

Golf is finally upon us

Cries of delight, whirring, chrome-plated iron will fill the air of North Simcoe by this weekend as all six local golf courses open for

another season of business.

Three courses -- Orr Lake, Bonaire in Coldwater and Balm Beachway in Perkinfield -- opened last weekend and reported a good turnout. The other three -- Midland Golf and Country Club, Brooklea and Horseshoe Valley -- all expect to be open with perfect conditions by Saturday morning.

It's a late start for all of the courses: Midland president Chester Graham says it's the latest opening in his club's history. But spokesmen for all six courses agree that the late opening won't effect business much in the long run.

"We're looking forward to a very good year," said Horseshoe Valley course manager Gib Montgomery. "I think most people will want to try to make up for the lost time and get in as much golf as they can as soon as possible, so it should balance out."

Brooklea manager Mike Scherloski said the installation of a new 6,000-foot drainage system at his Highway 93 course last fall has been "phenomenal" in helping dry things up.

"Without it, we might have had to wait another two weeks, but the way the system has worked, along with the windy conditions we've been having, things have been drying right up and conditions are just about perfect," he said.

The Midland course will be swinging right into things with an Early Bird Tournament on Sunday. The tournament, for members only, will get underway at 10 a.m. with a shotgun start.

Bonaire co-owner and manager Willie Daniels said the parking lot of his club was filled last Saturday morning.

As are the others, Daniels is thrilled that his course has come through the harsh winter so well -- especially the greens, which he says "have

just come out super."

Orr Lake and Balm Beachway, the area's two nine-hole courses, opened Saturday as well.

Orr Lake manager Tom Crow said he was "surprised at how fast

the ground has dried up," and that his course has experienced little or no winter kill.

Crow isn't worried about the late date -- he agrees that golfing enthusiasts will be out there and eager to make

up for any lost time.

The only real danger, he says, is the same old threat: too much rain throughout the season, especially on weekends.

"Sure, we lost a few days this year," said Crow. "But we'll lose

more throughout the season.

Rainy weekends hurt most of all right at peak season -- and that really hurt last year. Let's face it, when you're closed, you're not making any money."

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Sports Scoreboard

Bowling

MIDLAND INDUSTRIAL
April 21
Eastern Division

	W	L	Pts
Commodore Hotel	61	35	146
Quality Carpet	60 ^{1/2}	35	139
Gamna Signs	56	40	128
Don Sherk Const.	45	51	107
Bayshore Lanes	41	55	90
Courtesy Ford	25	63	65

Western Division

	W	L	Pts
Garner's Sports	58 ^{1/2}	37	137
Brabants Const.	55	41	132
Legion Gold	42	54	97
Ladouceurs Const.	42	54	92
Gem Amusements	36	36	86
Huron Auto Glass	38	58	84

High Triples

J.P. Desroches	835
Leo St. Onge	752
Pat Dawe	751
Bob Duquette	749
Tim Birch	744
Pete Lacroix	738
Denis Dusome	732
Scott Hayes	718
Bill LaLonde	716
Maurice Lapensee	709
Bob McMann	707

Summers Trophies
High Single Award

Tim Birch	375
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PENETANGUISHENE INDUSTRIAL

	W	L	Pts
Desroches Bros.	65	31	154
Midland IGA	61	35	147
Sarjeant Boy's	62	34	145
Ogilvie Mills	62	34	141
Emery's Taxi	49	47	113
Commodore Hotel	47	49	111
Oak Ridge Boy's	47	49	108
Hamelin & Leroux	45	51	107
Pilon Const.	42	54	96
Duval's Variety	39	57	91
Marchand Potatoes	32	64	73
Legion 68	26	70	57

