

As I See It

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This area is certainly getting on the map and it's mainly because of athletes in Midland and Penetanguishene.

Midland-Penetang: a world community

Mary Pat Quilty returned Monday from California where she competed in the Optimist World Junior Golf Championships.

She finished in the top 50 golfers, only 12 strokes off the lead and put in a good performance for her first time in that calibre of competition.

Quilty was up against 150 of the best female junior golfers in the world, competing as one of only 12 from Canada.

Another athlete that has put Midland-Penetanguishene on the map is Brian Orser of Penetanguishene who returned from a tour of East and West Germany yesterday.

Orser, the Canadian Senior Men's

Figure Skating Champion, has been making himself known to the world's competitors for many years now and will likely be competing in the Olympics one day.

Orser is very quickly becoming one of the premier figure skaters in the world today.

No less important is the win by the floor hockey team from the Adult Rehabilitation Centre in Midland at the Special Olympics recently in Ottawa.

The team captured the gold medal in those competitions.

Several other competitors received medals from ARC and Huron Park School in that competition in Ottawa in events such as swimming and track and field.

So, it seems that no matter what the sport or event, local athletes are leaving their mark on the world.

To be named in the top ranks of competitors from the world over is quite an honour but these local competitors must guard against letting the fame go to their heads.

An excellent example of this being done well is Brian Orser who has not let success take away the small town personality he possesses.

He is a local person and that hasn't changed with all the worldwide attention he has received.

If all the other up and coming athletes from Midland-Penetanguishene can keep that same attitude, then they deserve the title of world champions.

Shootout-earns spot

Stewart's Gulf Oilers earned their spot in the semi-finals of Penetang-Midland Senior Division Ball Hockey League play by taking their best of three series with Dock Lunch Penguins two games to one, their game Thursday night in Penetanguishene Arena ending in a 5-4 decision.

Dennis Pelletier powered the scoring attack for the Oilers with four goals with Wayne Dixon adding the final marker.

Scoring for the Penguins were Greg St. Amant with a pair, Terry Pelletier and Richard Genier both with singles.

The teams were tied at two goals apiece with 1:03 remaining in regulation time when Pelletier scored his third goal to put the Oilers ahead.

However, Genier of the Penguins tied the game again with only 24 seconds left to play.

A 10 minute sudden-death period followed but neither team put the ball in the net and it was then decided to have a shoot-out to pick the winner.

In the first round of the shoot-out, Pelletier scored his fourth goal and St. Amant got his second goal.

From there, things got very tense with no one scoring until the 18th round when Dixon put the ball in the net for the Oilers, putting them into the semi-finals.

Outstanding play was demonstrated by both goalies, George Monahan for Dock Lunch and Paul Goodine for Stewart's Gulf.

M. Forget ousted

In the other quarter-final series Thursday night, Dupuis Groceteria Leafs ousted M. Forget Construction two games to one, taking their game by an 8-1 score.

Brian Pilon was the big gun for the Leafs with three power play goals, Gary Bellisle getting a pair, Ken Akerman, Dan Leclair and Terry King all scoring singles.

Jamie Gillesby scored the lone marker for M. Forget.

Winning goaltender was Mike Duquette who faced 20 shots in net while Tom Duval had 36 shots in net for M. Forget.

Semi-finals

In the first round of semi-final action Sunday morning in Penetanguishene Arena, Stewart's Gulf Oilers edged out S. Charlebois Haulage and Excavating Diggers 3-2 to take the lead in that best of five series.

Scoring for the Oilers in that match were Paul Goodine, Ken Mitchell and Tim Hook's winning goal coming at 3:40 of the third period.

Peter Robillard and Brian St. Amant both got single goals for S. Charlebois Haulage.

Winning goalie was Craig Watson who stopped an amazing 49 shots for Stewart's.

Dupuis Groceteria Leafs also continued their winning ways as they took a 1-0 lead in games over Cumming-Nicholson Stompers Sunday with a 7-3 win.

Scoring for the Leafs were Brian Pilon, Gary Bellisle, Vince Belorme, Dan Leclair, Mike Laurin, Allan Ladouceur and Mike Orser.

