

Bill Smith Golf Tournament was worth the ride

A piece of advice for anyone who goes golfing with Bill Smith: don't let him drive the golf cart. I went out with him to take some pictures during his golf tournament at the North Halton Golf and Country Club last week and was given quite a ride.

I don't mind going fast, but the steepness of some of the hills he chose to go down was a little unsettling. "Why go around or back up when you can go over?" was the theory. I'm just glad I didn't have my clubs on the back because they would have been strewn all over the first nine holes.

If his golf cart skills are any indication of how he drives, it's no wonder he got into the auto parts business - he saves a bundle on repairs. Just kidding Bill. I had a

great time at the tournament and it looked like everyone else did too. Looking forward to next year's already (I'll drive though).

Got a copy of a letter sent by Jean Aubin, president of the Georgetown Baseball Association, to Tom Shepard, director of Recreation and Parks for the Town of Halton Hills. It was nicely worded, but it's main thrust was clear: maintenance of the diamonds is terrible.

The letter lists the following:

1. The grass at Stewarttown Diamond has been allowed to grow so high that baseballs have gotten lost in it. I've lost one or two of those little golf balls on the



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fairways, but losing a baseball says something about the town's lawnmowing techniques.

2. Centennial and Joseph Gibbons diamonds are unplayable for days after a hard rain because the fields aren't draining

properly. In addition to this, the main diamond, where the rep teams and older aged house leagues play, also drains poorly.

Not only that, the coaches have to drain it themselves in order to make the infield playable. When I asked if that wasn't the Recreation and Parks job, I got funny looks and was told town staff is rarely, if ever, seen on the fields after wet weather. If the coaches didn't do it, the diamond wouldn't be fit to play on.

The poor condition of the main diamond is a very bad way to advertise the town to visitors, especially since it is the most used by the competitive leagues. I wonder what they think when they know that after a rainy period, a visit to Georgetown means playing in the mud.

Aubin also questioned the GBA's ability to schedule more games on the weekend due to a lack of new fields (the last new one was built 10 years ago) and a growing membership. With special events such as the Highland Games and Bang-O-Rama, Aubin said it is impossible to work something out.

Finally, I quote Aubin directly, "Almost 10 per cent of the GBA's annual budget goes to the Town of Halton Hills for use of diamonds and lights. Right now, the G.B.A. does not feel that it is getting it's moneys worth." Oh, how true. Sadly, this doesn't come as a surprise to many of the other groups who use the local fields, such as Georgetown District High School students, flag football, the soccer clubs, etc., etc.

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Balance, concentration and a little help from a friend were all part of this year's opening of the Dick Licata Memorial Pool, located on Mill Street behind Memorial Avenue, in Georgetown, Canada Day Monday. Delina Brown, underwater, demonstrates a near perfect handstand with some assistance from friend Jessica Walker. (Herald photo)

Big Brothers golf clinic

Big Brothers of Halton will be attending a free golf clinic at the Acton Golf Course on Saturday, July 6 at 9 a.m. The agency hopes to see as many Big and Little Brothers as possible. For participating, each person will receive a free golf club. A time of fun, learning and being together should prove beneficial to everyone. Big Brothers of Halton provides boys from father absent homes with companions to give support, guidance and friendship.

Hoosiers stage comeback of year

The Firestone, Halton Hills Hoosiers Girls Bantam Softball team made the comeback of the year last Wednesday, erasing a 6-run deficit in the bottom of the last inning, to tie league-leading Streetsville at 7-all. The tie assuaged the 11-5 drubbing suffered the night before, also at the hands of Streetsville. Firestone's league record moves to 3 wins, 6 losses and a tie, which is good enough for a 3rd-place tie in the league standing.

The Tuesday game at Streetsville was a seesaw affair, with both teams trading leads until the home side pulled away in the late innings. Hoosiers opened the scoring in the 1st. Lisa Harlow led off with a single, and Julie Scarlett laid down a sacrifice bunt to advance the runner. Shannon Morris singled, to put Harlow at 3rd, and she scored on a delayed double steal, as Morris was thrown out at 2nd.

Firestone made it 2-0 in the next inning. Andrea Chapman, on with a fielder's choice, stole second and came home on a throwing error by the first baseman on a Stacey Colarossi groundout. Streetsville scored 3 in the bottom of the inning, to take a 3-2 lead.

The Hoosiers regained the lead in the 3rd. On base via a fielder's choice, Morris scored on Michelle Sloley's triple to deep left centre. Sherie Peacock followed with an RBI single, to make it 4-3 for Firestone. However, Streetsville tallied on a run in their half, to tie the game.

After a scoreless fourth, Firestone took the lead once again in the 5th. Morris singled and advanced to 3rd on a pair of wild pitches. One out later, Peacock hoisted a "SAC" fly to right, to cash the run. However, Streetsville scored 5 runs in their half to take command. The game ended 11-5.

The next night, Hoosiers dodged bullets for the first 3 innings, allowing only 1 run as Streetsville stranded 7. But the dame broke in the 4th, when 4 walks and an error contributed to a 6-run outburst. It was 7-0.

Firestone got 1 back in the 5th. Carmen Cosentino walked and 1 out later was driven home by a Denise Hannah single. And in the 6th, the Hoosier bats caught fire. Sloley doubled, Peacock reached base on catcher's interference, and Chapman singled to load the bases. Jen Winter was hit by a pitch to notch 1 run. One out later, Cosentino singled to notch the second. Colarossi then drilled a

liner to the fence in left-centre, that went for a triple and cashed 3 more. It was 7-6.

Scarlett followed with a fielder's choice, as Colarossi was caught off 3rd. Morris cracked a single up the middle, and Sloley was hit by a pitch to load the bases, again. Peacock followed with a clutch linedrive single to cash Scarlett and tie the game. The game ended on a full-count called third strike of a pitch that appeared to be wide. Final score 7-7.

Despite the offensive heroics, the turning point of the game occurred in the bottom of the 5th inning. With a runner on second and none out, the Streetsville batter lashed a single to centre. Winter fired a perfect peg to Sloley at home to nail the runner. And Sloley then alertly fired to Chapman at 3rd to cut down the other runner. Double play.

Firestone's next home game is tonight (Wednesday, July 3rd) when the team from Cawthra visits Glen Williams Park.

Alcott tennis teams post mixed results

The Gordon Alcott Tennis teams continue their Inter County matches with mixed results.

The Jr. Boys played Credit Valley on Saturday scoring 6-4. Gord Buchan had scores of 2-6, 3-6. Jim Stites split his match 1-6, 6-3. Ryan Brain and Shawn Kellman won 6-2, 7-6. Paul Dallison split 7-5, 3-6 and Chris Morisawa won 6-0, 6-2.

The Jr. Girls played Swansea on Saturday. Sandra Dallison had 1-6, 0-6. Jen Koster 1-6, 0-6. Default for doubles. Nicky Koster had 0-6, 1-6. Donna Koster split 6-4, 1-6.

The Ladies "A" played Wallace Park on Wednesday. Ann Kennedy and Chris Steen had 2-6, 2-6. Barb Rieger and Stacey Hurley won 7-6, 6-0. Eileen Saville and Joanne Van Den Hoek had 4-6, 1-6. Ouida Graville and Karen Wilson scored 4-6, 2-6.

The Ladies "C" played Regency. Margaret Macenko and Norma Maynard in 3 sets won 6-1, 0-6, 7-5. Dynese Griffiths and Mary Hughes had 3-6, 1-6. Trudy Roy and Francine Dembie lost in 3 sets 6-1, 3-6, 2-6. Margot Prior and Maureen Burgoyne 0-6, 1-6.

The "B" mixed played Credit Valley and took 4 points. Kevin Neill and Dean Jackson in 3 sets lost 6-7, 7-5, 4-6. Dave Harris and Rory Kennedy won 6-2, 7-5. Bernice Kent and Don Hurley won 7-6, 6-0. Stacey Hurley and Ken Kavanagh won 6-2, 6-4. Pauline Kent and Rene March won 6-2, 6-4. Ann Kennedy and Chris Steen lost 6-7, 5-7.

The "C" mixed played Regency and split taking 3 pts. John Dallison and Andy Paschalis lost in 3 sets 6-3, 3-6, 5-7. Al Robitaille and Andy Humenny won 6-2, 6-3. Ed Rieger and Jay Anderson had 4-6, 2-6. Murray and Audrey Jans

won 6-3, 6-4. Deb Koster and Bill Kent won 6-3, 7-5. Joanne Van Den Hoek and Barb Rieger had 2-6, 4-6.

Timbit lacrosse

In Acton Timbit Lacrosse action Wednesday night, Blue edged their way past White with a 3-2 victory.

White jumped ahead to a 2-0 lead early in the first period with scoring by Matt Lyons and Ashli Bain. Blue came back with a goal of their own by Justin Cole near the end of the first period and took control in the second with two goals, less than a minute apart, by Michael Mills.

Blue player of the game was Matt Bronazewski and Kyle McDonald was player of the game for White.

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