



Sports Outlook

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Outdoor outing test of stamina

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To imply that last week was somewhat hectic would be akin to suggesting that Pete Rose only attends the occasional Bingo game.

Because of prior commitments, I had asked the Herald Publisher, Dave Beattie, for a flexible week. It turned out to be so flexible that not even Twiggy - in her thin days - would have been able to wend her way through the schedule. But, I survived - barely.

A cottage had been rented in the West Arm of Lake Nipissing, near Sudbury, and I was looking forward to waking up to the sounds of birds singing - as opposed to sounds of birds coughing - as they tend to do in Southern Ontario.

The site chosen for the cottage rental was Samoset Lodge, near Monetville, and in all honesty, I don't think I have ever been so impressed by a resort-type operation as the one run by owner Vic Gudrunas and his General Manager daughter, Ruth Hauta.

The cottages are spotless and even carpeted. The fridges and stoves would be welcomed in any home and wonder of wonders, beware of the hot water taps. The water was not just hot, it flowed in abundance. In addition - for the meek and mild - the cottages were electrically heated.

Aside from the outdoor wonders, Samoset Lodge offered a tennis court, an indoor pool with a Jacuzzi and a sauna.

The Lodge itself, sported a fireplace, a pool table and more than enough down-home-friendliness than might be expected in such surroundings.

I didn't get much time to explore the amenities of Samoset Lodge because as stated previously, it was a hectic week.

I drove up on Saturday, returned to Georgetown on Monday, drove back on Tuesday and returned to the home-fires - somewhat lattered - on Saturday.

Having grown up in Cochrane, in Northern Ontario, I fancied myself as something of an outdoorsman. I mean, my buddies and I used to camp out on the weekend, fish, hunt and just generally "go Indian." This is meant as no disrespect to our Native Indians, just a term we would use to explain to our parents why we looked like such a mess on Sunday evening.

Burrs in our clothes; faces, legs and arms scratched, cuts in impossible places, clothes torn to shreds and quite prepared to answer the inevitable question of "What have you been doing?" with the inevitable answer, "Nothing!"

My son, 11-year-old Jason, was with me at Samoset and right now I have the funny feeling he might be looking for a Big Brother.

I mean, I not only embarrassed the kid, I almost dunked him in the drink.

I didn't have a fishing rod or tackle, but by scrounging (thanks to Mr. Ian Farrar) I came up with some semblance of fisherman's gear. To Ian's credit, he loaned me the stuff. One word of advice though, Ian. Don't go back to Newfoundland with this gear or you will be hit upside your head with a rancid codfish.

Jason viewed my collection of fishing accoutrements with a mixture of disbelief and disdain. He, of course, had his own lightweight rod and tackle-box.

"What did you expect?" I asked. "Red Fisher." "No," he replied. "But I didn't expect Motley Crue either."



Watch out Moby Dick

After re-establishing the proper father-son relationship we set out on the boat with Jason serving in the water as the trolling lure. No luck.

We anchored about 40 feet from shore in a likely-looking spot and waited... and waited... and waited.

Jason caught about 40 feet of fishing line and I caught an anchor.

Having tasted success, we decided to test other waters.

There was an old Evinrude motor on the boat we rented and unthinkingly, I cranked it up before making sure the gear was in neutral. It wasn't.

The motor caught - at about half throttle - I almost went out the back of the boat and Jason (to his

credit) grabbed for the sides at the front part of the boat.

I got the boat under control after a few seconds and sheepishly looked at my son. His first words were, "Are you all right, Dad?" Meanwhile, there was a treble hook stuck in his thumb.

After things got settled down, the hook was removed from Jason's hand, despite suggestions on my part that amputation would save time.

We tried other spots and I got a few nibbles. Jason got a small pike to the boat but because we didn't have a net, lost it at the side.

Dock fishing was tried and Jason caught a small sturgeon, which he released, and I caught a minnow. A thoroughly confused little creature that posed for the camera then laughingly joined its mates in the water.

It was a hectic week, a tiring week.

