

Golf chair needed for CNIB tourney

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) Halton-Peel District is seeking a volunteer chair for its Polar Chili Golf Tournament to be held in February 1994.

The Polar Chili event was developed in Akron, Ohio by Joe Spoonster in 1977. The event then raised \$1,000 to now where it raises over \$40,000. The tournament is 9 holes and a whole lot of fun. Anyone can play it.

Cameron Miller of Cam-isle Golf Course near Burlington has donated the "green" for this event.

This position would be responsible for developing the details of an implementing this special event, making regular reports to the Fund Development Chair, evaluating this event on completion.

For 75 years, the CNIB has been on the leading edge of rehabilitation services for blind, visually impaired and deaf-blind Canadians. The CNIB in Halton-Peel region helps 2,090 clients to live the lifestyle they choose at home, in the workplace and in the community.

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Brain playing it smart

By Mike Zrostek

You would think a talented athlete such as Georgetown District High School student Matt Brain would play as many sports as possible with reckless abandon. However, Matt has a plan and isn't going to jeopardize it.

Brain, 17 and a Grade 12 student, is a superior athlete who is particularly dedicated to an athletic discipline that isn't big at the high school level, yet is one of the more physically demanding sports around - the decathlon.

The decathlon is a two-day event which consists of 10 track and field events in which the competitors compete in all events including: the 100-metres, long-jump, shot-put, high-jump and 400-metres on the first day.

On the second day the athletes finish with the 110-metre hurdles, discus, pole-vault, javelin and the 1500-metres.

"I started track and field in my first year of high school and signed up for three events at the Halton's. Javelin, High Jump and the 400-metres," explained Brain on how he got started in the decathlon.

"It turned out I did well and a club coach was there and from then on I tried multi-events after school and in the summer. Then I went up to four, which is a quadrathlon and got provincial records."

Since then, two years ago, Brain has been training constantly. Training that takes up much of his spare time. Whether he is doing it on his own or at York University. Soon at the Guelph Track Club where some of his



Matt Brain

friends train.

The hard work is paying off as Brain recently finished first at the initial Junior Barton Decathlon at the Mohawk Sports Complex in Hamilton, which featured 15 athletes from all over Ontario.

Brain however downplays the Hamilton achievement.

"The conditions were really bad. It was cold and windy and it was more like how bad your competition would do. I mean how well can you throw a javelin into the wind?"

What's amazing is that Brain doesn't have a coach for the decathlon and admits it's not easy training on his own.

"I live too far away (from a major training centre) and my hours are too crazy. It's hard and a disadvantage

without a coach to get motivated by myself," said Brain.

Brain's training consists of jogging, lifting weights and doing his technical work, two or three times a week.

"If I don't combine things I get bored, so I try and mix it up everyday, whether it's jogging or jumping or technical work and weights."

Coaches at GDHS knows Brain and you get nothing but positive responses when his name is mentioned.

"He's a tremendous talent, who has his head on his shoulders," says Brain's volleyball coach Bob McKay. "He knows athletics and keeps himself in great shape. He's just a superior kid."

Brain picks carefully the sports he plays, not wanting to hamper his chances at future decathlon events.

Volleyball and "maybe" hockey are the sports Brain plays for GDHS and he credits his father, Tom who played college hockey and ran track in school also, with his interest in sports.

Javelin, high jump, long jump and shot put are the events Brain lists as his favorites. The hurdles, pole vault and the 1500-metres which Brain describes as "horrible, I hate the 1500", he endures.

When asked if living in

Georgetown as compared to a bigger community has helped him in his athletics, Brain says that living in Georgetown is probably a big reason why he is involved in a sport like the decathlon.

"I think so," he said, "Because I wouldn't be able to compete in a variety of sports. You can play all the sports in a smaller place, where as in a city like Toronto, you're into a specific sport. I've played everything now and I am more rounded so I'm better at the decathlon."

As far as the future goes in the decathlon, Brain is hoping to compete in next years Pan-Am games.

