

Recreation scene

by Ron Marchildon
Penetanguishene Recreation Coordinator

I would like to comment on only a couple of things this week. I have said it all before but it should be said again. The recreation programs that we do operate in the summer are good programs and are offered for the children of Penetanguishene and surrounding area.

It seems like a small thing and it probably is but we must know the approximate numbers so we can arrange our staff accordingly. With this in mind I will list the programs that we are now taking registrations for and ask you to please complete the form and drop it off at the Municipal Office at your earliest convenience.

The programs are as follows:
Swimming lessons - for anyone wishing to learn to swim from Tiny-Tots to Adults.
Day camp - all children from Kindergarten up to and including 14 years of age.

Sailing Program - children 10 years of age and up and also an adult program.
One other reminder about the exhibition softball game on July 9 at 8 p.m. being held at McGuire Park.

Minor baseball clinic visits Midland YMCA

It was a small but concerned group of coaches who huddled into a small room upstairs in the YMCA building last week, to hear Randy MacDonald talk about coaching techniques.

Randy is a product of minor baseball in the Toronto area, and he and his colleagues operate the Leaside Summer Baseball School every year. Like any good teacher, from hockey's Howie Meeker on down, MacDonald stresses fundamentals.

In the world of baseball education, reading, writing and arithmetic are equal to throwing, fielding and batting.

"Fielding is your top priority as a coach," MacDonald says as Midland Minor Baseball coaches listen intently. "In your first two practices—don't even let the kids touch a baseball bat. You have to teach them how to throw the ball, and how to catch—how to field."

MacDonald says that young kids should learn how to throw the ball "across the seams," so that it becomes automatic whenever they pick up a baseball.

"It helps them throw more accurately," he says, "and gives them more control."

"The whole idea of your first two practices," he says, "is to build the boys' confidence, and to see which players have the stronger arms." In this way, he points out, a coach can decide who can make the long throw from third base to first, who can make good throws from the outfield.

"A talent as simple as throwing a baseball can make the difference in a ball game," MacDonald observes, "that's why it's important to teach your players to 'step into' their throws, to practice throwing regularly at a chest-high spot, consistently." Success, even at doing small things well, is what

really builds confidence, the baseball teacher believes.

"Outfielders should always catch flyballs at eye level if possible," MacDonald observes, "it minimizes the chances of error, besides placing a fielder's body in the past position for an important throw to the infield."

"By the time the third practice rolls around," the professor smiles, "the young guys will be hungry to try batting the ball around."

MacDonald feels the easiest way to foster bat-ball contact, is to encourage eye-contact.

"It's as simple as that," he confides, "you've got to watch the ball all the way from the mound. Watch Pete Rose sometime—he watches the ball from the pitcher's hand to the catcher's glove—he'll even turn his head to see it hit the catcher's mitt."

If a player is having a tough time mastering a smooth and even swing, the coach encourages "bunting" the ball. It re-acquaints the player with making contact with the ball he believes, and can turn a slump into a hitting spree—and builds confidence.

The baseball teacher covered almost every aspect of the game's fundamentals in his three-hour session, with precision and clarity. MacDonald even added some tips on the game's finer points, stealing, sliding, and run-down plays. But the most fundamental aspect of the game knew no technique according to the Torontonian: Confidence is the key, and each coach must instill that essential factor in everyone of his players.



Tom Sibley, of the Caswells Antiques team in the Georgian Bay Fastball League, makes a run for third base during Sunday night's game, but to no avail. He was called out before he even got there by

the second base umpire for taking a lead-off. Caswell's won the game 6-4. Staff photo

You're out 'a there

Senior Boys Softball as of June 7, 1977
Team 3 - 7 Team 1 - 3
Team 2 - 77 Team 4 - 3

Standings
P W L T Pts.
Team 2 3 3 0 0 6
Team 3 3 2 1 0 4
Team 1 3 1 2 0 2
Team 4 3 0 4 0 0

Senior Girls Softball as of June 8, 1977
Team 1 - 26 Team 2 - 13
Team 2 - 78 Team 3 - 18

Standings
P W L T Pts.
Team 1 5 5 0 0 10
Team 2 5 2 3 0 4
Team 3 4 0 4 0 0

Junior Girls Softball as of June 8, 1977
May 30 Blue Jays 16

June 6 Expos 12

June 8 Expos 5

Standings
P W L T Pts.
Panthers 4 3 1 0 6
Blue Jays 4 2 2 0 4
Expos 2 0 2 0 0

Georgian Bay Softball League (Girls)
Novice C.B.O. 11 Elmvale 8

Standings
P W L T Pts.
Penetang 1 1 0 0 2
Perkinsfield 1 1 0 0 2
Wyevale 0 0 0 0 0
Elmvale 1 0 1 0 0
CBO 1 0 1 0 0

