

## Sportscene



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### Maloney not a happy man

Conrad Maloney is not a happy man these days.

Maloney is heading a small group whose intention it is to organize a Midland-Penetang entry into a new Ontario Hockey Association (OHA) Intermediate "A" hockey league.

The new league, which has had two meetings with the OHA in Collingwood so far, is comprised of teams from Orangeville, Port Elgin, Collingwood, Owen Sound and hopefully Midland-Penetang. The meetings have been successful and things are looking rosy for the loop, which may be granted an interlocking schedule with the only other existing Intermediate "A" league in Ontario.

Things may be rosy for the league, but not for Maloney and his Midland-Penetang club.

Representatives for the new teams were asked to present ice time availability figures at the last meeting, and the Midland-Penetang reps came up with some bad news.

### Trouble

"We're having trouble getting ice time at both the Midland and Penetang arenas," he said. "Ice time is our only problem. Things are all set up for the league, but we still have to get ice time or it's no go."

That's bad, because Maloney says there are plenty of available and potential players in the area to make up a top-class Intermediate "A" club.

Senior "A" hockey, one level above the intermediates, is pretty good game. Several former professionals help make it just about the best hockey outside of the professional leagues in Canada. But Senior "A" hockey is floundering. Attendance is low and the number of teams is dwindling.

### Turn elsewhere

No doubt players from the senior troubling Senior "A" clubs will turn to intermediate hockey, and the quality of that level will increase proportionately.

We have a chance to have that level of hockey in this community, but there seems to be no room in the arenas for it.

Obviously, the recent acceptance of a junior "C" entry for Midland and the existence of the Georgian Bay Junior "C" champions in Penetanguishene has created a problem for the intermediates' efforts. But by splitting games between Midland and Penetang, the new club is not really infringing on anyone's personal territory.

### Different game

Besides, as OHA president Larry Bellisle said, there shouldn't be any problem for either community accommodating another club, especially at another level of play.

"It's a different game," Bellisle said, "Some people like to watch the younger, faster players and others prefer the more experienced playmaking of the intermediate level."

"Basically," he said, "it's up to the local people to support the idea."

But general local support is not what's troubling Maloney, it's local support of a more specific type. Like from those who hand out ice time.

If he doesn't get that support, we'll have missed a good opportunity to see some good hockey.

## Jox



TELL YOU WHAT — I'VE CHANGED MY MIND, LET'S TRY THIS GUY LOW AND OUTSIDE.



### Sailing

One entrant in Sunday's first annual Wahnekeewening Beach Sailing Regatta seems to be somewhat distracted by a floating passerby in his efforts to get his Hobie-Cat pointed toward the starting line. Thirty-six craft, plus some late entries, participated in the competition, while some 400 spectators joined in various beach activities while the races progressed.

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## At Wahnekeewening

### 400 take part in sailing regatta

WAHNEKEEWENING BEACH—Participation was the aim and more than 400 people showed up to fulfil it as the first annual Wahnekeewening Beach Sailing Regatta came off with nary a hitch.

The purpose of the Regatta, according to Wahnekeewening Beach Association president Joe McNamara, was to "have some fun and at the same time establish some circuits of communication among us

(the cottage owners along the beach)." The idea was conceived last fall by the association's Parks and Recreation Director, Garrison Thompson.

Thirty sailboats turned out, two more than the expected number. Thompson, who sailed the only Canadian-made craft in the catamaran class to a third-place finish, said he "was amazed at the turnout" of sailors and spectators.

Beach activities included a sandcastle-

building contest, egg-tossing, potato bag and wheelbarrow races, volleyball, a rubber dinghy race and children's races.

Trophies were donated by Sub-Mariners Limited of Toronto, a diving and water safety equipment company, and were presented by Angela Kondrak, a Toronto-based swimmer who will attempt her second successful Lake Ontario swim August 16.

The sailboats were divided into three classes: sunfish (under 13 feet), intermediate (13-16 feet) and catamaran, a larger twin-hulled boat.

One of the more colorful sunfish entries belonged to Leo McNamara. Mr. McNamara of Pickering village, erected a sail on what was essentially a canoe, dubbed it "Silly Billy" and steered the craft with an oar past the first buoy of the 1½ mile course.

"It was supposed to be a sailboat originally," Mr. McNamara said, "but I couldn't figure out how it was supposed to be put together. So I've been using it as a canoe for ten years."

