

Recreation and Sports



Golf courses are ready ... is the weather?

Baseball isn't the only sport to signal the start of spring. Golf, one of the most popular sports world wide, is about ready to escape from its winter bunker and local courses are hoping the weather will co-operate this year.

A few of the local courses in the Halton Hills area are gearing up to open this weekend or next week, with a few planning some events that may interest the golfing fraternity.

Golfers will be glad to know that all area public courses have kept the green fees the same or raised them just slightly. This is good news when you consider the late heavy winter weather southern Ontario endured could have done some serious damage to the courses resulting in price hikes.

Here is a rundown of the local golf courses in Halton Hills:

GEORGETOWN GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB, which opened Friday (yesterday) is a semi-private course located on RR 4 in Georgetown. It is an 18-hole course, men's 6,035 yards par 71; ladies' 5450 yards, with green fees

at \$22.50 weekdays and \$30 on weekends. The host professional is Dave Kemshead and the phone number is 877-6011.

Sixty-six new trees have been planted along the course because of some winter damage. Plans are in place for a Canada Day Celebration on July 1st that is geared towards the family with a buffet, crafts events for the kids and of course golf.

BLUE SPRINGS is a semi-private course in Acton on Dublin Lane about 1.8 kilometres south of Hwy. 7. Blue Springs has an 18-hole championship course, 9-hole par three course. The championship course is 6,715 yards par 72; the front tee course (for the ladies) is 5,188 yards. The par three is 2,516 yards and green fees are \$55 every day with late day and twilight rates available with cart fees at \$9.50. The host professional is Shelly Woolner and the phone number is 853-0904.

Blue Springs, which is the Canadian Professional Golfers Association national headquarters, will have a teaching and training

centre for the education of golf professionals. They will also have year-round training and practice programs for amateur golfers which will be supported by the CPGA.

As golfers know, caddies - for the most part - have been replaced by power carts. Blue Springs will be developing a program for the youth of Acton to join, involving youngsters 15 and 16-years-of-age. They will be trained and graded to caddie level for club members and guests who will have the option of using the carts or the caddies. Also, work has been done on the T-Decks and the paving of the cart paths.

A couple of major events are being planned at Blue Springs this summer. On May 31st Ernie Whitt and Darryl Sittler will host the Canadian Special Olympics Charity Golf Tournament and on June 14th, the Palmer Memorial tournament, which raises money for the local Cancer Unit, will play host to

about 240 golfers. The tournament raised \$20,000 last year. This tournament has been dominated by golfers from Acton in recent years.

ACTON MEADOWS GOLF CLUB, located off Hwy. 7, on the way to Guelph, just north-west of Acton. Nine hole course, par 70, can play to 18 holes. No real winter damage reported. Men's course from blue tees measures 5,462 yds., from white tees 5,216 yds. Ladies course measures 5,100 yds. from red tees and 4,846 yds. from yellow tees. Weather permitting, the course is expected to open this weekend. Weeday fees are \$10 for 9 holes and \$16 for 18 holes. On weekends, fees rise to \$14 for 9 holes and \$20 for 18 holes. Pull-carts are available to rent. Phone number is 853-0631.

HORNBY TOWERS, a public course, is located just off Trafalgar Road, north of Steeles Ave., with an 18 holes men's 6,505 yards par 71 course; ladies 5,781 yards.

Green fees are \$25 on the weekday and \$27 on the weekend. The host professional is Dave Lock and the phone number is 878-3421.

WYLDEWOOD is a private course located at 6198 Trafalgar Rd. in Hornby. It's 18 holes, men's 6,127 yards par 70 and ladies' 5,069 yards. The host professional is Paul Martin and the phone number is 878-4848.

TRAFALGAR is a private course located at Sixth Line and Derry Road in Milton. It's 18 holes, men's 6,505 yards par 71, ladies 5,781 yards. The host professional is Edge Caravaggio and the phone number is 878-2304.

They expect to open the last week in April and are in the process of improving the drainage. It was reported the course wasn't effected by the weather this winter.

NORTH HALTON GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB is a private course located on the corner of Trafalgar Road and Maple Avenue in Georgetown, main entrance off Maple Ave. The course is 18 holes, men's 6,423 par 72, ladies' 5,468 yards. The host professional is John Henderson and the phone numbers are 877-3363 or 457-5456.

North Halton is opening this Thursday and is reported in great shape with new sand traps. As well, North Halton is in the process of a five year redesigning plan and has six holes completed for this year's play.

Great news for golfers this year is that the courses are forecasting 15 days of rain-affected play this year, compared to 32 last year.

It's just about time to wet the fishing line

By Mike Leuenberger
Special

With trout season just around the corner, (next Saturday), a lot of trout and steelhead fishermen will be dusting off their fishing gear.

Some of the hot spots to try in our area are: the Credit River, east of Winston Churchill Blvd. in Norval and Terra Cotta, as well as Terra Cotta Conservation Area, which is stocked annually. There is a lot of ground to cover in these areas which provides many possibilities for browns and rainbow trout.

Also, brook trout are abundant in the small river systems north of Hwy. 24 in Erin Township, with good numbers in the Belfountain Park and surrounding area as well.

My favorite baits to use are Panther Martin #1, Quill Gordon Dry fly, Dark Hendrickson wet fly, Grey Mayflies and assorted colored stoneflies. These baits will catch fish time after time. I choose a nine-foot, 5-6 weight graphite flyrod or five-foot-one piece ultra lite outfit with 6 - 2 lb. test line.

Depending on water visibility when fishing steelhead, rainbow trout or brookies, you must be aware of the weight of line you are using. In clear water, use the lightest line that your outfit is capable of handling. However, in murky water it is not quite so important.

