

Locals help Peel Selects bring home medals from McGregor Cup

The Peel Selects Volleyball Club sent two teams to the McGregor Cup for Junior Women in Scarborough recently. After round robin play, both teams were at the top of their respective pools and came home with silver and bronze medals.

The Georgetown/Acton area was represented by coaches Christine Craig with the Juniors and John Hnatiw with the Juvenile team. Players with the Juniors include Jean Murray and Erinn Steringa from Georgetown High and Amy Kerslake who plays for Bishop

Reding. Stephanie O'Brien of GDHS is a juvenile age setter player with the Juniors.

Both teams split their first match of the day but never lost another pool game after that. The Juniors outscored their opposition 90-27 in the remaining 6 games after splitting a close match with the Toronto Juniors with scores of 13-15 and 15-9. Toronto is primarily a junior varsity team for U of T and includes Select Club alumni.

The Juveniles dominated their pool play as well although the scores were

closer particularly against the usually strong Seeker club from Hamilton.

John Hnatiw viewed the Juveniles lead in pool play as a positive indication of improvement and, ultimately, winning the medal was a bonus. Assistant coach Lorri Zagar commented on the girls desire to elevate their play and not succumb to higher seeds or reputations of competitors from other clubs.

Both teams gained a bye into the semi-finals where the Juniors beat the host Scarborough Titan club handily before their final against Toronto. That

match was a tough grinder that the Toronto club won 15-12 and 15-11. As a result, the Select Juniors won silver and a challenge for the next tournament against Toronto.

Toronto had crossed over and beat the Juvenile Selects in an exciting semi-final match. Once again, even though the Juveniles lost the first game 5-15, the second game was closer at 10-15 - they didn't come in. The determination to win carried over into the bronze medal match against the Titans where our heroines prevailed 15-10 and 15-12.



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Darts

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Darts season hit midpoint

The Halton league began the second half of the schedule last Monday with Legion Three in first place having lost only one match to date.

That evening they defeated sixth place Royal Pizza by 9-5. In second place is Brackys Boys, who are the only undefeated side to date, although they possess a tie in their record. Also 9-5 winners, they defeated Legion Four, who are in third place. Next are McGibbon, (Who?), yes another moved team, this time Ravine, who are now McGibbon. Also winners by 9-5, the losers being Legion Three. Charleys One halted Time Out Two 8-6; Time Out One stopped Charleys two by 9-5 and Copper Kettle won 10-4 over Legion Two.

Neil Olmstead and Dave Nicholls both scored 180 and both players figured in the high finish of the week, Nichol's netting 120 and Olmstead popping 108. Paul Kirby scored three 140s, Ron Scarlett, Todd Axford, Peter Pickering, Jeff Richardson and Mike Sinnaeve all scored two of them. Olmstead also headed the most bonus points of the week with nine. Dave Nicholls scored eight and Paul Kirby scored seven.

Kim Smid defeated Harry Bottoms, Gary Ball defeated Pete Pickering, Rena Gray, Cindy See and Lesa Rhynold were singles winners over Rob Wilson, Gilbert Deveraux and Ron Flint, Rich Rintjema/Vic Lovell defeated Jim Charter/Paul Clarke, Tony Marrows took out Neil Olmstead are just some of the other highlights of the night.

At the monthly meeting Doug Burnett and Al Murphy were 50/50 draw winners. A reminder that the teams (four players) play offs are set for Sunday 16th January at the Legion. Team lists have to be in to the League by 20th December, changes being allowed up to 11:30 a.m. on match day. The Annual Awards and Banquet evening is to be held on 9th April and lists have to be in by 1st February. Tickets are \$15 per person, with playing members portions refundable upon attendance.

A couple of league rules notes are worth a mention. Players are responsible for their own darts scores. The markers are there for assistance only, and should a marker make an error the responsibility remains with the thrower. Another point within the league - should any player throw a dart after a winning double finish and that extra dart stays in the board it shall count. Therefore a 'bust' will be recorded, if the dart lands in a scoring area, of course.

Tough to argue with OSA choice

Alex earns soccer award for years of service

By STEVE LeBLANC
Special to The Independent/Free Press

After years of dedication and contribution to the game of soccer, Georgetown's Alex Tough has now been accepted into the Circle - the Centre Circle of Ontario Soccer Association (OSA) award winners, that is.

On November 6, Tough made his way to the Skyline Hotel in Toronto for the OSA's annual awards banquet and was the recipient of the 1993 Meritorious Service Award.

The award is presented annually to "an individual who, over an extended period of not less than 20 years, has rendered special service to the game of soccer and who has dedicated himself during that time to the assistance of others and the promotion and development of the game in one or more Districts in the province."

"I had been to the Centre Circle Awards before, but this is the first year I was nominated for an award. I was very surprised and very flattered to receive the honor," said Tough.

Most Halton Hills residents know of Tough through his weekly soccer (and darts) columns in the local newspapers, which give a complete scope of the local, national and international soccer scene each season.

However, these weekly columns are just the tip of the iceberg when compared to his overall contribution to the game of soccer.

Shortly after moving to the Halton Hills community from Scotland, Tough became involved with the Georgetown Youth Soccer Club and took over as president the following year - a position he held for five seasons.

During his tenure as president, he was instrumental in organizing many exciting events in the community including exhibition matches with Mexican soccer teams, a six-week exchange program (soccer/hockey) with Sweden and bringing the Ontario Cup semi-finals to Cedervale Park.