McNamara's craft resisted its second attempt at becoming a sailboat by refusing to turn, and it's skipper was forced to drop out of the

contest.

Other entrants were a little more successful, and the top finishers in each class were: sunfish—(1) Linda Butters, (2) Malcolm Archibald (3) Lois Scott; intermediate—(1) David Andrews (2) John Daniels (3) Mike Summers; catamaran—(1) John Cathers (2) Tom Donovan (3) Garrison Thompson.

Except for John Daniels, owner of Midland's Daniels' Sailing Centre, and John Donovan a Boston native, all of the top three in each class are from Toronto. Daniels was the only entrant from outside the Wahnekeewening Beach area to finish in the top three, and the intermediate class runner-up trophy was presented to Summers, a Beach Association member.

Another Midlander, Mark Thomson, finished second in the catamaran class but was disqualified for striking a buoy.

Beach Parks director Thompson said the event was an amazing success, especially considering its postponement because of Saturday's bad weather. "Next year, the planning will start even earlier and we hope to double the size of the race," he said.

### Lercar pulls within two of leaders

PENETANGUISHENE — Lercar Construction pulled to within two points of the Georgian Bay Fastball league lead with a pair of wins last week.

Lercar pitcher Tony Forget allowed only one walk and four hits while striking out three Penetang Expos in a 5-1 victory last Wednesday.

The winners scored one run in each of the first three innings and added two more in the fifth when Kevin Timmons, who had one left field homer under his belt, hit a single and crossed the plate when Rick Anderson cracked his own home-run over the roadside fence.

Expos got their run in the sixth, just before rain halted the game, when Paul Dion singled, stole second and scored on an RBI singled by Larry Leroux.

Lercar outthit their opponents by four and committed no errors, as was the case the evening before when they shut out Christian Island Islanders 6-0.

Lercar started fast in the Tuesday match also, obtaining one run in each of the first two innings and scoring the balance in the third.

Timmons and Larry Gregoire batted two singles each in the third inning, and four of Christian Island's five game-long errors in that one frame contributed to the result.

Islanders' only hit was an infield single by Tom Sylvester. Wally Jamieson took the loss, and Alvin Robillard earned the win by striking out six batters and walking four while allowing only the one hit.

### Dupuis grabs title in hockey Letter division

PENETANGUISHENE—Dupuis Groceteria Leafs captured the Penetang-Midland Ball Hockey League Letter division title Sunday, but ended the season with their second loss of the year, a 3-1 dunking by Olympia Sports Hawks.

Aime, Pat and Gerald Gignac were the Hawks' marksmen, and Terry King replied for Leafs.

The win put Hawks two points behind Leafs in the final league standings.

Leafs were in better form during a replayed match against Graphicteam last Monday, trouncing the Letter division third-place holders 11-1.

Final league scoring leader Gary Bellisle collected three goals in that game. Others came from Terry King and Basil Ladouceur with two each, and Vince Delorme, Neil Robitaille, Mark Lavigne and Pierre Therrien had singles.

Graphicteam's lone goal came from John Stamp.

Bellisle scored 12 goals and nine assists to take the league scoring title, and teammates Mark Lavigne, Delorme and Ladouceur joined him in the league's top 10.

Stompers 3, Blues 1 — Blues ended the season with the league's only winless record, dropping their final match to Number division title-winner Cumming-Nicholson Stompers.

Jeff Atwood, Joe Gagnon and Rob Wice scored for Stompers, and Peter Dupuis hit for the lone Blues goal.

The win put Stompers one point in front of second-place Penetang IGA Strikers and marked the final game of the year for Blues.

Strikers 14, E.G. Mink 3 — Penetang IGA Strikers thumped E.G. Mink Insurance 14-3 in a battle for second place honors in the Number division.

Brian Pilon scored three goals and added three assists to pace

for Blues. Strikers to the win. Peter Robillard scored twice and hit for three assists and Norman Swicker connected for two goals and one assist. Other goals were added by Rick Desroches, Mike Duval, Paul Gravelle, Norm Ladouceur, Dave Turner

and Al Desjardins. Al Baker, Gary Baker and Dan Lethbridge were the Mink marksmen.

Graphicteam 1, Blues 0 — Graphicteam ended up with a 5-5 win-loss record for the season after being

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### Tannahill wins by 30 strokes in Midland championship

MIDLAND—Maddy Tannahill had an easy time winning the Midland Golf and Country Club ladies' club championship last week, compiling a thirty-stroke margin over her nearest challenger in the three-round event.

