



Table hockey is alive and well among kids of all ages if Brampton's Peter Moulton (above) and Norval's Richard Boersma are any example. Both men are part of a league which has lasted the test of time — 14 years — and organize a yearly Johnny Goodguy table hockey tournament.

# Tourney time for hockey rivals

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The player's eyes narrow in determination he heads for the net, watching for an opening as the goaltender slides back and forth awaiting the shot.

Defensemans try to head off the player, but he deftly passes the puck over to his wingman to score. He knows everything rests on this shot, as the clock eats away the precious time he needs to advance to the playoffs.

With a flick of the wrist, the puck flies across the table and bounces off of the crossbar and onto the floor.....

Every week from October until April, Brampton's Peter Moulton is joined by Norval's Richard Boersma and 10 of their fellow players for a rousing game of table

hockey.

Their weekly competition is part of a well organized table hockey league formed 14 years ago by fanatics of the popular game.

They have a 50 game schedule, playoffs, two divisions, statistics and standings for every player.

To watch the animation in their eyes as they explain their league, one is convinced that they are talking about serious ice hockey games. For all intents and purposes they are, but on a much smaller scale and without the ice (of course).

Otherwise, the games are virtually the same among this group.

"We do play relatively seriously — but it's serious fun. That's why we do this," insisted Moulton. "It's for table hockey lovers and fanatics of the game. It's just for the fun, really."

Their league games are broken

down into three, three-minute periods, with a one-minute period of overtime, if necessary. They make their own nets and pucks (as the new ones are hollow and too light, not like the table hockey pucks of old). They have a complete set of rules and regulations, including a penalty shot for the "ram rule" — which is where a player moves the table forward just as he shoots. The penalty shot consists of removing the goalie and using the metal nub to try and deflect the shot.

They have all the bases covered in this game, so to speak.

Boersma, a relative new comer to the group with four years under his belt (all but one other have at least 10 years' experience), explained that every player hosts a league night on a rotating basis. He added with a grin that games.

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HALTON HILLS WEEKEND

## SPORTS

### Sports

#### SHORTS

#### Play ball!

The softball season is just around the corner and the Acton Ladies softball league is looking for a few players.

If you are interested in taking part in the recreational league, contact Debbie at 853-3697.

Action begins in mid-May with games taking place each night of the week in Ballinafad, Prospect Park or Mckenzie-Smith Middle School in Acton.

#### Among leaders

There is an unfamiliar name among the NHL playoff scoring leaders.

Rockwood native, and former Acton Minor Hockey star, Mike Hudson, was tied for 6th after three playoff games, with a single goal and four assists.

The Chicago Blackhawk centre is more noted for his checking abilities than his scoring talents.

#### Herb gardening

Enjoy growing, harvesting, drying and using the most common herbs. Learn the basics of planning your first herb garden, soil and site requirements, propagation and management. Choose one, two, three or all four sessions - each focuses on something different! For more information, call the Recreation and Parks Department at 873-2600, ext. 268.

#### The Challenge is on

Participation Challenge on May 27 hopes to make physical fitness in Canada an important and fun part of life. The point is to exercise at least 15 minutes, phone the fact to the central phone number and that total gets recorded nationally. Halton Hills has challenged Milton, and our goal is to total more person involvement than Milton does. Last year only 30 per cent of Halton Hills' population phoned in their participation, allowing Milton victory.

#### Arthritic Aquatics

Arthritic Aquatic pool program of passive exercises is sponsored by the Milton Branch of the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society at the new Milton Leisure Centre, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m. to noon. For information or registration, call Marilyn Bahnman, 875-1230 or after hours 878-9151.



Photos by KATHY TOOTH

### Skaters honored

Members of the Acton Figure Skating Club were honored recently for outstanding efforts in the 1991-92 skating season. Among those recognized for their

achievements in the Senior A and Senior B divisions are (from left) Nicole Hargrave, Stasha Vancek, Bronwyn Marshall and Jen McKay.



In the Intermediate division Achievement Award winners included (from left) Cara McGilloway, Michelle Withers, Mary Beth Robertson, Candice Timbers and James Mashinter.



CanFigureSkate Achievement Award winners included (from left) Kari Hicks, Casey Miller, Caitlin Dick, Gwen Kerr and Kristan Finley. Awards were presented at the annual Coaches banquet at the Acton Legion.

### Minor novices wrap up year at tournament

By **MARA FANTEGROSSI**

Special to the Halton Hills Weekend

Over the past two weekends the Georgetown AA Minor Novices participated in the 28th Annual Minor Novice Tournament hosted by the Mississauga Reps at ErinMills Twin Arenas.

Georgetown played their opening tournament game on April 11 against Erindale and downed them with a 6-0 final. Scoring for Georgetown were Mark Fantegrossi with two goals and Bradley Snow, Kyle Findley, Graham McCulloch and Kevin Binsell each with single goals. McCulloch was awarded most valuable player of the game.

The following day Georgetown was beaten 6-0 by the dominate Niagara Falls Thunder team. Their luck changed dramatically later in the day when Georgetown blew away Etobicoke 8-0. Goalscorers were Graham McCulloch with an awesome five goal tally and Ronny Larocque, Chris Henderson and Brad Snow with one goal apiece. Triple assist points were earned by Kevin Binsell and Ryan Field, doubles by Mark Fantegrossi and Ryan Busby, and single helpers by Corey Forbes and Kyle Findley. McCulloch picked up a second MVP tourney award, while goalie Ryan LaRose earned his second shutout of the tournament.

Game four, last Saturday, saw Georgetown advance to consolation round robin play where they unfortunately lost to Newmarket 3-2 in a close game. McCulloch opened the scoring for Georgetown, only to have Newmarket answer with three goals. Georgetown rallied back with Ronny Larocque's goal with help from linemates Chris Henderson and Mark Fantegrossi. Despite repeated efforts, Georgetown was denied the tying goal.

For this year's AA Minor Novice Tri-County champions, the Mississauga tournament was an enjoyable finish to their successful season.

### Hoop final

The Killer C's will battle the A-Team for the McCauley Ladies Basketball loop championship on Wednesday evening at Holy Cross.

The Killer C's downed the Slammers 75-43 to reach the final while the A-Team got by the Hoosiers 52-40.

Anita Stankus led the C's to their victory with a 16 point effort while Chung Kim netted 12.

Boo Tufford and Judy Spear led the A-Team to the other berth in the finals. Tufford hit for 21 while Spear added 17.

The Slammers and Hoosiers will suit up in the consolation tilt.