

North Halton golfer tearing up area links

By COLIN GIBSON
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North Halton Golf and Country Club member, Gloria Sinclair, might soon be looking for new golf worlds to conquer considering her latest accomplishment.

Tuesday, Gloria bested a field of over 90 golfers to capture the Mississauga District Ladies Championship hosted by North Halton Golf and Country Club. She shot a one-over-par 73 to claim tournament top laurels.

Had she faltered at the Mississauga District Ladies Championship, she could have rightfully claimed travel fatigue.

The day before, Gloria journeyed to Aurora to compete in the 4th Annual Sandra Post Golf Classic for Easter Seals and won the event by shooting a 74 over the par 70 course. This was



good enough to top a field of 144 entries.

Gloria shrugged off the pressure of being defending champion as she had won the event the previous year.

The twin spectres of kangaroos and crocodiles failed to faze Gloria in the 19th Annual North Halton Golf and Country Club's Ladies Invitational tournament held recently.

She won Low Gross honors by shooting a 73, 10 out-distance a field of 138 golfers from golf venues throughout Southern Ontario, including North Halton Golf and Country Club.

The North Halton Golf and Country Club's club championships are scheduled for the Monday of the Labour Day weekend and no doubt, Gloria Sinclair will have a say in the final outcome of the ladies event.

Maintenance is the key to longer tire life

By Peter Bohr
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Time to look into the 'ole mailbag: Dear Mr. Bohr: Please recommend tires for my 1985 Plymouth Reliant. The car has 40,000 miles on it, and I just spent \$300 for new shocks and an alignment. The tires that came with the car are cupped, and need replacement. — G.M.

Dear G.M.: Besides figuring out income taxes and the instructions for a new VCR, few tasks in life are more confounding than buying car tires.

Let's start with the size. When your Plymouth left the factory, Mr. Iacocca shod its wheels with either P175/80R13 or P185/70R14 tires.

Now what does that gibberish mean? Well, the P says it's a passenger-car tire. The 175 or 185 is the tire's width in millimeters from sidewall to sidewall. The 80 or 70 indicates the tire's "aspect ratio" — the width of the sidewall from the ground to the wheel rim. The R means it's a

radial tire, and the 13 or 14 means the tire fits a wheel that's either 13 or 14 inches in diameter.

You have some leeway with the width and the aspect ratio, though not with the diameter. So if the original tires are P175/80R13, you could buy P185/70R13 tires. In fact, if you want better cornering and faster response in emergency maneuvers, you should buy these wider, lower aspect-ratio tires. Sports cars now days have tires with aspect ratios as low as 50.

There are some penalties with the wider, low-aspect ratio tires, however. They're often more expensive, and they tend to ride a little harsher.

High-performance tires use soft, sticky tread compounds that grip the road like a wad of chewing gum. But they also wear out faster.

Which brings us to some handy-dandy rating systems for tires. You'll often see an S, H, V or some other letter next to the R in a tire's size — i.e., P175/80SR13. The S means the tire is

rated for speeds up to 112 mph. An H is for speeds up to 130, and a V is for speeds over 130 mph.

Yes, I know that when you take your Reliant to the grocery you rarely drive 112 mph, let alone 130. But the speed ratings are relevant because they reflect a tire's handling, traction and heat resistance characteristics. A V-rated tire would be overkill for your Plymouth, but an H-rated tire, especially if you do a lot of highway driving, is appropriate.

Then there's the Uniform Tire Quality Grading, or UTQG. You'll see this rating on a tire's sidewall as a number followed by two letters — 160AA, for instance. The higher the number, the longer the expected tread life. A 100 is average, while the tread on a tire with a 300 would just about last forever.

The first letter grades the tire's stopping ability on a wet surface. An A is best, while a C means you might possibly stop before careening through the intersection and broadsiding another car.

The second letter shows the tire's resistance to heat build up. Tires that generate too much heat are more likely to blow out at high speeds. A is cool and C isn't.

