

# SPORT SPOTS

by Ron Craine

In recent weeks there has been some discussion of a lacrosse revival in Richmond Hill this summer. The big difficulty at the moment seems to be to locate a sponsor who will be interested in taking on a lacrosse team and taking care of expenses. Lacrosse could prove to be a big drawing card in Richmond Hill and it is to be hoped that the tentatively formed plans do not go too far astray for want of sponsor support.

Lacrosse is our national game and that by an act of parliament. In 1861 a lacrosse association was formed and every town of any account had a lacrosse team. By 1867 the game had taken such a fierce hold that an act of parliament proclaimed lacrosse as our official national game.

During the next ten years teams from this country were touring the British Isles demonstrating this purely Canadian game. On one occasion two teams played an exhibition game before Queen Victoria and the queen presented a photograph, which she autographed, to each of the players. What a comedown in one hundred years. From command performances before royalty to an almost forgotten sport.

Our neighboring town of Markham had a team that won a championship in New York City in 1900 and were described as world champions. One of the members of that famous team was the well known sportsman, Charlie Querrie. It would be a good deal if we could emulate our good neighbour to the east and at least manage to field a team.

Modern methods of travel that enable families to go great distances on week-ends and the upsurge of softball as a spectator sport are some of the reasons put forward for the death of lacrosse. Maybe it isn't dead — only sleeping and we may be fortunate enough to be present at the local awakening this summer.

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Ron McAndrews, mentor of the ladies' senior softball team, would like to announce that practices will be held every Wednesday night at the ball park until the season opens. Practice time is set for 7.30 p.m. and all girls and young ladies desirous of playing softball in Richmond Hill on a new deal basis are urged to attend these practices.

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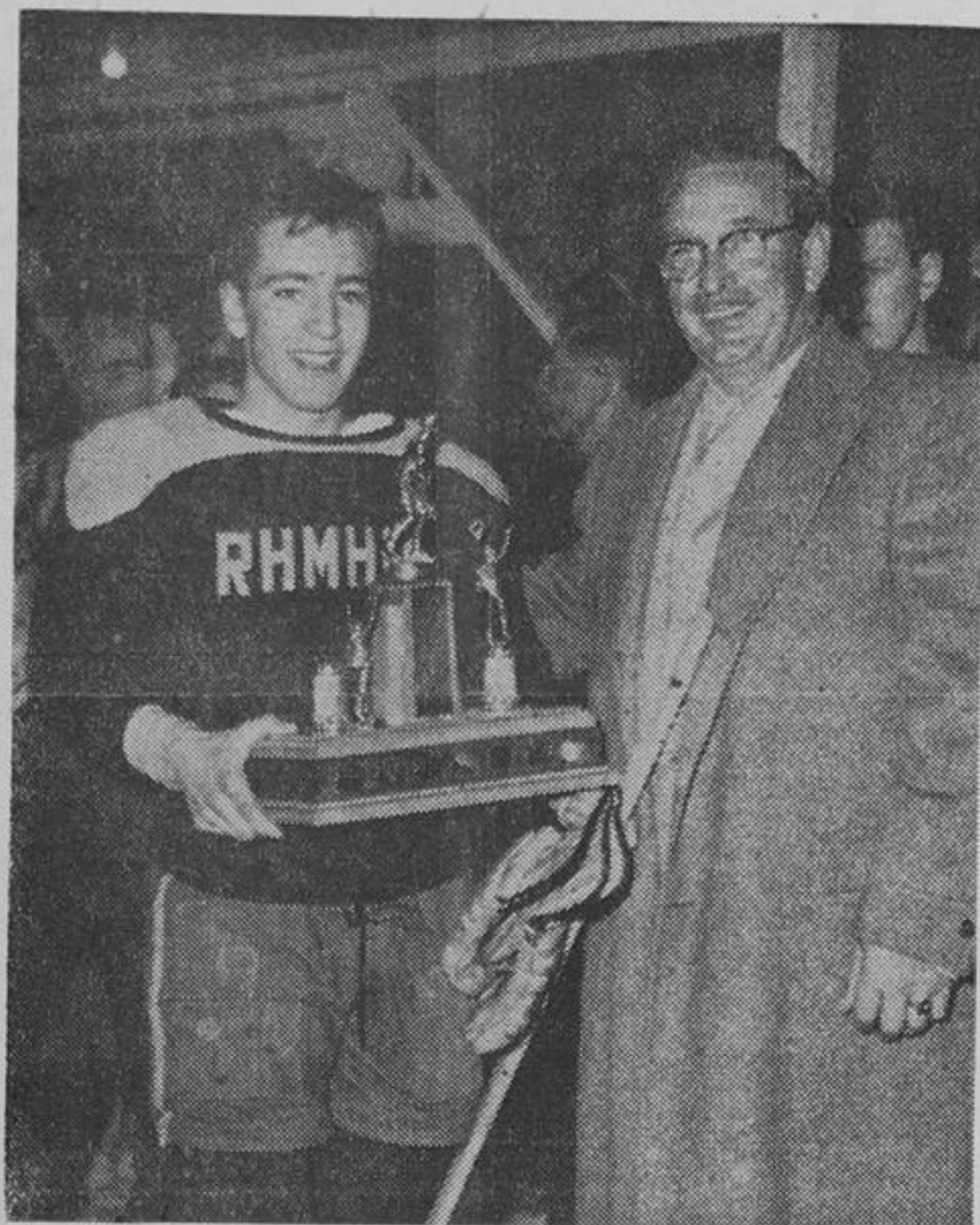
Sports Day Parade date edges closer and closer with June 8 being set for the big doings. This year we hope to have a Sports Day Queen to reign over all festivities. Mrs. Gibson, proprietress of the Gibson Girl shop in the Allencourt Plaza is waiting to hear from all entrants, 15 years and older. Come on girls and hand in your name — you could be our Sports Queen and we'd hate to have you miss out. Drop in and see Mrs. Gibson real soon, she'd like to see you.

