

# Alcott tennis teams fare well in matches

The Gordon Alcott Tennis Club's Ladies B team took three points from the York Old Mill club. Kay King and Chris Steen won 6-1, 6-3

as did Ann Kennedy and Audrey Houston by scores of 6-2, 6-1. Barb Rieger and Audrey Jans needed three sets to take a 6-7 (7-5), 6-2, 6-

2 decision. Ouida Graville and Francine Dembie lost 7-5, 6-3.

The Ladies C team split with the Fitness Institute. Mary Hughes and Muriel Fraser lost 6-1, 6-1 while Marg Macenko and Norma Maynard won 6-1, 6-3. Trudy Roy and Maureen Burgoyne won 6-1, 6-1. The second team defaulted.

The B mixed team played Swansea and took six points as the team had to default. John Dallison and Andy Humenny needed three sets to take a 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 victory. Jay Anderson and Jonathan Norwick lost in three sets 7-6 (7-4), 6-7 (score not available), 6-4. Ed Rieger and Gary Lewis won in three sets 7-5, 3-6, 6-4. Audrey and Murray Jans won 6-2, 6-4. Barb Rieger and Sandy Lewis won their match 7-6 (7-5), 7-5.

The Inter-County teams will complete their schedule next week. A few rescheduled games which were rained out earlier may be played if needed.

The Ladies B and C teams hold their windup round robin and pot luck luncheon Aug. 19 starting at 10 a.m.



Chris Wilkes (left) was a finalist in the junior boys under-14 consolation singles competition recently at the Gordon Alcott Tennis Club's annual tournament, and accepts congratulations from convenor John Dallison (right).

## Dave's diversions

### Planning important for first time fishing trips

By David Featherstone

Last week I had the opportunity to introduce a youngster to the joys of fishing. I regard this as a privilege. I know that my first fishing mentors were instrumental in the development of my love of the sport and of nature itself. I believe that proper planning of these initial trips is the key to instilling a life-long appreciation of fishing and nature.

The first fishing trip should be planned for a warm, sunny day. Nothing will ruin an initial outing faster than cold, rainy weather. Snacks and drinks are great for keeping the fishing team happy. Don't forget to bring insect repel-

lent to ward off pesky mosquitoes and black flies. The length of the trip should be determined by the patience of the novice angler. Remember that the focus of the trip is on the beginning angler. Be prepared to spend more time assisting and instructing your charge(s) than fishing yourself.

Location is crucial for the trip's success. Unlike veteran anglers, who often fish all day with nary a bite, beginning anglers want to catch fish, just to see what all the fuss is about. An ideal location would be a pond or lake filled to the rim with sunfish, rock bass and/or yellow perch, collectively known as panfish. These fish are ready, willing and able to strike out at an angler's offerings.

Fishing tackle should be simple, yet of good quality. Much of the cheap tackle available in stores is of inferior quality and if purchased, often results in unnecessary frustration for all anglers. Rods, especially for children, should be kept reasonably short. Light monofilament line (6 point test) is ideal for panfish. A simple rig consisting of a bobber, sinkers, and a long-shanked, small-gapped hook is all that is needed for success. Worms

are the magic bait for panfish.

Beginning anglers are not necessarily young children; however, the basic rules for the first trips remain the same. If you enjoy fishing, arrange a trip for an unfortunate soul who has never cast a line. At worst, it will be a pleasant outing on a fine day. At best, your pupil will find joy in the sport and a deeper appreciation of the wonders of the natural world.

A biologist by profession, David Featherstone devotes a large portion of his spare time to volunteer groups which are working to protect and enhance the environment. With his column, David hopes to provide readers of Halton Hills This Week with a mix of interesting and informative outdoor and nature articles.

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