

GREEN THUMB GARDENING



By CHRISTINE COLE EUONYMUS

Euonymus are a large group of plants that are classified as broad-leaved evergreens. This means that they have leaves like many other shrubs except they do not drop them in the fall; they retain their leaves like evergreens do their needles. However, during harsh winters they may lose some of their foliage, but new ones will develop in the spring. This group includes some of the most attractive and interesting plants, partly because of their varying habit but also for their colorful, glossy foliage. There is an Euonymus to solve nearly every planting situation: shrubs, vines, low hedges, mass plantings and ground covers.

Euonymus require no special soil conditions except for good drainage. They will not tolerate a wet location. Most varieties will grow in full sun to shade and can therefore survive where other evergreens would not. All of them respond to pruning in mid-summer for shaping and training.

The following is a short list of a few popular Euonymus varieties.

EMERALD GAITY EUONYMUS has deep green leaves with silver edges, it performs best and has better color in its leaves when planted in full sun or partial shade. At maturity it attains a height of 3 to 5 feet. During the winter it acquires a pinkish hue.

EMERALD GOLD and **GOLD TIP EUONYMUS** are very similar in character but differ slightly in appearance. Both grow in a compact, globule shape to about 3 feet in size. And both grow best in full sun or partial shade. They also have striking green and yellow variegated foliage but the Gold tip variety has larger leaves with more subtle colors.

SUNSPOT EUONYMUS also has yellow and green leaves but it is a lower growing variety (ground cover). The yellow blotch in its leaves is more prominent in full sun.

COLARATUS EUONYMUS is also a vigorous ground cover. It has deep green leaves during the summer that turn purple in the fall and winter. Grows 12 inches high and spreads approximately 3 feet.

SARCOVIE and **BIG LEAF WINTERCREEPER** both have glossy green foliage and grow equally well in full sun or shade. However, the Bigleaf Wintercreeper will readily grow up walls if planted near them. It also has attractive orange-red berries in the fall.

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10 a.m. - 11 a.m. PEE WEE
11 a.m. - 12 noon BANTAM
12 noon - 1 p.m. MIDGET

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15

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12 noon - 1 p.m. MIDGET
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11 a.m. - 12 noon BANTAM
12 noon - 1 p.m. JUVENILE

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10 a.m. - 11 a.m. MIDGET
11 a.m. - 12 noon JUVENILE