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Wimbridge Cleaners held their first softball workout of the season at the ball park last Sunday. Local druggists should have experienced a real boom in the liniment department the past few days. In addition to the Wimbridge hopefuls several Dynes players took advantage of the early practice with Stan Ransom, Bill Jackson and Jack Dunn being very noticeable.

# DISTRICT SPORT NEWS

## Outstanding Player



Noel Gillings accepts the Jack Seaton Trophy, emblematic of the outstanding player in the Richmond Hill Minor Hockey League during the 1959-60 season. Noel receives the award on behalf of Ralph Cooper who was unable to be present.

Making the presentation is Mr. Eric Charity, convenor of the A.H.L.

— Photo by Lagerquist

## Only 50 Entries R.H.B.A. To Date

There were only about 50 entries received by the registrar of the R.H.B.A. when 5.00 p.m. rolled around last Saturday. There is only one more day open for registration — next Saturday at the Scout Hall next to the arena from 10.00 a.m. until 5.00 p.m. Be sure to get down to the park and get that registration in if you want to play ball this year.

Will you parents make sure that entry forms are properly filled in and that your son or daughter gets them handed in next Saturday. Remember the time 10.00 a.m. — 5 p.m. and the place — Scout Hall next to the arena in the Town Park. Let's get those forms in, shall we?

WIMBRIDGE CLEANERS WILL PRACTICE SUNDAY, 10 A. M. ALL BALL PLAYERS WELCOMED

## Make Up Operating Loss

# Some 480 Local Boys Played Winter Hockey

The annual meeting of the Richmond Hill Hockey Association was held in the Lions Hall in Richmond Hill on Sunday, April 24th. Despite the warm weather which seemed somewhat unseemly for a discussion of hockey, about forty really interested people were on hand to take part in the meeting.

Retiring president, Wick Mills, thanked all members of the executive and all coaches and other members for the fine hockey season just concluded. The organization undertook a pioneering venture and turned it into an eminently successful operation.

During the past season some 480 boys took part in hockey activity in Richmond Hill Arena. As well as organized hockey teams a hockey school was run for the mopey aged group and some fine young hockey players should result.

Secretary John Gropp outlined the basic purpose of the association was not to develop professional hockey players but to teach young players how to work and play together and thus to learn the rules of good citizenship. This basic purpose was adhered to very closely during the season just ended.

The financial statement was presented to the meeting and it was indicated that total income from all sources was \$5,998.28. There was an operating loss of \$1074.48 which was made up by a \$500.00 gift from the Lions Club and an assistance grant from the Richmond Hill Recreation Committee of \$1000.00 leaving a surplus for next year of \$118.52. Part of the grant from the Recreation Committee was applied to discharging a debt incurred on the 1958-59 hockey season of some \$300.00.

## 1st Annual Meeting Of Richmond Hill Curling Club

The first annual Curling Club meeting was held in the luxurious lounge of the new curling rink on Wednesday, April 20. Great interest was evinced in the meeting as 135 members were in attendance.

