championships set for June 3-5 in Etobicoke.



**Get that ball**

All eyes are on the ball as these three serious soccer association officially kicked off its 1988 season. Georgetown youth soccer players give chase. The action (Herald photo) took place last Saturday at Cedarvale Park as the minor

**Notes & briefs**

**Skateboards**

A Georgetown resident wants the town to help make skateboarding a more accessible sport in Halton Hills.

David Lipp, a Metcalfe Court resident, asked the town Monday to either designate a skateboarding area, such as an empty warehouse with a cement floor, or build a skateboarding ramp.

Or the town could build a "half-pipe" or skateboarding pool, said Mr. Lipp.

"I know many skateboarders want this because we are being asked to leave places," said Mr. Lipp.

"A skateboarding park would make skateboarding in Georgetown less hazardous to skaters and the people around them."

Councillor Al Cook agreed with

Mr. Lipp. Some skateboarders are being thrown off properties, he said.

But Coun. Rick Bonnette said a skateboard ramp costs between \$1,500 and \$2,000 each. If the town wants to build one in Acton and Georgetown it won't be this year, he said.

Recreation Department Director Tom Shepard will "investigate the possibility" of building a skateboarding ramp.

**Combo finals**

Coach Ralph Miller took his 'Combo Team' for two days to Peterborough to take part in the Provincial Finals. The Georgetown team of Martin Johnston (bantam), Robert Harrison (junior) and Chris Somers (senior) as Zone Champions represented Central Ontario at this

7-UP Combo Team Championships. The team rolled the highest flat score of the tourney, a 1712, but lost out on the pins-over-average format. Although rolling a plus 134 it only placed them in ninth position.

**Jans wins squash title**

Fourteen-year-old Melanie Jans of Georgetown returned home from Regina on Monday night as the newly-crowned girls Under-16 Canadian squash champion.

"I'm tired but happy," said Melanie on Tuesday morning. The GDHS grade nine student won three matches at the Canadian squash championships in the Saskatchewan capital last weekend on her way to the national title.

She bested rival Carol Anne Rogers of Ottawa in the final match with a 3-0 sweep. Game scores were 9-4, 9-2 and 9-7 for Melanie.

Melanie's Under-16 crown comes in her first year in the division. Last year she won the Canadian Under-14 title and recently won the Ontario Under-16 championship by downing Rogers.

"I'm hoping to make the junior team," said Melanie. "I think I have an outside chance."



**MVP honored**

The Paul Fendley Memorial Trophy for the Most Valuable Player on the Sunny Acres Major Midgets during the past season was Doug Kent. He is seen here being presented with the trophy by Sunny Acres coach Rick Hume at the GMHA rep team banquet Saturday. (Herald photo)

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