



## Summer Girls

### Plotting her future

If these masks at the Huron Indian Village were feeling a little wooden before, the sight of Nancy, our first Summer Girl, was enough to make them open up into some happy

smiles. Nancy, a 16-year-old Grade 11 student at Midland Secondary School, has horseback riding at the top of her list of favorite hobbies and plans to study writing in University.

## Dock faces red hot cops

World Famous Dock Lunch owner Nick Boudouris will lead his forces into battle against Penetanguishene Police Chief Dennis Player and his troops in an exhibition softball game tonight at McGuire Park in Penetanguishene.

The classic will get underway at 6:30 p.m. The Penetanguishene Police already have one exhibition win under their holsters, that over the Midland Police. A re-match was rained out in Midland with the clubs tied after four innings.

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# Advantage Tennis

This is the first in a weekly series of tennis columns which will appear each Wednesday in the Midland Times, the Penetanguishene Citizen and the Elmvalle Lance. The series is produced by the Penetanguishene Tennis Club, a new non-profit players' association which operates tournaments and social events all summer long at Penetanguishene's Memorial Park courts. Memberships in the PTC are available at the Penetanguishene Town Hall. For any questions or inquiries about the PTC or the game of tennis in general, write Advantage Tennis, c/o the Midland Times, Box 609, Midland, Ont. L4R 4L3.

Golfers have their handicaps, bowlers have their averages and most other sports have some statistical system by which you can compare yourself with others.

But what about your tennis game? Just how do you rate?

Until fairly recently, tennis players in organized clubs could only rate their level of play as "A", "B" or "C". The system still left a lot of guessing and, even when two players actually met on the court, there remained differing ideas of what skills a "B" player, say, possessed.

Now there's a new scale. It's called the National Tennis Rating Programme (NTRP), a project developed by the National Tennis Association.

It's been accepted as the best grading system by clubs and tournament organizers across North America, and though it remains basically a self-rating, it gives players a more accurate common denominator to work with.

The NTRP is an initial step in achieving better competition, new goals, and, in short, more tennis enjoyment.

The following is the complete NTRP; take a good look and it shouldn't be too difficult to decide right where you stand:

1.0 - Player is just starting to play tennis.

1.5 - Player has played a limited amount but is still working primarily on getting the ball over the net; has some knowledge of scoring but is not familiar with basic positions and procedures for singles and doubles play.

2.0 - Player may have had some lessons but needs on-court experience; has obvious stroke weaknesses but is beginning to feel comfortable with singles and doubles play.

2.5 - Player has more dependable strokes but is still unable to judge where the ball is going; has weak court coverage; is still working just to keep the ball in play with others of the same ability level.

3.0 - Player can place shots with moderate success; can sustain a rally of slow pace but is not comfortable with all strokes; lacks consistency in serving.

3.5 - Player still lacks stroke dependability, depth and variety but has improved ability to direct shots away from opponent; rarely double faults but does not usually force errors on the serve; hits forehand and backhand volleys with consistency if the ball is within reach.

4.0 - Player has dependable strokes on both forehand and backhand sides; has the ability to use a variety of shots including lobs, overheads, approach shots and volleys; can place the first serve and force some errors; is rarely out of position in a doubles game.

4.5 - Player has begun to master the use of power and spins; has sound footwork; can control depth of shots and is able to move opponent up and back; can hit first serves with above average power and accuracy and place the second serve; is able to rush net with

some success on serve against players of similar ability.

5.0 - Player has good shot anticipation; is able to overcome some stroke deficiencies with outstanding shots or exceptional consistency, will approach net at opportune times and is often able to force an error or make a winning placement; can execute lobs, drop shots, half-volleys, and overhead smashes with above average success; is able to vary the spin on the serve.

5.5 - Player is able to execute all strokes offensively and defensively; can hit first serves for winners and second serves to set up an offensive situation; maintains a winning level of play in social tennis and can reach at least the quarterfinals or semifinals of the highest level club or park championship.

6.0 - Player has mastered all of the above skills; is able to hit both slice and topspin serves; can vary strategies and styles of play in competitive situations; is capable of being ranked in a major city or USTA district.

6.5 - Player has developed power and/or consistency as a major weapon; has all of the above skills as well as the concentration necessary for successful tournament play; is capable of earning a USTA sectional ranking.

7.0 - Player is highly skilled in all of the above categories; is a polished tournament player who has traveled extensively for sanctioned competitions; has been ranked nationally by the U.S. Tennis Association.

## Graham digs in for MGCC title battle

Chester Graham will try to hold off his course-mates' assaults when the second and third rounds of the Midland Golf and Country Club mens' club championship go this Saturday and Sunday.

Defending-champion Graham posted a one-over-par 71 in the first

round of the event, played in late June. Mike Jackson hovered in second with a 73, Jim Hill sits third with a first-round 74 and Russ Howard remains right there with a 75 so far.

The weekend action will get underway at 1 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday.

Final round will be played in August.

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