



### Coach Donohue's Tips

For more information, contact the Coaching Association of Canada or 3M Canada Inc.

## Co-operation counts

The co-operation and support of parents can make a significant difference in the overall success of a sport program.

In an ideal solution, the coach is responsible for all the coaching-related aspects, and the parents do all the other jobs - transportation, fundraising, socials, etc.

To create this ideal situation, communication and co-operation are essential. The following points should be discussed by coach, assistants, athletes, and parents, together, before the program begins:

- who - coach, athletes, parents - decides which of the points below
- the objectives of the program - sport, fitness, psychological, social
- what striving for the objectives will mean in terms of time, effort, money for everyone involved
- the jobs everyone is expected to do
- the behavior expected of everyone at practices and competitions
- how to resolve problems

As coach, you should know what you would like for each point, and be prepared to state your wishes, and the reasons for them, clearly and concisely.

If it is appropriate, write a letter to the parents outlining your proposals and inviting them to a meeting to discuss them.

Once program guidelines have been established, continue to communicate with parents on a regular basis - and any other times necessary. They need to understand why their child is so tired, and you need to know why your athlete missed the practice.

Be open and positive with parents at all times. It will build their trust in you and lead to an even better experience for the athletes.

Recommended reading: "Communicating With Parents - Introduction to Coaching," by Frank Small. Available from the Coaching Association of Canada.

Jack Donohue was coach of Canada's National Basketball Team from 1972-1988, and is a nationally recognized coaching expert. For more information on coaching skills and the National Coaching Certification Program, contact the Coaching Association of Canada, 1600 James Naismith Drive, Gloucester, Ontario, K1B 5N4, or 3M Canada Inc., P.O. Box 5757, London, Ontario, N6A 4T1.



The Halton Hills Blue Fins Swim Club's executive got together for a group picture at one of its meetings recently, where they discussed how the 1991-92 season will progress. From left to right, back row, are Claude Willis (vice-president), Tom Shillington (publicity), Ingrid Bassett (secretary)

and Gord Bassett (president). Front row, left to right, are Liz Willis (meet manager), Laurie Norris (treasurer), Anne Crocker (meet manager) and Mardelle Duby (equipment manager). (Herald photo)

## Halton Hills Blue Fins looking for new swimmers

The Halton Hills Blue Fins Swim Club is looking for energetic, enthusiastic swimmers who want to improve their skills, endurance and overall fitness.

The club holds training sessions five times weekly at the Georgetown Indoor Pool. Attendance at each session is optional. Swimmers may work out as often as they wish.

The goals of the club are:

- 1) To have fun
- 2) To make new friends
- 3) To improve general swimming ability
- 4) To be proud of who you are, what you do and how you do it.

Coaching is handled by four coaches certified in Level One of the National Coaches Certification Program. They are former Blue Fins Club members who

understand that when fun and good work habits are combined, the result is success.

Club swimmers may attend competitive swim meets throughout Southern Ontario. Swimmers from the club have gained much recognition in the past for individual performances as well as relay-team competition at various meets. At the annual provincial team competition in April 1991, the Blue Fins achieved their highest ever placing in its division.

Parents are very active in the club organization. The executive is made up of parents who meet once a month. Informative clinics are held to instruct them in all aspects of running swim meets.

Call Blue Fins president Gord Bassett at 877-7893 for additional information about joining the team.



## Georgetown Bantam golfer mowing down opposition

By ROBERT RISK  
Herald Sports Editor

For someone trying to get a golf scholarship, Darin Finlayson is definitely making a strong impression at an early age, having won six Bantam tournaments in a row this summer.

A member of the North Halton Golf and Country Club, Finlayson, 13, started his string of victories by taking top spot at Wildwood on July 29 and four events in between before finishing with a win at Hidden lakes in Burlington August 12. As a warm-up to the tournament wins, Finlayson also placed third in the Ontario Bantam Championships, held in Ridgeway (near Chatham) July 22-23.

"There were a lot of good golfers there. I've found that the more I played and practised, the better things went this year. Most of the tournament wins were by one stroke, but one or two were fairly easy," says Finlayson.

He explained that this season has been a busy one, playing in two or three tournaments per week and practising every day on the course. Since he turns 14 on June 9, Finlayson said he will have to play in the Juvenile age group next year and compete against players up to the age of 16, which will make it tougher to

be successful.

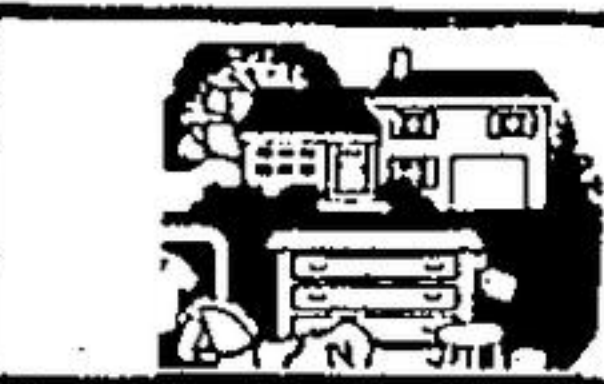
"I'm looking forward to seeing how I'll do, since I already play with about seven or eight other guys who are around that age and I've been doing alright. I'm trying to get a scholarship at Oklahoma State, which is rated number one, so I'll have to show the scouts I can keep it up."

Finlayson also said he can't wait for the North Halton club to complete its chipping practice area, which is the weakest point of his game, while driving off the tee is the strongest element.

"I really don't like playing when it's windy since it really throws things off. It can be frustrating when you play bad, so you have to concentrate on setting goals and try (to get back) and play well."

As this season winds down, Finlayson said his next goal is to win the junior championship at North Halton September 21-23, which he finished second in last year and first the year before.

"There's one guy, Dave Kotsos, who I have to watch out for. He tied for second at the Ontario (Bantam) Championships and will be tough to beat. After that, I'll be doing weight training and practising at the indoor range in Kitchener during the winter to stay in shape."



## GARAGE SALES

### GARAGE SALE

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- 3 Sanders
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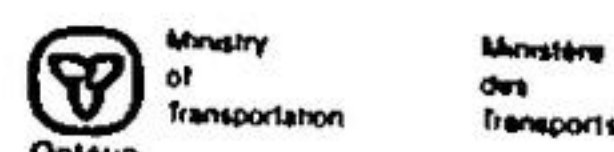
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Georgetown golfer Darin Finlayson, 13, gets in some putting practice at his usual haunt, the North Halton Golf and Country Club. Earlier this summer, Finlayson won six Bantam tournaments in a row and is aiming to win the North Halton junior championship, being held September 21-23. (Herald photo)