

Cops on the run

OPP officers from detachments, across the province are asking community groups, individuals, schools, business and governments to "ADOPT-A-COP" during their Torch Runs across Ontario in support of Special Olympics being held in Hamilton this August.

Any individual or group can "Adopt-A-Cop" and raise money in an officer's name, with all funds going directly to Special Olympics.

Special Olympics contributes to the physical, social and psychological development of people

with mental retardation and OPP officers, in conjunction with other law enforcement personnel, have volunteered to carry ceremonial torches on runs across Ontario to light the official cauldron in Hamilton on August 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Currently, there are eight proposed routes. The longest begins at the Ontario-Manitoba border and the shortest starts at the United States border south of Niagara Falls. While runs start from different locations and begin on different days, all conclude simultaneously in Hamilton at the official

opening ceremonies.

The Torch Run began in 1981, when Wichita, Kansas police started to raise funds for Special Olympics. The Torch Run was seen as a way to involve local law enforcement personnel with the community and Special Olympics.

After three years of successful runs in Kansas, the program was presented to the International Association of Chiefs of Police. With the IACP's enthusiastic support and leadership, the Torch Run expanded into seven U. S. states by 1985 and into 43 states by 1986.

In 1987, the Ontario

Association of Chiefs of Police instituted a Torch Run Relay for the benefit of Ontario Special Olympics athletes. That year 1,120 law enforcement runners covered 550 miles and raised over \$100,000 for Special Olympics in Ontario. The total distance to be covered in Special Olympics Torch Runs in Ontario this year will exceed 2,000 miles.

"Adopt-A-Cop" pledge forms are available from all OPP detachments and many local police departments.

Midland Police Department's Dan Gilbert is expected to be one of nearly 30 in the Northern Route.



Tennis, Anyone?

Laura Frampton, right, of Smith's Camp Association and Midland Recreation was one of 30 individuals who took advantage of a tennis camp last week at Little Lake courts. The camp was hosted by the Midland Tennis Club, Ontario Tennis Association and Midland Recreation Department. Instructors from Gatorade-Wilson, Jordan Toms, right, and John Bassett, instructed the mixed group in the fundamentals of the game.

Schmidt moves up

The President's Trophy Race held at Mosport on the July 1 weekend saw Gunter Schmidt's Formula Ford finish in 11th place (14th starting position in a 27 car field). His Volkswagen Fox finished 10th overall, third in division (22nd starting position in 26 car field).

The development of the Fox, the first-of-its kind race-prepared Volkswagen, has been a challenge.

"Qualifying the Fox was very frustrating this time," said Schmidt. I made some modifications that didn't work out, so I had to rework the engine after qualifying Friday night. But I sure couldn't complain about her on Saturday. Not only did I move up 17 positions and finish third in my division. I knocked four seconds off my personal best time in the Fox. I'm getting closer to the times I had in the Rabbit last

year." Schmidt started the race with a brand new set of racing slicks. "I'm grateful to my sponsors," said Schmidt. "By the time I finished this race, there was no rubber left. I raced the last few laps on cord. Even though it was a hard run, it was a good one. I felt satisfied at the end of it."

Schmidt's 11th place finish in the 35 lap Formula Ford race was a spectator's delight. Gilles Schmidt (no relation) and Mark Gervais, both from Quebec were in 10th (24

minutes/44.4 seconds) and 9th (24 minutes/43.9 seconds) positions respectively. Schmidt's time was 24:45.8 seconds.

Winner Pat Lacasse from Ste. Pie, Quebec, finished in 23:38.

Schmidt will race his Formula Ford in the Rothmans 24 Hour Race at Mosport August 12-14.

Schmidt's sponsors include Brothers Express, Budget Rent-a-Car, CKMP, The Coach & The Athlete, Garms Sunoco, Greenbelt Motors in Unionville, Industrial Assistance, Kirkby & Kirkby Strategies and Waltec.

Maple Valley hosts derby

The Maple Valley Club in Lafontaine held their first annual fish Derby Sunday, July 3. Forty-six fishermen, women and children entered the derby and many good fish were caught and entered for cash prizes.

The winners in the smallmouth bass class were: first place, Basil Secord, 2 lbs., 8.5 ounces; second, Homer Lalonde, 2 lbs., 1 oz.; third, Al Laurin, 2 lbs., 1 oz.; fourth, Gerard Charlebois, 1 lb., 13 oz.; fifth, Elaine Gignac, 1 lb., 10 oz.; sixth, Reg Marchildon, 1 lb., 7.5 oz.; seventh, Ramond St. Amant, 1 lb., 7 oz.; Bill Brasseur, 1 lb., 6.5 oz.

Pete Pauze was the only winner in the pike class with a catch of 8 lbs., 10 oz.

The winners in the "any other variety" class were Jacques Gignac and Homer Lalonde.

In addition to the cash prizes, all registrants were eligible for lucky draw prizes kindly donated by generous local businesses and interested individuals.

The winner of the prize for the youngest fisherman was seven year old Joel Dorion. Dorion wins a rod, reel and tackle box donated by Mike's Sports of Penetanguishene.

The Maple Valley Club and all those who participated in the Fish Derby wish to extend their appreciation to the generous donors of prizes: Penetang IGA, Ken Gauthier Sports, Minit Market, The Friars., Leon Laurin, Greg Marchildon, Desroches Esso,

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