

# You can guide a club to win

Did you ever want to be the coach or general manager of a professional hockey club?

If you've ever day-dreamed about it now's your chance to live that fantasy - without quitting your current job or moving to New York City.

The Acton Non-contact Hockey League is looking for coaches and managers for its 1989-90 season.

So what's the ANHL got to do with pro hockey? According to league official Guy Bradford, who's also a goaltender in the circuit, the ANHL tries to pattern itself after a professional hockey loop.

Players names are pooled at registration time and a "big league" style draft is held with teams selecting players through each round until their respective rosters are full.

"The league is set up basically so that guys can feel they're playing professional hockey, but in reality it's organized pick-up hockey," explained Bradford.

The loop ran with four clubs in its debut season in 1988-89 and while the players may be just pretending it's big league, last year's finals were anything but bush.

A see-saw battle before a respectable house at the Acton Arena saw the Eagles battle back to score an exciting 6-5 overtime win over Bradford's Tigers in the deciding game.

The league, which will expand to six teams next season, offers players games on Mondays,

Tuesdays and Saturdays during the hockey season. Statistics are kept during the regular schedule and playoffs and ANHL teams also participate in tournaments and pre-season exhibition games.

Bradford says the league has also helped to introduce many newcomers to Halton Hills.

"We picked up an awful lot of

new people last year and we're trying to get more of them involved," said Bradford. "It's a good way to meet people."

Anyone interested in coaching or managing an ANHL club next season, or being a first round draft choice for an expansion team, should contact Bradford at 853-3117.



William Fry, 15, a Grade 11 GDHS student, recently won a bronze medal at the Ontario Provincial Cycling Championships near Cobourg. (Herald photo)

## Fry is riding high

In his first year of competitive cycling Glen Williams resident William Fry is certainly making his presence felt.

The 15-year-old GDHS Grade 11 student earned a bronze medal in his first outing at the Ontario Provincial Cycling Championships near Cobourg July 8-9.

Riding in the Under-16 Cadet category, Fry just missed a silver medal in the 40-km individual time trial, finishing in third place only five seconds out of second spot.

In the 50-km road race Fry turned in a most respectable performance by finishing 16th in a tough field of 20 riders.

"He's been working very

hard," said local cyclist and former Canadian Olympic hopeful Dermot Cleary of Fry. "He's doing very well for his first year of serious racing."

Fry is currently a member of the Brampton Cycling Club.

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I'm sitting at my typewriter this morning with our faithful golden retriever at my feet, as is customary, for this part of my week. She always seems to know when I am going to be rattling out a column, and is content to have my feet and my typewriter as company. During the selling of our home, I was very concerned about the coming and going of agents and clients through the house, for an over-friendly dog can be a pain to prospective purchasers.

So, with this in mind, we were always home for a showing, so as to keep her under control, or take her out with us for a walk. There were some incidents, where I even took her into my office, where she slept peacefully under my desk for a couple of hours. Perhaps we were being over-cautious, but as we deal every day, with homes that have animals there when we are showing them, we also know the disturbance that they can be.

A couple of weeks ago, I showed a home where the owners were out, and I walked in to hear this little dog barking up a storm. It was sitting on a rocking chair in the kitchen and barking and occasionally growling, the whole time we were in the house. I don't have to tell you that it was very difficult to view this home, as lovely as it was, with this disturbance going on - for one can not even make appropriate comments to purchasers over the noise. Naturally, the viewing was cut short, and I wouldn't be surprised if that owner lost out on a sale that day, due to the problem.

With the number of homes that have pets, I find it difficult to imagine that the owners of these homes don't try to make some arrangements for their care during this very trying period of their lives. One can hardly blame a dog for being upset with strangers walking into their home, but surely something can be done to keep "Fido" happy for the time the home is on the market. You might give it some consideration if you are selling - and try to make the experience as painless for your dog, as it is for you if you receive a quick sale. It is a small price to pay for the adoration your dog gives you - don't you think.

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