Stompers' markers were tallied up by Kelly Larmand and Paul Chambers.



Bucket put to good use

Bill Goman finds a practical use for his Tecumseth bucket which he won on Saturday after finishing first in "B" fleet of the Tecumseth Trophy Race. Daughter Amy hitches a ride following the presentations. The

reproduction 19th century, rope-handled, buckets have become a popular feature of the annual sailing event. Ted Symons grabbed his third bucket by winning "A" fleet.

—Photo by John Arbour.

Hobie Cats coming

The Dubonnet Georgian Bay Hobie Cat Championships will be held at Georgian Sands Beach, four miles west of Penetanguishene Aug. 1 and Aug. 2.

This race is one of six sanctioned Ontario points regattas that count towards the Ontario Points Championship. Ontario's representation to the Canadian championships and ultimately the world's are determined by these points regattas and the Ontario championship itself.

Hobie Cats are about the fastest one design class sailboats in the world! These colourful 16 and 18 foot catamarans are sailed by a skipper and crew while the 14 foot model is sailed single handed.

When the wind is greater than 12 knots, it is necessary for these crews to trapeze out over the side to keep their craft as flat on the water as possible.

Hobie Cats have been clocked over measured distances in excess of 26 MPH which compares to their mono-

hulled brethren whose maximum speed might be half that.

When you have 30-40 of these fast multi-coloured sail boats all screaming around a race course, it is indeed a sight to behold.

The presentation of the Dubonnet trophies to the winners should take place on Sunday afternoon at about 4 p.m.

Entry fees for the regatta is set at \$14 for 14 footers with \$18 being charged for the 16 footers and 18 footers.

Registration will take place July 31 between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. and Aug. 1 between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. with the skippers' meeting at 10 a.m., Aug. 1.

Prizes for the competition will be trophies, first, second and third place in each category.

There will also be a dinner for all participants Aug. 1 at \$7 per person which includes two water lunches.

For more information, call John Cathers at (705) 533-3120 or Lionel Conacher at (705) 533-3176.

Records fall

Symons wins bucket again

A record turnout of boats finishing in record times high-lighted the third annual Tecumseth Trophy Race on Saturday at the Historic Naval and Military Establishments in Penetanguishene.

Dead spots have been a recurring nemesis of the sailing competition the past two years, however, that didn't prove to be a problem on Saturday as brisk, shifty winds challenged the thirty-seven boats.

The competitive flare of the Tecumseth race was in evidence again with extremely close finishes characterizing the keel boat competition.

Ted Symons of Midland won "A" fleet for the third straight year in a Soling edging Roger Green's Kirby-30 by less than 30 seconds. Symons covered the 12-nautical-mile race in a corrected time of 1:03:67.

The Midland lawyer picks up his third Tecumseth bucket which is a 19th century reproduction handed over by the staff at the Establishments. Symons is giving the bucket to a deserving Al Woolnough; the middle man in the crew for the last two years.

Third place in "A" fleet went to Gord Teskey in a Mega with a corrected time of 1:04:73.

The first boat across the line among all the competitors was Bill Goman in an Express-20 called "Echo".

He fended off the dogged pursuits of two Cygnuses to post a record time of 1:04:52 in "B" fleet.

John McCallum finished 26 seconds behind Goman in "Swallow" with Burke Penny capturing third place in "Odd-

fellow" with a corrected time of 1:08:67.

Bill Goman and his crew of Steve Killing and George Hazen pick up their first Tecumseth trophy despite the fact that it is the first time they have raced together this year.

Goman described his start as mediocre with "Echo" back on the middle of the pack early in the first leg of the race. Goman admits they had to work hard in the first leg to make up some ground and it wasn't until they were racing upwind halfway through the final leg that they knew they had a chance of winning "B" fleet.

"The winds were very shifty and there weren't any dead spots to contend with but this was a tricky race as we encountered thirty degree shifts all along," commented Goman.

A new division for centreboard boats was introduced this year which was won by Kurt Noack racing in "E-Scow". Tim Leitch in a "Hobie-18" grabbed second place.

The Tecumseth Trophy Race is co-sponsored by the Midland Bay Sailing Club and the Historic Naval and Military Establishments.