

Under-7 soccer Sox tie it up with Flyers

At Cobra fields, Susanne Leferink scored for her team, the Golden Flyers, to tie the White Sox 1-1 last Wednesday. Noteworthy players were Jill Pembleton, Fiona Campbell and Heather McKenzie. Scoring for the White Sox was Kimberly Nielsen. The whole team played well and deserves special mention.

At the other Cobra field, Ramrock Electric Blue Bells defeated Wendy's Fire Flies 1-0. Scoring the winning goal was Jennifer Capstick. Noteworthy players were Maria Simone, Allison Wright and Jennifer Capstick for Ramrock Electric and Jennifer Kilmer, Courtney O'Reilly and Kristen Nielsen for Wendy's Fire Flies.

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Belamy's Restaurant's Under-14 Girls ended their season with a 2-1 loss to the Green time following a hard-fought battle. A good effort was made by the girls, who officials say have improved a hundred per cent since the beginning of the season. Team members are (front row, from left) Rebecca Leferink, Eryn Ashbee, Katie Blyth, Tanya

Martin, Kristina Jackman, Stephanie Lefebvre, (back row) coach Lindsey Baines, Louise Hatton, Tracy Andrews, Cortney O'Brien, Jennifer Atkinson, Danay Guignard, coach Julia Smedema, (absent) Lindsay Buckles, Erin Mackenzie, Caroline Page and Melinda Burke.

Acton Meadows worth the drive

By BRAD REAUME
Acton Meadows Golf Club, on the First Line north from Highway 7, west of Acton, provides a nice unhurried playing atmosphere. Where so many courses are easily accessible to huge numbers of urban aficionados of the game, Acton Meadows is not. Nobody just wanders by.

The nine-hole, 2,731 yard layout provides challenge enough for the regular player while giving beginners the opportunity to experience the pleasure, intrigue and, yes, pain of the game.

The fairways are well defined and groomed while the greens are small and slow, a mixture that rewards the good shot and allows a less than everyday player to go for the pin area. Generally the tees are small and suffer from over-use, but on a couple of holes they are recessed into deeply wooded areas. That alleviates the

original problem but makes for a tricky, narrow escape shot.

It is in recessed tees the first-time player notices the swarms of mosquitoes. Regulars accept the flying irritations as one of the hazards, like the numerous and strangely positioned ponds and bushes.

To counter a lack of distance on some holes, ponds and trees or bushes have been placed as obstructions. Unfortunately, on occasion the bushes don't so much protect the hole or challenge the golfer as serve to frustrate what could otherwise be particularly good shots.

The ponds on the other hand, are legitimate hazards which will gobble a poorly struck ball or force the player to consider his options prior to making a shot. In most cases the water is not near to the landing area which, because of the small greens, makes negotiating it fairly easy for the good player.

The first hole speaks for the whole course. A wide fairway gives way to a narrow primary approach with an out of bounds area on the right side. A small and occasional watercourse runs in front of the green and down the right side. The green is small but will hold well.

The second hole is a deceptive par three. A small pond guards the green and seems much more imposing when seen from the tee. Actually a very poor shot is required to end up in the drink.

The third hole is defined by the

position of the tee blocks, which can add more than 60 yards to its length. If they are set back the tee is treacherous, with problems for anything but the perfectly straight shot. Set forward, the whole fairway comes into play, allowing for much latitude. The approach to the green is guarded by a pond, which makes the short par five difficult to reach in two.

The fourth hole is dangerous for the righthanded slicer. Three bushes guard the fairway at about 240 yards, with a wide trap catching anything much further than that. It is possible your perfect tee shot will stop behind one of these trees, cutting off your approach to the green.

Water guards the green but is far enough away from the front of the landing area to be a negligible hazard.

The fifth, sixth and seventh are middle range par fours with wide fairways and small greens. Any kind of distance off the tee opens up the hole to a six iron or less on the approach. Approach shots are the whole game for this third of the course.

The final two holes are challenging but allow the golfer to charge. The eighth is a par three with trees lining the right side of the fairway and a narrow approach to the green.

The ninth is a dogleg right with two bushes guarding the centre of the fairway. It is possible to cut the corner, but only for players familiar with the course.

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