

Halton police take to the courts - for some dunking

The police arrived in force at Georgetown District High School Friday - but only to do some travelling and dunking.

Halton Regional Police, in a strong effort to better relations between students and police officers, have implemented a new program called the Student and Police Organized Recreation Team (S.P.O.R.T.).

The first S.P.O.R.T. game of basketball was played at the Georgetown high school against a team consisting of the junior boys team and the senior girls team.

The entire idea of the program is to get into the high schools and mingle with the kids, said Sergeant Travoy Hay.

Sgt. Hay noted the police already have good contact with elementary students but have normally only contacted high school students by lecturing them or confronting them.

The eventual goal is for a better understanding between the students and the police, he said. In September, Sgt. Hay is hoping to have a continuous line-up of high schools to play on a regular basis. "We hope to play all 18 schools," he added.

The program is still in its infancy, Sgt. Hay said. He issued the challenge to a number of schools and Georgetown accepted, he said.

As soon as the gauntlet had been dropped, a bunch of officers got together, Sgt. Hay said.

He added the program was set up "just to have fun."

The blue-coats coach, Constable Bill Henshaw, noted, "Well, we whooped 'em." He quickly added he was glad it was the junior boys and not the seniors.

Const. Henshaw used to play

volleyball with the police against the schools. He says while he enjoyed playing with the students, the students also seemed "to get a kick out of it."

After a number of volleyball games a number of students met him on the street and asked, "remember me?"

The volleyball program worked, he said. Const. Henshaw added the new program should work as well.

Rick Redshaw was the coach of the students team. While he was happy to see the program starting at Georgetown, before the game he said he was a bit concerned that he would be given a couple of technical fouls and thrown out of the game.

Mr. Redshaw said the referee were students who had been warning him and saying, "we'll get you."

The concerns may have been unfounded since he was not thrown out. His bench did receive one technical foul, Const. Henshaw remembered.

Because GDHS took the challenge so fast the basketball uniforms were unavailable, Sgt. Hay said. The uniforms are being paid for by the Co-operators Insurance Services, he added.

The S.P.O.R.T. program has been received well by the Halton Board of Education, Sgt. Hay said.

So while he waits for more challenges to be accepted by schools, he is also calling for the police officers to sign up for games or help cover for those who want to play.

Sgt. Hay said the police need a minimum of 15 officers ready to cover or dribble because the force "needs 10 (players) to a game because we're all old."

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Find some 'hidden bounty'

By JOHN SOMMER
Herald Special

Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy will open "Hidden Bounty," an exhibition of artworks from the collection of the Halton Hills Library, taking place at the Halton Hills Cultural Centre Gallery in Georgetown on Sunday, April 1, at 2:30 p.m. Next the Mayor of Halton Hills, Russ Miller, will speak and after that Professor Chandler Kirwin, an art historian from Guelph University, will talk about the collection and assess it.

The exhibition was curated by John Sommer with the assistance of Lianne Payne. The catalogue and the biographical material about the artists in the exhibition was put together by Lianne Payne and John Sommer with the help of the National Gallery, Ottawa and the Art Gallery of Ontario archives.

Chief librarian Betsy Cornwell gave her and her staff's whole support to the exhibition and the "Friends of the Halton Hills Libraries" readily agreed to sponsor the exhibition, like so many before.

The exhibition will be ready for viewing on March 28, and continue to April 15. Unfortunately, because of previous booking, 14 small original prints displayed in the showcases in the lobby, will be there only to April 1. Don't miss the official opening on April 1, because that's your last chance to see the entire show.

The following artists are represented in "Hidden Bounty": Libby Altwerger, Sandra Altwerger, Robert Bateman, Rudolf Bickers, Dave Birkhans,

David Blackwood, Frank C. Black, Charlotte Brainerd, Gerard Brender a Brandis, Ken Danby, Blake Debassige, Yosef Drenters, Horst Granzin, George Hawken, Katja Jacobs, Frances-Anne Johnston, John Mattar, Ken McCauley, Marjorie Nazer, Pauta Salla, Neville Palmer, John Mueller, Jack Reid, Dieter Rechenberg, Jo Rothfels-Manning, Edward Schleimer, Sylvia Singer, Joseph Tataric, Harold Town,

Cecil Troy, Mary Ann Watson and Kay Weber.

The "Friends of the Halton Hills Libraries" are conducting the raffle of a painting by Frank C. Black to the end of April at the library in Georgetown. The painting was purchased from the artist's widow with the generous help of Monty Hyde, Walter Sopinka, Barber and Henley, Gallery House Sol, and Fuhman Auto Body, Toronto.

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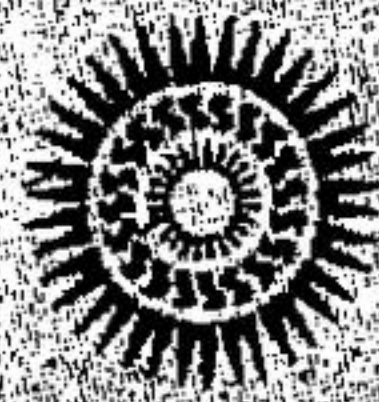


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