Her nearest challenger was her aunt, Madeline English, who donated the trophy for the championship ten years ago. In that ten years, the championship has been won by the present Miss Tannahill seven times and by Mrs. English twice.

The only other winner, and defending champion, was Marilyn Richmond, who finished down the list this year.

Miss Tannahill shot rounds of 77-77-73 to take the club title. After the first two rounds, she held leads of seven and 14 strokes respectively over third-place finisher May Seldon. Mrs. English, who held third place after the first two rounds, ended up with 257, one stroke better than Mrs. Seldon.

A few of the players dropped out of the competition, which ended Thursday, due to the heat.

The players played two qualifying rounds and were divided into three flights: championship, first and second.

Top three finishers in the first flight were:

Eileen Denny, 287, Kay LaPere, 287, and Jean Wallace, 296. In the second flight, May Wallace won with 314,

Adele McMullan was second with 316 and Kitty Vidler shot 321 for third.

The Midland club is now hosting the Huronia

District Ladies' Championship, a two-day Canadian Ladies' Golf Association-sanctioned event which ends today.



### Firm stroke

Zena Seldon holds the flag as Betty Moss watches her putt drift toward it on the 18th hole of last Thursday's Midland

Golf and Country Club ladies' club championship.

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### Howard has one-shot lead

MIDLAND — Glen Howard has taken a one-shot lead over Chet Graham at the midway point of the Midland Golf and Country Club's men's club championship.

Howard has a two round total of 145, and a group led by Mike Jackson, Andy Wickstead, Gary Hooper and Dale Stringer is within striking distance of the leader.

Final two rounds of the event are scheduled for August 12, 13. This Saturday, a large turnout is expected for the club-hosted 30,000 Islands Invitational.

### \$450 in prizes at tourney

MIDLAND — A total of \$450 in prize money is up for grabs in Sunday's Athenian Raiders Centennial Football tournament.

The competition will get underway at noon at the arena diamond, and teams include Penetang Expos, Midland Merchants, Royal Reserve, Christian Island Islanders, Perkinsfield, Wyevalle, YMCA and Athenian Raiders.

First prize in the double-knockout tourney is \$250, and prizes of \$150 and \$50 will be awarded to second- and third-place finishers respectively.

### Moore fans 11 batters

MIDLAND — Midland Indusmin bantam pitcher Brian Moore entered last Tuesday's York-Simcoe Baseball league game in the second inning in relief of Pat Brodeur and proceeded to strike out 11 Orillia batters and lead the host club to a 15-11 victory.

Brodeur had some success of his own, however, knocking in a three-run homer before he was relieved, and teammate Gary Wencker added another home run to aid the home side.

### G&C doubles hits in win

PENETANGUISHENE — Penetang G & C more than doubled their Phepston opponents' hits to take a 7-5 win in Georgian Bay women's softball league play at McGuire Park Thursday.

G & C were led by Brenda Robitaille with three singles, and Donna Brooks and Dale Butt, who each hit two singles and a double.

The victors came up with two runs in the sixth inning to make the difference, and were helped out in the same inning by a double play worked by Sandra Barry, Cathy Beaudoin and Pat Robitaille.

The only home run of the game came off the bat of Phepston's Jackie Skinner. Winning pitcher was Dale Butt, and Bunny Murphy took the loss.

### Juveniles take playoff

MIDLAND — Midland's juvenile lacrosse team took the second game of their round-robin playoff series against Barrie with an 8-4 win last Wednesday in Midland.

Kirk Swales led the Midland attack with three goals, and singles were added by Martin Veall, Steve Clark, Jeff Wright, Mark Cardwell and Chris Wright.

### Musketeers still lead golf

MIDLAND — The Four Musketeers continue to hold a commanding lead after Thursday's Huronia Twilight Golf League play at Brooklea Golf and Country Club.

The Musketeers are now 5½ points ahead of RCA, who are another two in front of third-place Olympia Sports. Short Strokes are in fourth and Wally's Rippers have 26 points for fifth place.

Bil Lalonde of the Fabulous Fours shot best under his average with 12. Lenny's Lancer Len Ladouceur scored best on the front nine with 44 and Bill Lalonde of the Fabulous Fours topped the back nine shooters with a 38.