"I had a lot of dedicated people helping me and it was an exciting



Georgetown's Alex Tough received the prestigious Centre Circle of Ontario Soccer Meritorious Service Award at a recent ceremony in Toronto. Tough was hon-

ored for his dedicated service to the game of soccer. Over that period Alex has worked as an organizer, official and newspaper columnist.

time for Georgetown Youth Soccer," Tough explained.

As well, Tough was a founding member of the Peel-Halton Soccer Association (1978-1983), was a board member of the Peel-Halton Association (1978-1981 and 1986-1988) and finished up a 13-year stand as Inter-County League President this past summer.

His commitment to soccer has included wearing every hat possible, from coach to referee and from convener to treasurer.

"I've always tried to focus on helping the young players develop the skills to play the game. Over the past 10 years, Canadian soccer is becoming more well known on the world circuit, Canada has qualified for both the World Cup

and the Olympics and many of our players are competing at the professional level," stated Tough, who has had articles published in the Toronto Star and North American Soccer Magazine as well.

"I myself began playing the game when I was 11 years old and once I started I've never stopped. We used to play in the 'back gardens' in Scotland and we would play three or four times a day."

Tough admits that playing the game is still the most rewarding aspect of soccer. He has been a member of the Inter-County League's Jolly Ancient Mariners for several years and won the league cup with his son Alex Jr. in the mid-80s, beating Ajax 5-1.

"You're not a real Ancient

Mariner until you've scored a goal on your own net," Alex explained, "Two of my best memories of soccer include the year I scored 12 goals against our own team and one game in which I scored three, all on diving headers (on clearing pass attempts) past my own goalkeeper."

While he no longer holds any official positions in local youth soccer, Alex Tough's love for, and contributions to, the game hold end in sight.

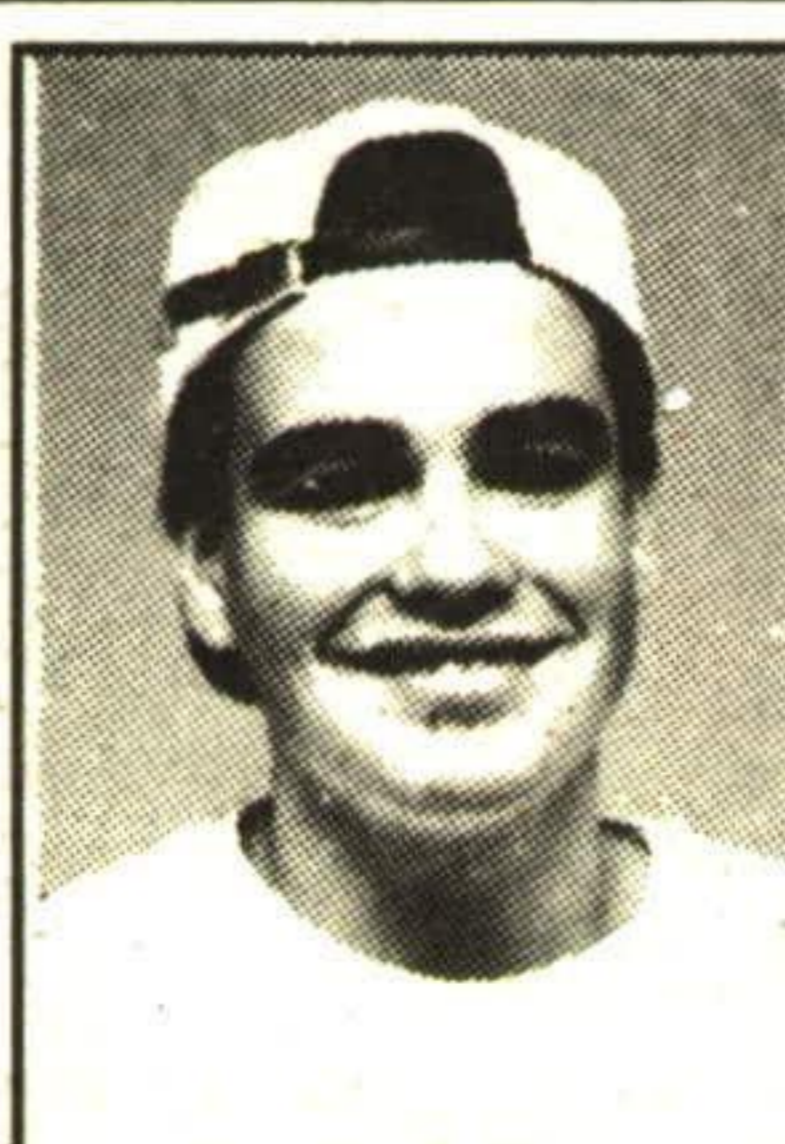
"There have been a lot of good times and a lot of bad times, and I'm probably disliked by as many people as I'm liked - but there's a lot of respect that goes with this game and the recognition of this honor is very rewarding."

Athletes of the Week

Georgetown District High School Athletes of the Week are Courtney O'Brien and J.M. Ogden. Courtney was selected for her contribution to the junior Rebels volleyball team. J.M. was recognized for his performance on the midget Rebels basketball team. Acton High School Athletes of the Week are Jennifer McKay and John Eddolls. Jennifer was selected for her leadership on the court with the junior Redmen volleyball team. John was recognized for his outstanding swimming performances. He finished with three firsts at one meet and two golds at a second competition.



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