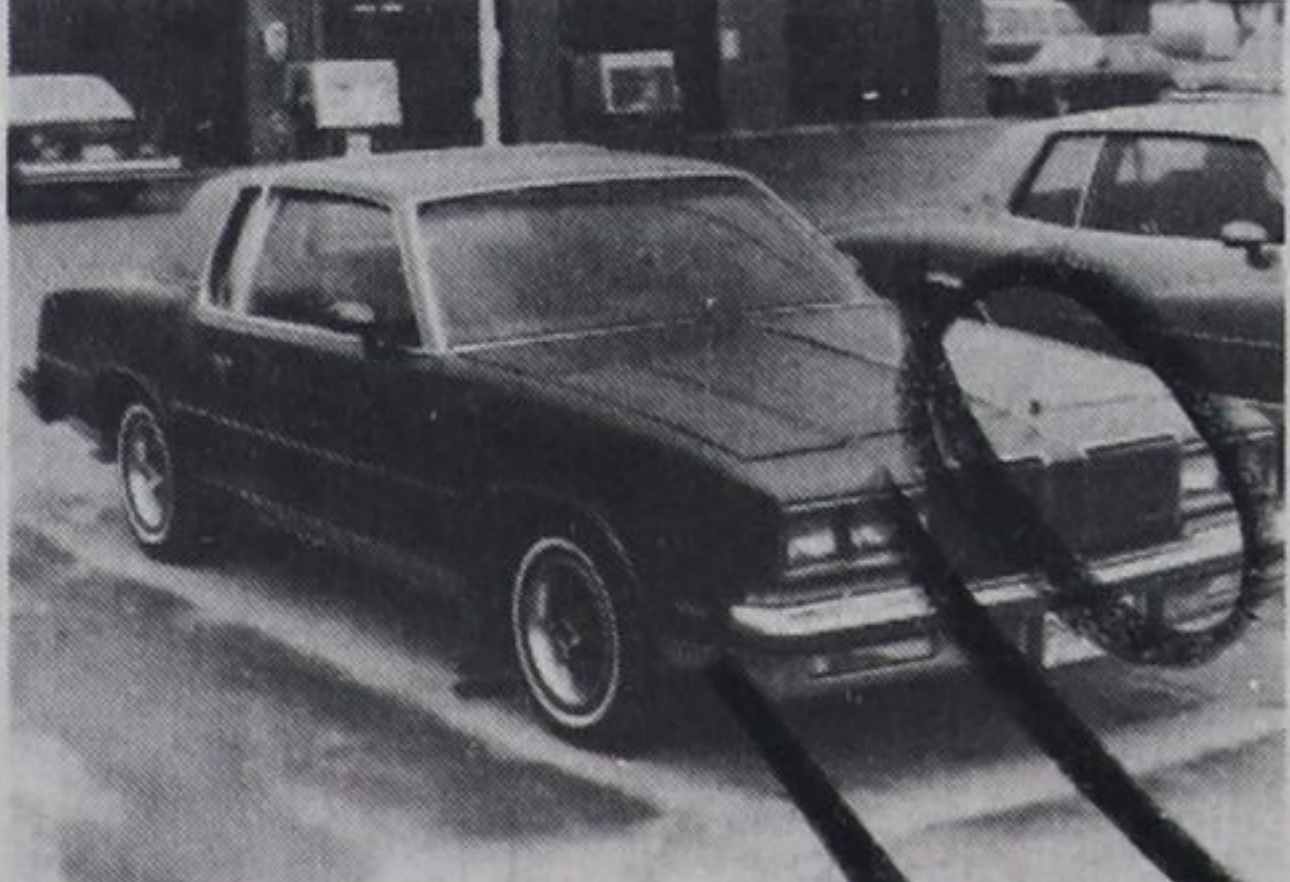
High Singles

Wayne Dion	355
Bert Overink	350-330
Len Desjardin	323
Ron Desroches	315
Bob Contois	305
Cleo Desroches	302

High Triples

Bert Overink	852
Ron Desroches	783
Bob Contois	780
Don Jones	777
Len Desjardins	759
Wayne Dion	735
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Midget All-Stars practice Sunday

The Midland Minor Baseball Association's Midget All-Star team will have its first practice of the season Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at Tiffin Park.

The Midget division is for players born in 1965 or 1966.

The MMHA didn't have a Midget squad last year due to a shortage of players, but coach Kevin Marchand says the turnout should be better this time around.

For more information, Marchand can be reached at either 526-6719 or 526-3472.

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