Intermediate
Victoria Harbour 3 Phelpston 5
Victoria Harbour 2 Penetang 2

Standings
P W L T Pts.
Midland 1 0 0 0 2
Elmvale 1 1 0 0 2
Sturgeon Bay 1 1 0 0 2
CBO 1 1 0 0 2
Penetang 1 0 1 0 0
Phelpston 1 0 1 0 0
Victoria Harbour 2 0 2 0 0

Midget
Perkinsfield 3 CBO 7
CBO 7 Waverley 4
Perkinsfield 11 Penetang (B) 11
CBO 3 Phelpston 8

Standings
P W L T Pts.
Penetang (M) 3 3 0 0 6
Phelpston 3 2 1 0 4
Penetang (B) 2 1 0 0 2
CBO 3 0 2 1 1
Perkinsfield 2 0 1 1 1
Waverley 1 0 1 0 0
Elmvale 0 0 0 0 0
Victoria Harbour 0 0 0 0 0

Georgian Bay Fastball League Standings as of June 12, 1977

P W L T Pts.
Garrisons 6 6 0 0 12
Caswells 4 3 1 0 6
Expos 5 3 2 0 6
Hotel Brule 6 3 3 0 6
Olympia Sports Juniors 4 2 2 1 5
Ken's Esso 6 2 4 0 4
Midland 6 1 4 1 3
5 0 5 0 0

Monday, June 6 Caswells 2 Midland 1

Tuesday, June 7 Juniors 2 Ken's Esso 4

Wednesday, June 8 Hotel Brule 1 Olympia 1

Sunday, June 12 Ken's Esso 4 Midland 2

Rescheduled games
Thursday, June 16 Olympia at Caswells 8:30
Thursday, June 23 Midland at Olympia 7:00
Caswells at Expos 8:30

Executives elected for tennis club, Bremner president

Hugh Bremner has been elected President of the Midland Tennis Club for the 1977 season. The new executive is made up of Vice-president Mike Laurin, Secretary-treasurer Bob Bennett, Tournament chairman John Letts, Men's representative John Letts, Ladies representative Becky Bremner and Public relations representative Mark Rintoul.

The Club's first tournament will be held June 19 at 8:45 a.m. for members only. Participants must register by June 17 on the draw sheet located at the courts. Entry fee for the tournament is one can of new tennis balls. For further tournament details consult information posted at the courts or contact Rob Berdan at 526-8650.



Girls' softball champs

The St. Joseph's girls' softball team won the elementary schools championship this spring, for the second year in a row. In the front row, from left to right, are Anne Pilon, Michelle Moreau, Cindy Cadeau, Lise Leroux and Patty Beausoleil. In the back row are

Rita Gignac, Brenda Dorion, Natalie King, Diane Dorion, Cathy King, Joanne Belcourt and Nicole Bellisle. The coach is Anita Hill. P.S.S. student Michelle Lacroix, who is not in the picture, also helped out with the coaching. Staff photo



Let's get this show on the road

This Ken's Esso player seems to be tucked out after his run to third base. The loss left Ken's Esso in seventh

place, while Caswell's Antiques, with the victory, is in second place. Staff photo

Hold down 3rd spot Expos take Hotel Brule 3-1 last week

The Penetanguishene Expos edged the Hotel Brule team 3-1 in Georgian Bay Fastball League play last Wednesday night. Larry Marchand was the winning pitcher, while Ken Davidson was credited with the loss on the mound for Hotel Brule. The Expos counted runs in the first, third and fourth innings, while the

Hotel Brule run was scored in the third. That one run was scored on a home run by Peter DuBeau. Paul Dion was the star for the Expos, as he hit one single to score a run, scored two runs himself, and stole four bases. The Expos had five hits, and did not commit any errors, while Hotel Brule had six hits, but committed five errors.

