Halton Hills youngsters are big on card collecting

Like many sports fans, I was into the card collecting scene during my youth in a big way.

Despite the fact that I sold all my cards at a flee market for next to nothing years ago and cheated myself out of a small fortune, I would say it was one of the best parts of my childhood - spending endless hours trading and purchasing hockey and baseball cards with my best friend Chris.

While card collecting has skyrocketed into a multi-million dollar industry and most youngsters are focused primarily on the worth of cards, this is still one the best past-times around, as far as I'm concerned.

I was recently at George Kennedy Public School to take pictures at the school's sports card club. In addition to trading and talking about cards with friends, members also learn how to protect cards and determine their worth from regular visits with Jim Annette of M.V.P. Distributors.

Not surprisingly, club coordinator Jim Miller has found he will have to divide the club in two groups in order to accommodate the number of members.

This is a great idea. It shows parents and the community as a whole that teachers are interested in other aspects of students' lives, not just academic.



I must also pay tribute to the Georgetown Chrysler Raider management. along with Georgetown Optimist Club and

Halton Regional Police for coming up with the idea for Raider hockey cards.

The project has taken off, youngsters are now able to identify with the players and perhaps even enjoy the game more, and ticket sales to home games certainly appeared to increase during the first three weeks that the cards were distributed.

Despite the fact that making money seems to be a primary concern for sports card collectors, the hobby teaches children some important values as well.

For instance, the condition cards are kept in greatly determines their worth. Children learn the importance of taking care of their cards in order to maximize their investment.

Collecting also helps them learn the art of decision making, their are so many different makes of cards on the market today that youngsters are forced to narrow their collecting to a few sets - those they feel will be most in demand in the coming years.

I have also noticed many teenagers getting part-time jobs to finance their hobby. I must always give a thumbs up to a young person working for something they want.

During my journeys in Halton Hills, it is clear the spirit and enjoyment of collecting sports cards is still alive. This makes me glad.

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Soccer Clinics

The Georgetown Soccer Club will be holding 'free' indoor soccer clinics for Halton Hills youths at Georgetown District High School, Sundays beginning Feb. 2nd.

All three GDHS gymnasiums are expected to be in use for these: clinics. Here is a list of the times for the different age levels:

GYMS 1 and 2:

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. boys and girls under 10

12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. rep-rec boys under 15

2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. girls under 18, 16, 14

3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. rep girls under

GYM 3:

I p.m. - 2:30 p.m. senior men (over 16)

3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. girls under 12 For more information, contact Roger Roy at 877-6709.

16 medals for local figure skaters

Members of the Georgetown Figure Skating Club recently returned from competition in London with 16 medals including two golds, two silvers and 11 bronzes. Participating skaters were: Tara Hart, Heather Parker, Cindy Benner, Mark Fedchyshyn, Janice Somers, Lesley Watson, Christine Dawson, Louise Hatton, Danielle Dembie. Michael Fedchyshyn, Peter Johnson, Ashley Moncton, and Nadine Holmes.

2-for-1 golf passes

Once again, several area golf courses including Blue Springs in Acton and Georgetown Golf Course will be part of a 2-for-1 golf savings program organized by the Ontario March of Dimes.

Those interested in this program can purchase a 1992 Ontario March of Dimes GoGolf passport for \$75. This passport allows the holder one free round of 18 holes of golf at each of 102 golf courses throughout Ontarlo when accompanied by a paying person.

Money raised from these golf passports will go towards the programs and services offered by the Ontario March of Dimes to assist physically disabled adults achieve independence and a dignified life.

To get your GoGolf passport, call (416) 527-8288 in Hamilton and Burlington or call (416) 876-4466 in Milton, Georgetown and Oakville. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Solid coverage

Centennial Chargers Julie Pollock (7) and Tanya Martin (10) provide excellent coverage on W.I. Dick guard Tiffany Kishita last Thursday in North Halton girl's basketball action. The Chargers lost 39-38 in an exciting contest. (Herald Photo by Steven LeBlanc)

'AAA' Midgets score playoff victory

After closing their season on a losing streak, the Hurricanes opened the play-offs with an impressive 6-3 home ice victory over Barrie. Although they were winless in their last five league games. The Hurricanes had been playing very well, overcoming a rash of injuries, suspensions and illness.



With a full bench against Barrie for the first time in a month, Halton started quick and never let up in the win.

Ken Kosziwka opened the scoring three minutes into the game as he deflected a Jim O'Driscoll shot from the point. Barrie tied the score a minute later on a power play effort but Mitch Robinson scored back twelve seconds later to establish the lead once again.

Barrie struck again on the power play early in the second period to tie the score at 2-2 but Jamie Jan Jevich took matters

into his own hands scoring a pair to give Halton a lead they never relinquished.

Barrie closed to within one with their third power play marker but Slawer Tooley notched the key goal of the game with one minute left in the second period to give the Hurricanes a 5-3 lead going into the final frame.

A strong defensive effort throughout the third period held Barrie off the score sheet and Mitch Robinson sealed the win with an empty net goal with twenty seven seconds remaining in the contest. David White provided stellar goaltending for the Hurricanes.

The next two games are at Barrie next weekend and if a fourth is necessary, Feb. 3 in Erin.

Bowling 'Hotshots'

Georgetown "Hotshots" Men's League: John Ahearn 783 (273), Andre Boisvenue 731 (277), Al Campbell 704 (275).

Tues. Niters: Bill King 742 (291), Bob Normore 711 (259), Christina Lane 700 (268). Wed. Mixed League: Helen

Humphreys 800 (290), Lynn Ward 741 (255), Moe Deforest 710 (255). Thurs. Niters: Lynn Ward 741

Fri. Nite Social: Murray Somers 745 (282).

(255).

Raiders blow away Blades 6-1 on home ice

Every hockey team has an up and down weekend once in a while. Last weekend was one of those times for the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders.



After coming off an upsetting 6-2 loss to the Merchants Friday night in Milton, the Raiders stormed back with great defence and solid goaltending by Carmelo Guirleo to bury the Oakville Blades 6-1 Saturday at Gordon Alcott Memorial Агепа.

Georgetown played aggressive hockey Saturday night, they did a good job of killing off their



Carmelo Guirleo

penalties and were great at taking out attackers in their own end.

Georgetown netminder Guirleo put in a strong performance with a lot of help from rearguards Rob Doucette, Todd Viola and Mike Wilson.

Oakville scored their only goal of the game at 18:12 of the first and took a 1-0 lead into the second. Georgetown blew the Blades away in the next two periods with six tallies.

Leading the Raiders offence Saturday night was right winger Duane Lewis who scored twice and assisted on two other goals. Centre Scott Humber also assisted on two goals and managed to notch one for himself.

Other goal scorers Saturday were Damy Colacito, Trevor Elinesky, and Kevin Rutledge. Lewis scored both Raider goals Friday evening.

Merchant stars Jeff Daw and Clancy Seymour skates circles around Georgetown players Friday. Daw had a goal and two assists and Seymour scored two and assisted on another. Milton's netminder Jason Chipman put in his usual outstanding showing and took home another win against the Raiders.

With four games left in regular season action, the Raiders have a chance to double their point total of last year. They now have 43 points and if they could scored a minimum of three wins and a draw they would double last year's total (25).

The Raiders start a two game home series Friday against Royal York, 8 p.m. at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena. They take on Brampton Saturday evening at 8:30 p.m.