But one I wouldn't trade for the world.

I got back up to Northern Ontario, spent some time with my son, returned to see youngsters catch the sunlight in the GBA "Day

of Champions" and participated in an excellent final day of regular season play in the Georgetown Men's Flag Football League.

What else could you ask for?



Catch of the day

Midget team opens door

Sunny Acre Farms Midget hockey team has openings for players and has scheduled five tryout sessions at Georgetown's Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena.

The cost for the tryouts is \$4 per session and open to all Midget-age players in Georgetown and area, born in 1972 or later.

TRYOUT SCHEDULE

- Sept. 9 - 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 10 - 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
- Sept. 18 - 8:30 - 10:00 p.m.
- Sept. 24 - 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.
- Sept. 30 - 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Further information on the team and its hockey activities can be obtained by contacting team manager, Wayne Pries, at 877-8592.

Peewee/bantam girls soccer

Green 3
White 2
Goals: Leanne Inglis 2, Heather Donker.
Noteworthy players: Leanne Inglis, Heather Donker, Kathy Wanner.

Orange 1
Goals: Melanie Booth, Yvonne Moore, Sarah Williamson, Nicole Remedios.
Noteworthy players: Erica Booth, Cathy Paul, Sarah Packer.

Blue 0
Noteworthy players: Whole team especially Jen Chantler, Anne Donnelly, Taraesa Smith.

Purple 0
Noteworthy players: Lael Morgan, Mylene Benito, Stephanie O'Brien.

White 2
Goals: Heather Donker, Taysha Branczewicz.
Noteworthy players: Tracey Rehberg, Stacy Sinclair, Sara Harley.

Our mistake

The ever-loving 'Grinch' got into our headline machine last Wednesday and it was incorrectly reported that Glen Williams won the Kinsmen Girls Softball League Senior title.

In fact, ReMax deservedly won the Senior Crown by soundly thrashing the Glen, 22-7.

Our apologies to those involved in the Kinsmen Girls Softball League.

Halton Dart League



Darts

By ALEX TOUGH

The Region of Halton Darts League came into being at the McGibbon Hotel last Tuesday.

This is the Monday night 'pub' league which last season operated from the Region of Peel and claimed Time Out 1 as champions. The prospective player members voted in Pete Pickering as president, Ian McDonald as vice president, Monica Southon as secretary, Alison Colter as treasurer and Mike Pepper as statistician. A mixed group from Time Out, McGibbon and O'Tooles need the support of all for this venture.

At present, 10 teams are in position to begin. The league would like at least two more teams. Time Out (2), McGibbon (2), O'Tooles (2), Copper Kettle (2), Station House and Kaspers one each.

So far no word from last year's Hollywood and the new Dickens. The Legion Branch has also been approached to enquire if there is an interest in competing. There is a reasonable chance for the other two teams.

Brackens also from last year has not made an appearance. The non-appearance are not to say that the bars may not be interested, it means that last year's players have moved.

Deadline for team registration is Sept. 1 (and presumably may be made through an elected officer). The next meeting is at the Copper Kettle on Oct. 3, at 7:30 p.m.

The league opening night is scheduled for Sept. 11 and late news is that there is an eleventh team ready for play. However, the league voted to have only an even number of teams in membership. Therefore more players are required and contact with Mike Pepper (home 877-8848 and business 877-1648 - Farrar Audio) will ensure nm one is left out.

This evening (30th) sees the start of the Industrial League at the Legion, 8 p.m. Demoted to the second division from last season are Inter County and Panthers. Promoted from the second division are Steeprock, Acadian Pools and Gasketmen.

There are two divisions of ten teams each ready and able to go. No changes in the play format are reported. There are financial changes - a set fee for the season and payable by the end of October. I believe the fees cover all competitions although I could be wrong, and I'll let you know in due course.

Due to the conflicting schedules of soccer and darts I shall miss some of the early weeks' play.



Georgetown Pontiac-Buick Raiders opened their three-day rookie/tryout camp Monday evening at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena