

# Good time to purchase new gear

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The golf season is winding down now that September has crept up on us but there is still plenty of golf to be played.

We have the finish of the FedEx Cup with Brantford's David Hearn playing his way into this week's BMW Championship.

The LPGA is playing its last major of the year in France next week with Brooke Henderson hoping to make it a two-major season. I am also looking forward to one of my favourite events in The Ryder Cup with Europe looking to continue their recent domination of the U.S. squad.

Locally we have some great weather to get out and enjoy some great fall golf and maybe try out some new equipment.

This time of the year is when retailers start to move out the current year's product so it is a great time to pick up a new wedge or putter, maybe grab that GPS or laser unit you have been looking at or even get fit for a new set of irons.

A student of mine recently asked how he should create a certain shot distance using the clubs he had. With a quick look in his bag

I realized he wasn't carrying a gap wedge so quickly recommended he pick one up. Making a full swing with a club is much easier than trying to lay off or step on a longer or shorter club.



Having another wedge in the bag also gives you more options around the green. Take a look in your bag and see if there is a tool you are missing or maybe just need to update and wander by your local golf retailer for a look.

This will be my last tip for the season so I hope you have enjoyed my scratchings as much as I have enjoyed bringing them to you. Have a great fall playing golf and remember if you like to keep your game in shape over the winter there are plenty of places to keep swinging it!

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A couple of Georgetown Impact volleyball players did some moonlighting recently as representatives of Halton at the Ontario Summer Games in Mississauga. Incoming Grade 9 GDHS students Ryan Harris (left) and Gavin Conroy picked up gold and bronze medals, respectively, in the under-14 boys volleyball indoor playdowns. Harris, usually an outside hitter for the Impact, helped Region 3 Black defeated Region 5 Red (Toronto area) in the final, while Conroy, who plays the middle position for the Impact, was a key contributor to Region 3 Red's triumph over Region 5 Black for third place.

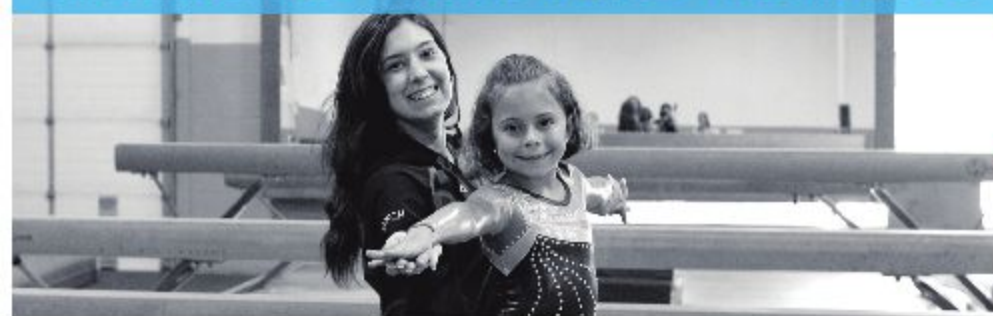


**TEAM OF THE WEEK:** The Halton Hills peewee #1 Bulldogs recently finished up an excellent season by advancing to the Final 6 at the Ontario Lacrosse Festival in Whitby. The Bulldogs didn't advance to the playoff round for the Final 6, which was held at the Toronto Rock Athletic Centre in Oakville. Three members of the peewee Bulldogs Ben Wittich, Ty Jesso and Adam Wills played for the Toronto Rock entry that won the Junior National Lacrosse League peewee championship at the TRAC. Jesso had two goals in the final, a 12-6 triumph over the Colorado Mammoth, and was named tourney MVP with 10 goals. Halton Hills Bulldog team members (front, from left) are: Liam Noonan, Callum Witter, Logan Santori, Ty Jesso, Cole Yuschyshyn. Middle row: Brennan O Handley, Nate Hills, Jason Green, Alex Messier, Liam Morrow. Back row: Head coach Gord Lyons, Adam Wills, Cody Merritt, Ben Wittich, assistant coach Mike Fisher. Absent: Assistant coach Noah Kearney. *Submitted photo*



**ROOKIE BALL CHAMPS:** The Rampulla's Martial Arts White Eagles defeated the Domino's Pizza Royal Eagles in the championship game to claim top spot in the Rookie Ball house league division at the Halton Hills Minor Baseball Association's recent Weekend of Champions at the Georgetown Fairgrounds. Team members (front, from left) are: Nathan Bowles, Matthew Smith, Gavin Jones, Andrew Smart, Aidan Kirkpatrick. Back row: Coach Doug Jones, Braden Lauwaert, Lucas Kesteven, Logan Niejadlik, Jacob Coffey, Joshua Silva, Brayden Delloso, Colin Stewart, Owen Butler, coach Mike Kesteven. *Submitted photo*

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