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 29

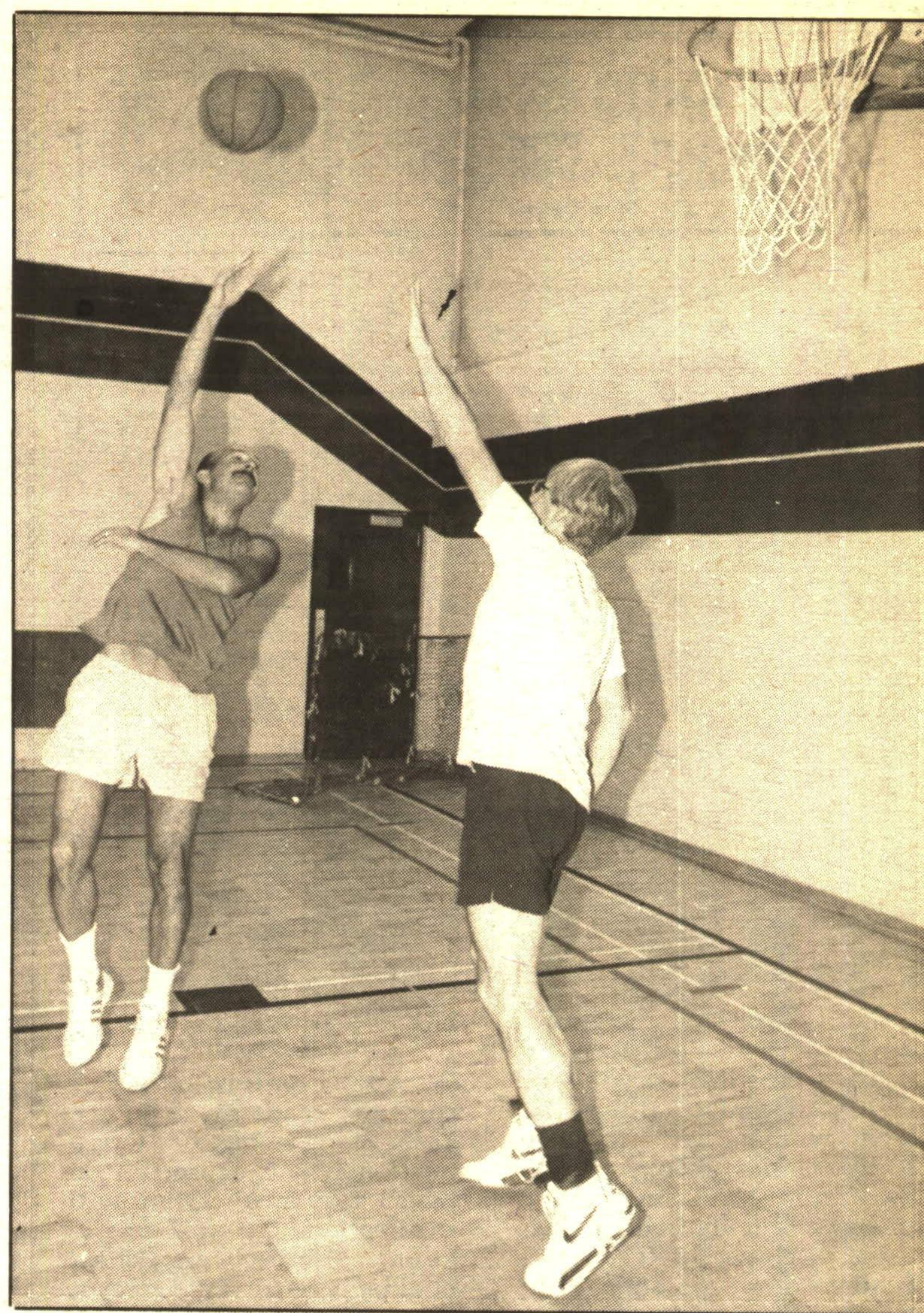
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Victor Estevan (left) and George Perdue try a little one-on-one in preparation for the new men's basketball league that will be playing Monday nights at GDHS. If you're over 18 and enjoy a little weekly recreation, give them a call.

TED BROWN, Independent/Free Press

New basketball league is for fun, recreation

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league had been in existence for several years and when we contacted the organizers of this group to ascertain their interest, we were told that in the past, increased enrolment had been sought, but with little success. Now with the support and publicity of the Recreation and Parks Department, the desired numbers should be achieved."

The league will downplay the competitive element and stress fun, recreation, goodwill and sportsmanship among the participants.

Victor Estevan and Jack Brown, participants in the basketball program for many seasons, indicated, "These are the key characteristics that describe our present play. Most of the participants feel that there is sufficient pressure and competition in their professional and work lives and they see this form of recreation as an opportu-

nity to maintain and improve basketball skills and physical fitness and to have fun.

"However, on occasion we had difficulty obtaining a sufficient number of players to play a full game. Expanding the league to 32 members should ensure for better participation and games."

When several well-recognized individuals were contacted the response was most favorable. Michael Jordan of the NBA champions Chicago Bulls indicated that he was hoping to catch a few games as some of their exhibition games are played in Canada.

He indicated that Halton Hills had always produced some excellent players and he would take the opportunity to scout some local talent that might help his team retain their NBA championship this year.

Rival "Magic" Johnson of the NBA finalists LA Lakers was also most enthusiastic with the formation of the new league. He indicated that he hoped that the league would play year round so that he could join in during his off-season.

Not.
League play begins Monday, Sept. 30, with camp beginning this coming Monday (Sept. 9) at 7:30 p.m. at GDHS Gym 3. For membership, rules and other information contact Recreation and Parks Dept. at 873-2600.

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