

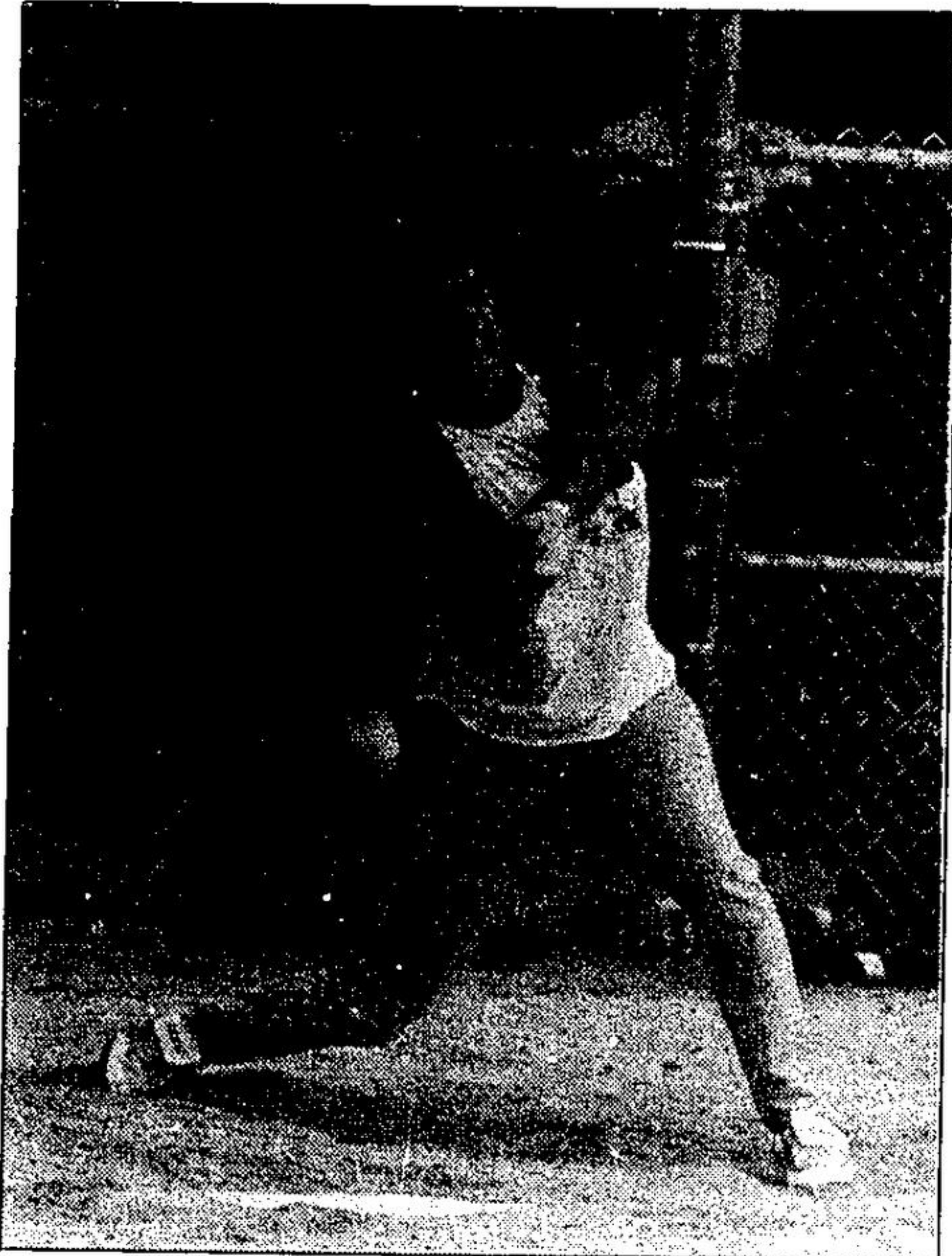


Sports Outlook

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Georgetown Powderpuff Softball Tourney celebrates 10th anniversary this weekend



Mint Condition batter Jenny David, who also pitched some strong innings, fouls an offering into the ground in front of the plate during softball action at the Fairgrounds Wednesday evening. There will be a lot more activity on the diamonds when 32 Powderpuff League teams compete in the 10th annual tournament this weekend. (Herald photo by Robert Risk)

Georgetown is hosting the 10th Annual Ladies Powderpuff League Tournament this weekend at the Fairgrounds softball diamonds.

Andrea Ford, the tournament director, said there are 32 teams taking part, the maximum allowed under the current structure and number of fields available to the organizers of the event.

"We'll definitely have a lot of people down at all the fields. In fact, we get so many that there is not nearly enough parking, so we're recommending that the players and spectators car pool."

She said the main concern is people crowding Princess Anne Drive in front of the hospital. With cars parked on both sides of the street, it is impossible for the ambulances to get through. As a result, some cars get towed away every year.

"Otherwise, things seem to go very well each year. We get a lot of the same teams coming back, like the Jim Dandies from Ballinacree, who are the defending champions."

Some teams come from around the area, like Milton and Acton, but others are as far away as Pickering and Midland. Ford said the interest from distant teams wasn't surprising, considering the tournament is the largest of its kind that she is aware of.

"It's the biggest one around. Midland has an eight or 12 team one, but I'd say we're the largest, especially since we only allow players who are not rep or inter-county members."

