

Halton Darts League playoffs have organizational problems

Monday's Halton League singles playoffs went in disarray as changes were made to the play arrangements in midstream and players left the arena. However, the majority of combatants remained for some hefty dart throwing as the season wound down to the finish.

McGibbon No. 1 win the playoffs by one point, in my unofficial standings. O'Tooles No. 3 is second with O'Tooles No. 2 in third and George No. 1 in fourth place. My own lot George No. 2 came fifth with two of our players leaving us shorthanded when within a shout for the win, and in sixth place, Hollywood. McGibbon lassies showed will to take eighth place overall - they liked the format. Seventh are O'Tooles No. 1, ninth are George No. 3 and Exchange No. 2 finished tenth. Copper Kettle No. 2, Exchange No. 1, Time Out and Copper Kettle No. 1 rounded out the standings.

There are few occasions when this column comments upon the goings-on in the league; however - the playoff organization leaves a little to be desired. The format of playing all in the one place simply does not work, as evidenced by the turn out and the changes in format as we go along. Something to ponder and change for next season. Another point to consider is the conduct of some players whilst opponents are at the board and the efficiency, or otherwise of markers. Education is the answer.

The league should also consider the sponsors when setting the playoff format. A similar round robin in which all the sponsoring bars have play, and customers, is more desirable.

There is a danger that we may lose places to play and that would be unfortunate, as the league is good and there are good players and sponsoring bars. A huge thank you to all our establishments, owners and staff for a superb hosting is in order and on the players' behalf the thank you is hereby extended.

The Youth section had a final day at O'Tooles on the weekend and a youth/adult blind draw doubles friendly tourney was held to close out play. Dave Scutt partnered first time player Alan Day to victory. Paul Kirby/Justin Penfold came second after a playoff with Shirley Penfold/Philip Scutt, Dan Abercrobby/Tracie Henning and Ian McDonald/Kyle Hancock. I could not help my partner, Keri Penfold who plays quite well.

Some good players were on view and the future looks very promising. Kyle Hancock, Richard Henderson and Justin Penfold were the season MVPs in their respective age groups. Jamie Schell, Doug Inglis, Scott Friend, Nelio Vianna were others to earn awards. Girls high score went to Letisha Lowther, boys to Scott Friend. Girls high finisher is Tracie Henning, boys - Justin Penfold.

Special thanks to Glen Allen and the staff of O'Tooles for putting up with the kids and leaders Dace Scutt and Terry Hancock. Trophies and awards were donated by Jeff Richardson and Rick Harden with the league providing the boards and engraving. Hope to see you in the fall for a full season, gang.

Wednesday's Industrial league playoffs and awards and banquet night have passed into history. The first division was won by Gasketman Cutters and their defeat of Snowjacks Hustlers by one point was all that was required. Hustlers took second place, the results being the opposite of league play. Panthers, Steeprock, Ensigns and Bulldogs round off the first section.

League winners, Acadian Pools came through to hold off the late challenge from Inter County to achieve the double. Firemen and Taxmen follow. Independents,

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Aces, Outlaws and Bandits round off the second section.

Bandits spoiled their 100 per cent loss record for the season with a shock win over Outlaws in the first set of the evening. Alex Bowie (2), and George Powell scored the winning throws.

The awards night went off well and simply have to mention Jeff

Richardson who seemed to win every award going, actually nine of them, for a successful season. Richardson is the president for 1991, that will slow his darts down somewhat.

Some highlights of the week. Marcus Noel fired 180 and defeated Pete Pickering in singles. Pickering closed out 107. Terry Hancock closed 126 and Caroline Vallance shot 133. Mike Finn closed 108, June Norton shot 130 and Dan Fraser scored 160. Jeff Richardson closed 111 (to beat us out on Wednesday). Dennis Thorogood opened 111. Brad Hale began with 154 and Alex Bowie with 114.

The Halton League awards and banquet evening is on May 25 at St. George's Hall in town. See you there, or next season somewhere.

Youth Bowlers hog limelight

Georgetown youth bowlers again hogged the limelight, this time by dominating most of the divisions at the zone finals of the "Bowler of the Year" Ontario Championships, held at Georgetown Bowl on Sunday.

The locals captured the Pee-wee and Junior divisions, took second in the Senior and third in the Bantam sections. Bolton was close behind in second among the 10 other competitors from Central Ontario.