"A friend of mine showed me the results from the last one (Pan-Am games) and I know I can make the times the winners had."

Eventually Brain is aiming for a scholarship in the United States where he can get he feels he can get superior coaching.

At university Brain would like to study Physical Education and down the road coach.

But for now, he still has two years of high school and within that time frame, will continue on his quest in the decathlon.

Figure skating extravaganza at MLG

The 1993 DuraSoft (R) Colors Challenge of Champions, one of professional figure skating's most prestigious international competitions, will be held in the event's nine-year history. Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens will be the site where the world's most accomplished professional figure skaters gather to compete for more than \$450,000 (Can.) on Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

"We couldn't be more excited with the roster of World and Olympic Champions and medalists competing in this event," said Dick Button, president of Candid Productions, Inc., producer of the event.

Silver Medalists (Dance) and Christine Hough and Doug Ladret, former Canadian Champions (Pairs), make their Challenge of Champions debuts joining fellow Canadian Olympic Silver Medalists (1988), Brian Orser and Elizabeth Manley and a selection of the best skaters from around the world.

In a rematch of the thrilling Ladies' competition at the 1992 Olympics in Albertville, Olympic Champion Kristi Yamaguchi will go head to head with Japan's Midori Ito. Midori makes her professional competitive debut in her first trip to the West since she won the silver medal in Albertville.

In addition to Yamaguchi and Ito, skaters competing for the 1993 Ladies' title include: Three-time Challenge of Champions winner Denise Biellmann of Switzerland and Canada's own 1988 Olympic Silver Medalist Elizabeth Manley.

This competition also marks the first time that the Duchesnays will be compet-

ing against Marina Klivnova and Sergei Ponomarenko (Russia) since their breathtaking performances at the 1992 Olympics when Klimova and Ponomarenko captured the gold medal and Isabelle and Paul won the silver. Klimova and Ponomarenko will also be defending their Challenge of Champions title in the Dance category against the current DuraSoft Colors World Professional Figure Skating Champions Natalia Annenko and Genrikh Sretenski and Judy Blumberg and James York (U.S.A.), a new professional pair making their Challenge of Champions debut.

In the Men's division, American Olympic Silver Medalist and 1992 Challenge of Champions winner Paul Wylie returns to defend his

title against two-time Canadian Olympics Silver Medalist (1984 and 1988) Brian Orser and 1980 Olympic Gold Medalist Robin Cousins of Great Britain. Petr Barna, 1992 Olympic Bronze Medalist from the Czech Republic, makes his Challenge of Champions debut this year.

Canadian favorites Christine Hough and Doug Ladret will compete in the Pairs division against 1984 Olympic Champions Elena Valova and Elena Bechke and Denis Petrov from Russia.

The first half of the evening will feature the competitive routines for ladies', mens', pairs' and dance competitions, while the second half will showcase exhibition performances.

Playoffs approaching in Reb field hockey

By Mike Zrostek

After a fast 2-0 start to the girls field hockey season, the Georgetown District High School senior Rebels have slowed down a bit as the playoffs approach.

The Rebels went scoreless in their two games last week losing 3-0 to M.M. Robinson in Burlington and tying Pearson 0-0 at GDHS, evening their record on the regular season at 2-2-1.

"It was a good, tough game," said coach Rob McDowell. "We only had one sub so everybody played well and put in an outstanding effort."

A couple of key injuries to the Rebels have probably hindered the teams performance lately as both Jenn Symmes and Stephanie Kuipers have been out.

"We have a good chance of making the playoffs," said McDowell. "Other coaches have told us we have a strong team, but right now we don't have a full team. They're down on themselves right now but they have played well."

With the playoffs starting this coming Tuesday, the Rebels, who have a strong team and play well defensively, will have to do well in their final two games.

Melissa Watts who has scored three goals this year, goaltender Jen Apgar, Symmes, Ali Davies and Helen Tannock are the players who have stood out so far this year, according to McDowell.

Next action for the senior girls field hockey team is Friday at Q.E. Park.