President Al Harley addressed the meeting and reminded those present that just one year ago the first tentative meeting was held in his home. At this first meeting plans were formulated for the formation of a curling club and for the erection of a modern curling rink. Just how fruitful those first plans were is evidenced by the fine rink and club rooms on the Elgin Mills sideroad, and by the highly successful season just concluded. At the present time there are 260 male members and 180 female members on the club rolls.

The three vice presidents, Bob Butler, Scott McCann and Jim Symington reported on their committees activities during the past season and promise greater things in the season to come.

The by-laws of the club were adopted and a sample of the club debentures was showed to the meeting. It is expected that debentures will be going out in the mails in the very near future.

Election of officers for the coming season was held and there were 16 nominations for the 12 executive positions. Successful candidates were Al Harley, Scott McCann, Jim Symington, Warren Davey, Bob Butler, Nick Hallman, Shaun Beggs, Harry Webb Al. Tutty Roy Currie John Wynn and Doug Smith.

Al Harley thanked one and all for their whole hearted support during this first difficult year and expressed the feeling that the Curling Club has definitely established a place in the life of Richmond Hill. He went on to remark that he can foresee a period of growth for the Club in the very near future.

On Saturday, April 23rd the closing ceremonies were held for the season. A hockey game lasting for 15 minutes was played with a team representing town members playing a team comprising out of town members. At the end of a hilarious and hectic 15 minutes the teams were deadlocked at one goal each. Refereeing chores were capably handled by those two hardy arbiters, Malcolm Gibson and "Honest Jim" Grainger.

The pace slowed somewhat after the hockey session and while some members indulged in some jolly in the lounge. Trophy presentations were

## Local Tennis Club Nears Completion

The ways and means committee of the newly-formed tennis club held a meeting last Saturday to survey the tennis court sites and see just what would have to be done to develop the area. By this Saturday, it is hoped to have firm figures on the cost of providing three courts for use in the immediate future.

Mrs. Jean Thompson, Richmond Hill Recreational Director accompanied the tennis enthusiasts on their junket. Tennis club representatives present were: Mr. Frank Walsh, Mr. Kai Holbek, Miss Judy Uren, Mr. Bernie Crane and Mr. Dennis Lamb.

A membership meeting will soon be held and the club would like to emphasize that junior members will be particularly welcome. Provision of playing facilities in Richmond Hill should provide another valuable summer activity for our teenage population.

Mom and Dad will also be very welcome at the membership meeting the site and time of which is to be announced shortly. All tennis enthusiasts, of long or new standing are urged to attend this most important meeting.

The addition of tennis to the Richmond Hill area's list of sporting activities will fill a vital need and round out a very complete sports picture. Don't forget the meeting.

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Earl Methe took his Uplands Golf Club Putters to the Brampton Squirt tournament over the Easter Holidays and came away singing the praises of the Brampton Lions Club who sponsored the tournament. There were forty-five teams entered for the tournament and only one entry — North Bay — was forced to withdraw from actual competition.

The host club from Brampton won the B series title but lost out in the overall championship to a T. H. L. entry. The winners were presented with a beautiful trophy and each player received a small replica for a keepsake. The losing Brampton players were each presented with a shiny new baseball to ring out the old and on with the new.

The Putters first series was against Simcoe and the local lads had no trouble as they won the two game goals to count series by a 13-1 score. Their second opponents were the Riverside team from Windsor who gave the Putters a real tussle before losing to the Putters 5-4 on the round.

Newmarket Squirts finally administered the coup de grace to the local team as they won 4-3 on the round. The Putters had won the first game 2-1 but tired badly in the second game and were unable to stem the Newmarket tide. Earl Methe did not attempt to single out an individual performer for his team as he felt that all players on his team performed like true champions.

The players were provided with between game entertainment and everything was done to ensure the kids had a good time. Movies were daily fare but the real thrill came at 5.15 p.m. every day when transportation was arranged to Malton airport and a flight around Metro was laid on for the young hockey players in a T.C.A. aircraft. Bob Ernst, director of the tournament is a T.C.A. pilot and had a lot to do with these most popular tours.

Food was provided by the good ladies of Brampton for the players, coaches and managers in the Junior Farmers Hall. The food was wonderful and all those present at the tournament are deeply grateful to the ladies concerned.

For a hockey team that was not formed until after the New Year, the Putters have a remarkably good record. They took part in 27 games and won 16 while losing 11. The parents of the players really gave the team great support throughout the season, both as rooters and chauffeurs and general handymen and women Earl Methe thanks one and all for their whole hearted support.

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