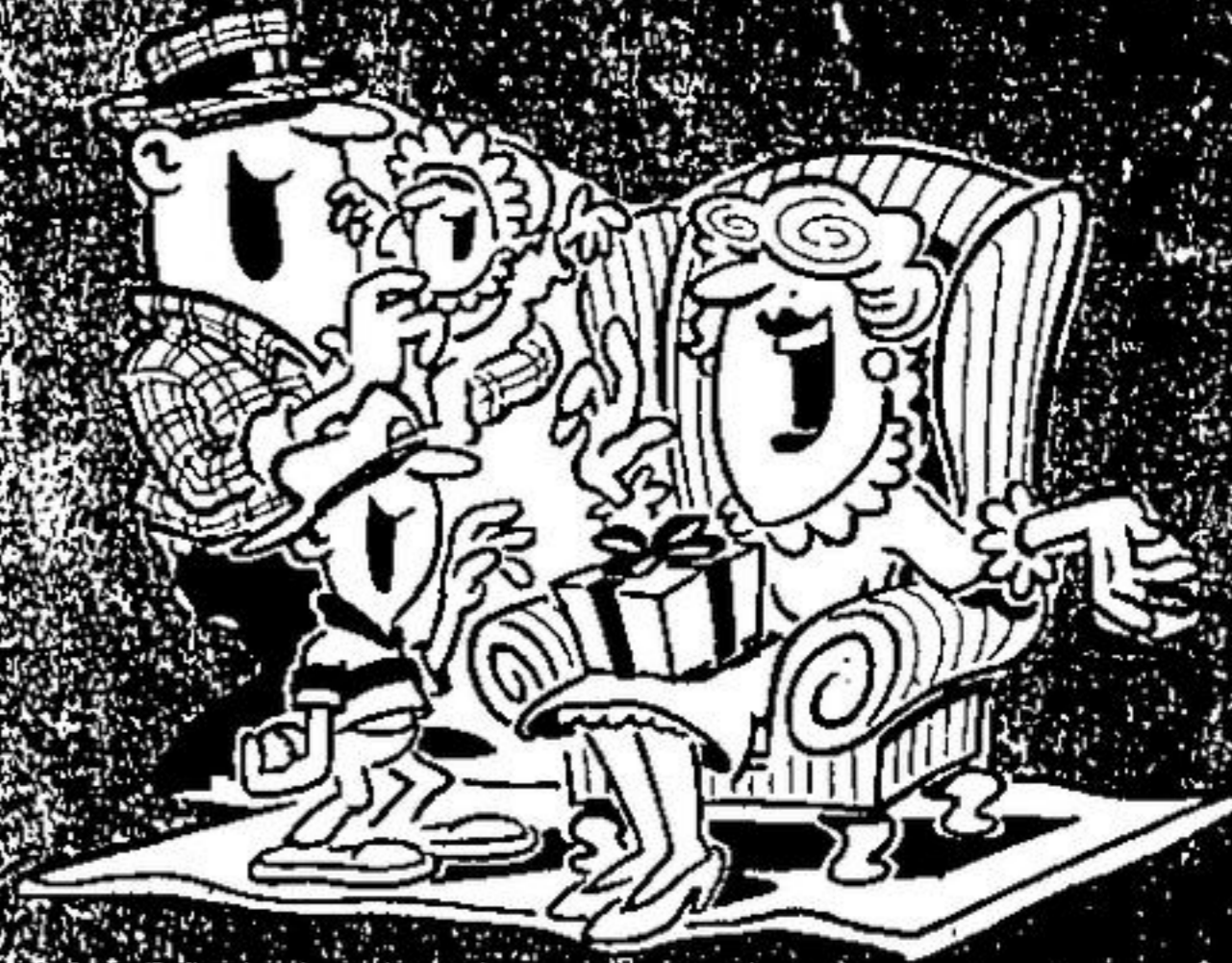
Six-year-old William Walker, a Smurf, group player, captured the higher Pee-Wee division by one pin over the runner-up, Ryan Neilly from Brampton. The Bantam division was won by Lisa McNeil of Bolton with local com-

petitor Chad Conrad placing third by 23 pins.

Georgetown's top junior bowler, Cindy Clarke, started with a 188 game but came back with 269 and 266 to win the first place plaque by 27 pins over Jamie Coulter from Bolton. Fabio Lancia of Bolton took first place in the senior YBC section while Sharon Shapcott of Georgetown, bowling below par, still managed to secure the runner-up position.

This year Georgetown bowlers were represented in all the past provincial finals of the different tournaments and in all those still to come. Much of this year's success has been credited to the many efforts of Georgetown's coaches and instructors.

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