Races tunnel-hulled boat

Tim Toole is out to win

by Chris Knowles
Anything Tim Toole does he pushes to the limit. Whether it be tearing up the snow racing snowmobiles or splitting the waves in his tunnel-hulled racing boat, Toole is out to win. And win he does. Toole purchased his first racing boat three years ago for \$3,100, finishing last in most events. "The most difficult thing to take in racing is losing," says Toole who rectified that situation by winning the National High Points Championship for the next two years in a row. Along with the trophies came an offer of sponsorship from Mercury Marine Canada. It's not hard to spot a sponsored driver and Toole is no exception. He sports a

jacket with Mercury emblazoned on both sleeves, a mercury crest on the chest and a flashy brass Mercury belt buckle. The Midlander is one of only four racers in Canada boasting a factory ride from Mercury. Racing boats run on a very fine line between a smooth run and cracking up at over 90 miles per hour. "You learn where that certain point is by testing," claims Toole. "By moving your weight around and finding air currents you can run on that ragged edge. But if you push too far you'll land on your head." Unlike in car or snowmobile racing, the boat racer is competing firstly against the elements and secondly against fellow racers. A

constant look-out must be kept for swells from other boats and a 'feel' for wind currents must be developed. "Wind can really play havoc with the boat." It's this experience gained from running numerous races that separates the champion from the also ran. "There are a lot of tricks to learn," says Toole. "There's quite a bit of skill involved but more than that it's experience and knowledge of your equipment that makes a winner." When viewing a boat race it seems incredible that the frail crafts are able to negotiate corners without slowing noticeably from their 90 miles per hour top speeds. It's not something that's easy to do for the first

time. "Getting them to go around corners takes the most practise of all. You take your foot off the gas momentarily, just long enough to hit the power trim, bringing the nose down. The boat then rides around the corner with its hull completely in the water, as if it was on rails." Racing has been good to Tim. His winning ways netted him \$2,000 last year and trips to Arizona, St. Louis and most of eastern Canada. However competing in such a volatile sport often results in very short careers. Toole doesn't feel the danger. "It's never in my mind when I'm racing," he says. "You can't be nervous or you'll never be a winner."

Annual Little Lake Bass Derby coming up this weekend

By Bryan Berriault
Come Sunday, June 26, 1977, Little Lake Park will again be infested by hopeful winners of the oldest bass Derby in Canada. Yes, we are off again for the 77 Little Lake Bass Derby. Six a.m. will mark the start of fun and frolic for another year's Bass Derby. Many of the contestants are already eyeing the swamps and mud holes for a

To show how serious this Derby is, Raquel Welch was invited to participate but declined since the men paid no attention to her. They were too involved in the Derby. For any additional information contact George Lotz. For those of you who feel you deserve a much needed fishing trip try this one on for size. There will be a plane leaving Toronto on July 15 for Cape Dorset in the Northwest Territories. Arctic Char will be on the minds of all aboard. The trip takes about six hours from the time you leave Toronto and arrive at the camp. The accommodations consist of 15 tents under one big tent. The 9-9 tents will house three fishermen. Jerry Nielson, the organizer of these trips, had my mouth water when he told me of their catches. He related to me that few fish over 15 pounds were ever landed, not because they didn't take the bait but rather the fishermen could not convince the Arctic Char to leave his watery home. The trip on the 15th has two cancellations. The price is \$680 and if you are interested get in touch with Jerry Nielson, Viking Adventurer Club 1915 Denmar Rd. Pickering Ont. L1V 3E1 or better still call him since all trips after July 15th will be \$795. His phone number is 1-416-683-6119.

The part that really interested me was the fact that there was 22 hours of light in which to fish and Jerry said that even the other two hours could be spent writing letters or reading newspapers. Other trips are planned for July 20th, July 27th and Aug. 4th. Just tell him you heard it from Bryan Berriault. After spending a week in the north country I couldn't get home fast enough to get some information on black flies and mosquitoes in hopes that I could find some magical cure to keep them away. If you are planning a trip bring lots of repellent. A few that we found helped were Repel Fly, Brecks Ole Time, and Deep Woods. In an enclosed area the Pic or Do-Do coils kept insects away but out on the lake they would buzz about your head and hands consistently. The repellents kept the bugs from biting until its effectiveness wore off and then they would attack in full force. In both species it is only the female that must feed on animal or human blood to ensure a properly developed hatch.

The mosquito is not as choosy as the black fly. The black fly usually lays its eggs in clear waters while the mosquito prefers marshy or swamp like habitat. Both hatch on top of the water after the pupa inflates and comes to the surface. The male mosquito feeds on

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few much needed frogs. From the looks of a few frog pickers maybe we should have a frog catching contest. The \$7.00 entry fee also allows contestants and family to the buffet after the Derby at the Hunters and Anglers Clubhouse on the Ogden Beach Sideroad. Entry forms can be obtained at Garners Sports Shop, Twin Lakes Sports Shop or Gauthiers in Penetanguishene. The Derby will come to a close at 6 p.m. and that should give the contestants a chance to get some much needed nourishment.