Usually it is best to fish in the upstream direction, if possible.

Hot spots to try if you plan to head north are: Nottawasaga River in Hockley Valley, Bighead River in Meaford, and the Saugeen River in Southampton. For this kind of trout fishing, quality 0 - 12 foot graphite rods are a must!

Make sure you bring a number of floats with you in all sizes. I prefer the Blackbird style but there are many brands to choose from. When river levels run high and

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make waters cloudy, you should use a float that can handle some extra lead, because you will need to add enough weight to get bait to the trout's strike zone. Light weight floats are good for slow-moving or clear river conditions, in which you might try using small baits such as single, two or three egg roe bags, flies, spinners and silver flat fish. Making sure once again to use light weight line.

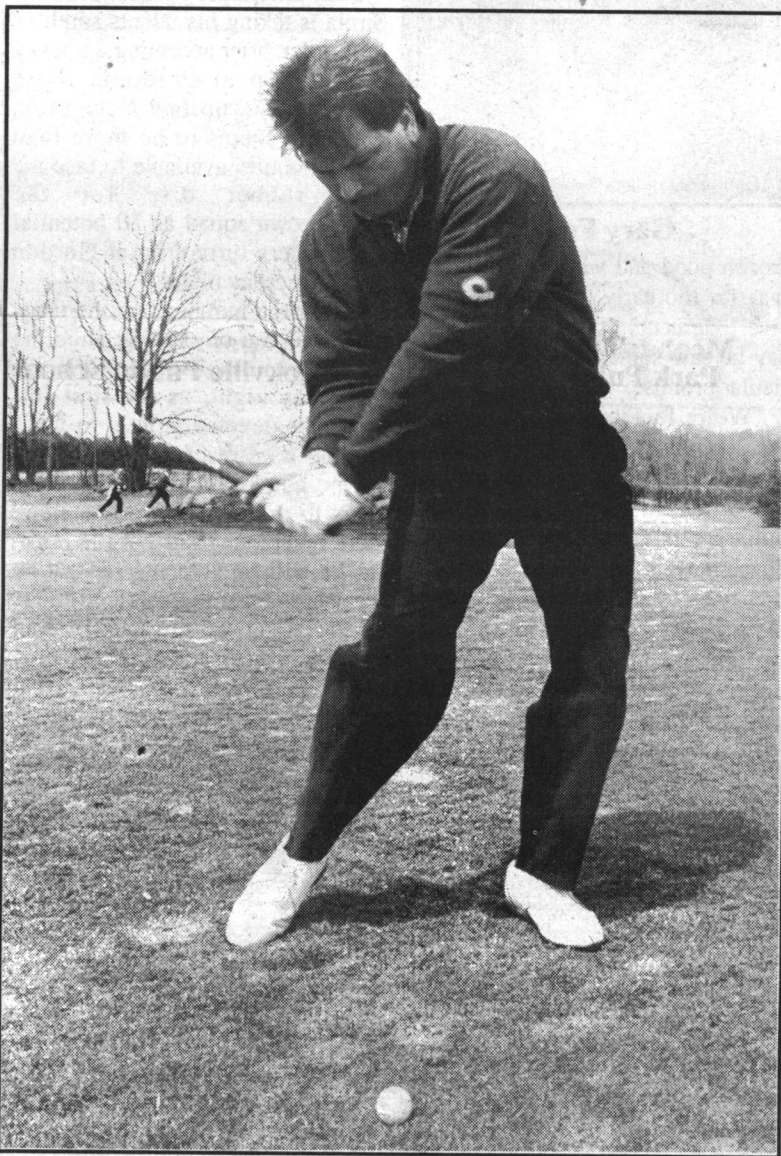
Try not to do any unnecessary wading or you will spook a lot more fish than you catch, as well as destroy delicate spawning beds.

Try to stay on land unless wading to a better position or crossing the river. When crossing rivers, use caution as water levels are high this time of year in most regions.

Erindale Park in Mississauga offers year-round fishing for those of us who are die-hard fishermen.

For more information on prime locations or if you are uncertain about changes to the fishing regulations, it's best advised to call your local bait and tackle shops or the Ministry of Natural Resources.

If you need more fishing information, call me at 873-8144.
Happy fishing!



Golf season will be in full swing shortly and Georgetown Golf and Country Club host professional Dave Kemshead was on the links last Wednesday shaking off the winter rust.

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Gymnasts really display 'Ability' at Hamilton, Mississauga meets

The Senior Ability team of Halton Hills Gymnastic Club put on a fine showing at recent meets held in Hamilton and Mississauga. Results are as follows:

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10-12 years: Sarah Botsford, 1st in vault, 4th in bars, 10th in beam, 3rd in floor and 6th overall. Jolene de Oliveira, 9th in vault, 5th in bars, 9th in beam and 6th in floor.

13-years and up: Kendra Jones, 3rd in vault, 1st in bars, 4th in

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beam, 1st in floor and 1st (gold) overall. Kim Davidson, 4th in vault, 9th in bars, 8th in beam, 6th in floor and 8th overall. Helen Raynard, 1st in vault, 8th in bars, 10th in beam, 11th in floor and 9th overall.

HEAD-MISSISSAUGA>

10-12 years: Sarah Scotford, 1st in vault, 10th in bars, 1st in floor and fourth overall. Jolene de

Oliveira, 2nd in vault, 6th in bars, 2nd in floor and 7th overall.

13-years and up: Kendra Jones, 2nd in vault, 3rd in bars, 8th in floor and 7th overall. Kim Davidson, 6th in vault, 4th in bars, 4th in beam, 6th in floor and fifth overall. Helen Raynard, 4th in vault and 7th in beam.

The Junior and Senior Ability teams are competing today (Saturday) at a meet in Orangeville.