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Halton Hills golfers (from left) Dale McNiven, Duane Erler and Greg Sinclair, take shelter from the elements, during play in the 5th Event of the 1989 Accuform Junior Golf Tour, Friday, at Georgetown Golf and Country Club. Tour point leader, Matt Carre, of Brantford, won the Georgetown-hosted 5th Event of the seven event tour. Top local golfer was Eddie Powers, who carded a 76, good enough for third place. (Herald Photo by Colin Gibson)

## Junior golfers conquer elements and course

By COLIN GIBSON  
 Herald Sports Editor

The nasty weather that enveloped the area last Friday, didn't deter a hardy group of Junior golfers, as the 5th Event in the 1989 Accuform Junior Golf Tour went ahead as scheduled at the Georgetown Golf and Country Club.

Though waterlogged and weary, Matt Carre, of Brantford walked off the course with top honors, carding a sparkling 73 to lead the field of 65 young golfers competing in the event.

The best of the local entries, Eddie Powers, representing North Halton Golf and Country Club, checked in with a 76 to grab sole possession of third place.

Mark Farrow of Hidden Lakes and Jeremy Greville of Chedoke shot 75's to tie for second place.

Dale McNiven, carrying Georgetown Golf and Country Club colours, shot a 79 to place sixth, along with Michael Fabri of Flamboro Hills, Michael Moore of Trafalgar, Ryan Djordjevic of Tyandaga and John Kirkwood of Kings Forest.

Grabbing shares of fourth place with 77's, were Geoff Maul of Tyandaga, Mike Match of Indian Wells, Don Kenesky of Southbroor and Colin Murray of Dundas Valley.

All alone in 5th place with a 78, was Craig McLuckie representing Wyldewood.

Other local junior golfers competing included, Duane Erler, Greg Sinclair, Mark Mininch, Steve Duplantis, Mike Tothe and Doug McDermot.

The 1989 Accuform Junior Golf Tour is sponsored by Accuform Golf Limited of Oakville and consists of seven events open to junior

golfers from the Hamilton-Wentworth, Halton Regions under 18 years-of-age before Sept. 1.

Points are awarded per event and the overall Champion is presented with a green blazer, receives a trophy and has money set aside for him to purchase merchandise at his local Pro Shop.

The sixth Event of the Tour is scheduled for Lowville Heights Golf Club on Aug. 8 and the seventh and final Tour Event is scheduled for Aug. 29 at the Hamilton Golf and Country Club.

With two Events to go, Brantford's Matt Carre leads the pack with 314 points. In fifth place is North Halton Golf and Country Club representative, Eddie Power.

Another North Halton Golf and Country Club competitor, Mike Tothe is in 8th place in the Tour's standings with 239.5 points.

## Adults playing foolish games



"As I See It"

Colin Gibson  
 Sports Editor

From published reports this past week out of Ottawa and Toronto, it appears the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association is content to play the role of bystander as the rift between the Ontario Hockey Association and the Ontario Minor Hockey Association swells to chasm-like proportions.

Speaking from Ottawa, CAHA President, Murray Costello, was quoted as saying: "There is a feeling in the CAHA that further fragmentation will not strengthen the organization."

What this means, basically, is that the CAHA is not willing to mediate the dispute between the OHA and the OMHA and the ones who will suffer, once again, are the youngsters who simply want to get out on the ice and play hockey.

The CAHA oversees 12 branches of hockey in Canada, three of which, including the OHA, are located in Ontario.

The CAHA also represent the recognized voice of Canadian hockey, as far as International hockey organizations are concerned, and this is where the youngsters affected by the OHA-OMHA squabble will be hit hardest.

The OMHA joined forces with the Metropolitan Toronto Hockey Association to form the Central Canadian Hockey Association.

However, the long-established OHA has been accorded jurisdiction by the CAHA for an area stretching from Sault Ste. Marie east to Gananoque and almost as far north as White River, and jealously guards its hegemony.

The newly created CCHA wants to bypass the OHA and deal directly with the CAHA and therein lies the problem.

If the CAHA recognizes the breakaway group, there is the possibility that similar splits could occur throughout the country using the Ontario scenario as precedent and causing the national body even more headaches.

However, if the CAHA allows the status quo to remain, in effect, backing the OHA, then approximately, 140,000 players ranging in age from 5 to 19 will be directly affected in a number of ways.