If you're a frugal sort and want tires that last a long time, then you

should pay attention to the UTQG ratings. But keep in mind that every tire is a compromise, and a tire with a 200 or 300 treadwear rating probably won't corner or stop as well as one with a lower rating.

Besides, maintenance is the real key to long tire life.

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Rose's numbers are impressive

By John Grabowski

He's not an active baseball player anymore, and he hasn't broken any records lately. But Peter Edward Rose continues to rate headlines for his off-field problems.

Pick up just about any newspaper or magazine nowadays and you might read about charges of gambling by the manager of the Cincinnati Reds.

With all this ink, there's probably nothing about Rose's career that has not already been written, right? Wrong!

Herewith, some facts you might not have known about the man called "Charlie Hustle":

• Based on his career marks, an "average" season of 550 at bats for Rose would consist of: 167 hits, 85 runs scored, 29 doubles, five triples six home runs, 51 runs batted in, eight stolen bases, 61 walks and 45 strikeouts.

• Many fans still think of Pete Rose as a second baseman, the position at which he was National League Rookie of the Year for Cincinnati in 1963. In point of fact, however, he spent relatively little of his career at the key-stone sack.

In 3,562 big league games, Rose appeared in 1,327 in the outfield (37.3 percent); 939 at first base (26.4 percent); 634 at third base (17.8 percent) — and only 628 at second base (17.6 percent).

• To be chosen to play in the All-Star Game as one of the top players at your position is a significant achievement for any major leaguer. One of Rose's most incredible accomplishments was making 17 All-Star squads in his career.

Even more incredible was that Rose was chosen as an All-Star at five different positions — first base, second base, third base, left field and right field.

• Most fans know that Rose stands No. 1 on baseball's all-time hit list with 4,256. These are broken down as follows: 3,215 singles, 746 doubles, 135 triples and 160 home runs.

That works out to 5,752 total bases, or, at 90 feet per base, a total of 517,680 feet traveled during his career.

Put another way, Rose stroked 98 miles worth of base hits in his 24-year career. The only players to hit for more miles were: Hank Aaron (116.9), Stan Musial (104.6), Willie Mays (103.4), Ty Cobb (99.9) and Babe Ruth (98.7).

• Pete Rose's record of 4,256 hits was accumulated in 14,053 official at bats, a total which is another all-time mark. Ty Cobb, in second place with 4,191 hits, had 11,429 at bats.

If Cobb's rate of hitting is projected for the same number of at bats as Rose, the "Georgia Peach" would end up with 5,152 hits, or nearly 900 more than Charlie Hustle.

• Pete Rose played in seven National League Championship Series, five with Cincinnati and two with Philadelphia. His totals: 28 games; 118 at bats; 45 hits; three home runs; 17 runs; 11 RBIs — and a batting average of .381.

Rose had the edge over Cobb in managing. Rose's .531 winning percentage (365 wins and 323 losses) was slightly ahead of Cobb, who piloted the Tigers from 1921 to 1926 (479-444, .519).

• Unless Cincinnati does a complete turnaround in the remainder of the season, it appears that the Reds will see an end to their streak of consecutive second-place finishes in the National League West.

That will cost Pete Rose a rather ignominious record. He is currently tied with Herman Franks and Al Lopez for the most consecutive runner-up finishes by a manager: four.

Lopez's string followed on the heels of his 1954 AL pennant victory with the Cleveland Indians. His team also finished in second place the three previous seasons, giving him an unprecedented record for futility: seven near misses in eight seasons.

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Pete Rose's All-Time Rankings

Games	1st	3,562
At bats	1st	14,053
Runs scored	4th	2,165
Hits	1st	4,256
Doubles	2nd	746
Triples	70th	135
Total bases	6th	5,752
Runs batted in	54th	1,314
Walks	9th	1,566
Strikeouts	51st	1,143

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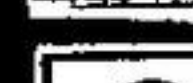
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