Ford said that aside from the games themselves, the most popular attraction is the beer and coolers garden, located next to the concession area.

"We'll be having our own barbeque out there too. It should be a

really good time, especially with Labatt's sponsoring the tournament by giving us sweatshirts, T-shirts and sports bags."

The first 32 players to hit home runs will get a T-shirt, while the championship winner gets to choose whether they want the

sports bag or the sweatshirts, while the consolation winner gets the remainder.

There is something for the kids to enjoy as well. For \$1, they can get their faces painted by some of the tournament's helpers at the Fairgrounds all weekend long.

Tournament schedule

Teams	Diamond	Day	Time
Mint Condition vs. Milton Cruisers	B	Friday	6:30 p.m.
Esobees vs. Jim Dandies (Ballinacree)	C	Friday	6:30 p.m.
Blue Lightning vs. Acton Remax	S.C.	Friday	6:30 p.m.
Silver Bullets vs. Milton Royals	DUMP	Friday	6:30 p.m.
Buns 'n Roses vs. Acton Marauders	C	Saturday	8:00 a.m.
Lotsa Green vs. Orangeville Devils	B	Saturday	8:00 a.m.
Udderly Awesome vs. Random Ladies	S.C.	Saturday	8:00 a.m.
Hobbs Snobs vs. Orangeville Pharmacy	DUMP	Saturday	8:00 a.m.
Royal Pains vs. Shooters (Milton)	PARK	Saturday	8:00 a.m.
Sun Stokers vs. Fat Freddie (Milton)	BARN	Saturday	8:00 a.m.
Simply Red vs. Midland (1)	C	Saturday	10:00 a.m.
Catch the Beet vs. Burlington	B	Saturday	10:00 a.m.
Midland (2) vs. Remax (Pickering)	S.C.	Saturday	10:00 a.m.
Remax Milton vs. Fuller Homes (Acton)	DUMP	Saturday	10:00 a.m.
Black Brigade (Acton) vs. GLPL MVPs	PARK	Saturday	10:00 a.m.
Century 21 (Acton) vs. Oddballs	BARN	Saturday	10:00 a.m.

Times and fields for all the championship and consolation rounds will be posted at the Fairgrounds.

Chamber of Commerce golf tournament

The Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce is holding its second golf tournament of the summer at the Acton Meadows Golf Course on Aug. 20.

Organizers of the event said the first tournament in June was a fun filled day for the 90 golfers who took part and is expecting participation to be just as good this time around.

The Chamber of Commerce is stressing that this is an opportunity for the members of the business community to get together with their customers, fellow business people and friends to spend an enjoyable day on the golf course.

Anyone interested in taking part can register by calling the Chamber office at 877-7119 during business hours.

Working in aquatics can be a rewarding experience especially for those who put more effort into it



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Whenever I go near a swimming pool, I can't help but think about the years I spent lifeguarding and instructing and the good memories I have from those days.

Since it is summer, numerous trips to the pool have been more frequent and therefore so have the memories.

I can remember swimming lessons being the only activity my parents had signed me up for that I stuck with. There was the piano class and the guitar class, neither of which I could stand. I regret not learning how to play the guitar now, but I disliked the teacher from the start and things didn't improve from there.

In one way, the guitar experience helped me to be a better swimming instructor, since I tried to keep my student's point of view in mind when I was telling or showing them how to do something.

I don't want to bore you with my philosophies of teaching, but the point I'm trying to get across is that a job in aquatics can be a very

rewarding one, both for the wallet and a person's character.

First of all, learning how to swim can save your life, not to mention someone else's if you know the proper rescue procedures.

By the time I was old enough to swim well and knew how to rescue people in trouble, I realized I could pass on those skills to people younger than me and have a good time doing it, because I enjoyed the water so much.

All my life I've looked at the ideal job as being something I could make a living at while enjoying the work. I have trouble understanding why some people stay in jobs they don't enjoy. I'm sure the money has a lot to do with it, but going to a job day after day that is unappealing doesn't sit well with me.

Speaking of money, the aquatics job pays its workers back as much as they're willing to put into it. The more training a person takes (first aid, advanced aquatic rescue courses, specialized diving, synchronized, etc.) the higher their rate of pay is. Still, with the minimum qualifications, a person can make at least as much as somebody who works at a fast food restaurant - and it's so much cleaner.

I also found that the people I worked with were a pretty good crowd to hang around with. In fact, I met my best friend while we were training to become instructors at a swimming pool.

In a society that is now placing a lot of emphasis on health and

fitness, working in an environment that encourages exercise is definitely one of the better ones to work in.

Working in the pools paid my way through college and also gave me enough money to have a good

time with. Eventually, I worked my way up to managing a few outdoor pools and teaching some eager students how to become instructors. Those activities, being responsible jobs, along with being fun, also looked pretty good on a resume when I went looking for a

job in the journalism field.

So, for those of you thinking about making some extra money (or wondering about how to get your kids off their allowance), taking swimming lessons might be the first step in the right direction - I know it was for me.



Some students taking a Bronze Cross course at the Georgetown Indoor Pool practice the proper way of removing a spinal accident victim from the water. This rescue is just one of many things a person involved with aquatic programs can learn, including team

work, leadership and responsibility. A few of the people pictured here are planning on putting on sun screen while they lifeguard at the outdoor pool next summer, instead of flipping burgers over a hot grill to earn some extra cash. (Herald photo by Robert Risk)