Personalities and egos are clashing in the increasingly bitter confrontation and verbal barbs,

much more than compromise suggestions, appear to be carrying the day.

OHA President, Brent Ladds, did not appear to have negotiation in mind when he was quoted in the Toronto Star as saying, "Those teams who are members of the OHA) and have already planned international exchanges have no problems. Those who choose not to become members cannot benefit."

In the Toronto Star story, in reference to the CCHA, it is reported that Ladds said teams in the CCHA will not be allowed to play tournament or exhibition games against International Ice Hockey Federation teams, including teams from the United States, nor will they be allowed to participate in the national midget championship or pee wee and bantam provincial playdowns.

This reporter was unable to contact Ladds concerning the story.

Minor hockey season is just around the corner and no doubt parents who have shelled-out big bucks and have a talented youngster who needs to play against elite competition in order to further develop his hockey skills are in a quandry.

Similarly, hockey players in the age bracket where they are hoping to latch onto a hockey scholarship at an American university, are likely wondering if their future prospects are going to be Zambonied off the ice and down the

drain.

Closer to home, the Georgetown International Bantam Hockey Tournament might be forced to fold its tent and minor hockey affiliations with the Georgetown Pontiac-Buick Junior "B" Raiders and the Acton Tait Realty Junior "C" Sabres could become null and void.

If this happens, this could threaten the existence of both clubs as area fans might think twice about going to a junior hockey game that features imports instead of homebrews on the local team.

The old cliché about, "Cutting off your nose to spite your face," comes to mind here.

The problem here is that the surgery being performed by the so-called hockey experts in this province amounts to nothing less than a beheading of the sport of minor hockey.

The Walt Disney classic about the Headless Horseman - Icabod Crane was amusing to youngsters but not too many are going to go out of their way to view a headless corpse.

Then just think, the adults running hockey in the province can make up all kinds of organizations and hold all kinds of boardroom meetings and issue all kinds of announcements. They'll be the only ones paying attention, however, because there won't be any players.

## Powderpuff tourney

By COLIN GIBSON  
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The Fairgrounds softball diamonds will be filled to overflowing Friday, Saturday and Sunday as the 9th Annual Georgetown Ladies Powderpuff Softball Tournament takes over centre stage locally. Approximately 32 teams are entered in the three-day event with Georgetown teams challenging squads from Orangeville, Midland, Milton, Acton, Erin, Mississauga and Ballinafad.

The Georgetown Ladies Powderpuff League started with four teams 16 years ago and has blossomed into a highly competitive 12 team loop.

The tournament's kick-off games Friday night all have 6:30 p.m. starting times. Blue Light meets Random Ladies; Not Easy Being Green challenges Ballinafad J. D.; in a wash-and-wear clash, Dirty Shirts face Black Brigade and 1/2 Croc'd takes to the diamond against B. C. Royals.

The Tournament's Consolation Final is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, with the Championship Final scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. All games will be played at the Fairgrounds.

## Alcott juniors claim crowns

Nasty weather and wet courts forced a one-day postponement of the Gordon Alcott Tennis Club's Junior Championships, however, the event went off without a hitch, Saturday, despite the oppressive humidity.

Fourteen boys and four girls challenged for championship laurels.

In the boys final, Jim Lawrence defeated Pat Mlodozenec, 6-0, 6-1. The Consolation Championship was won by Tom Diardichuck, 6-2, 6-1, 6-3 over Rob Lang.

Other players competing in the event included: Chris Thompson,

Paul Dallison, Chris Cizmar, Andrew Elliott, David Young, Todd Fuller, Paul Williamson, Daniel Estevan, Brady Chandler and Tim Diardichuck.

Jenny Lorito won the girls Championship, 10-1 over Jennifer Koster.

Michelle Cizmar defeated Suzanne Euwen, 10-2, to win the girls Consolation Championship.

Tournament organizers, Susy Lorito, Suzie Cizmar and Norma Maynard offered congratulations and thanks to those who participated and helped out in making the event a success.



Gordon Alcott Tennis Club Junior player, Suzanne Euwen, connects on a forehand-smash during play in the Club's Junior Championships, Saturday. Suzanne lost out to Michelle Cizmar, 10-2, in the Consolation Final. (Herald Photo by Colin Gibson)