

SPORT SPOTS

by Ron Craine

Last Saturday was a sort of gloomy, rainy day, but lots of kids in this district journeyed to the arena to sign up for softball. The heartening thing was that in a lot of instances the children were accompanied by their parents.

This may seem like a small item, but when you see parents really interested in their son's or daughter's athletic pursuits it seems to make the whole deal worthwhile. Coaches of young ball clubs sometimes get the idea that they are being used as municipal baby sitters and as these fellows give up their own time, absolutely free, to look after the kids it can be most discouraging.

A little parental support can help a lot. Just by being at the games and cheering the kids on seems to give everyone a big lift. We don't mean active participation by advising and second guessing the coach but by being genuinely interested and attending frequently.

Some parents get the surprise of their lives when they see their progeny in action. A boy who is at the stage where at home he seems like a tanglefoot can pick up his feet and really move on a ball field. You will also get a chance to see how your child relates to other children and get some idea of his or her shortcomings and capabilities.

This year why not make it a point to go to games just as often as you can? Before you know it you'll have become an addict and your child will get to know you a lot better and you will surely appreciate him (or her) a lot more.

Children honestly look forward to their parents attending games and some of them honestly are hurt because Mom or Dad doesn't take any interest. Sure, some of them will be a bit self-conscious at first, because you are there, but they will soon learn to look forward to you being there. Hope to see a lot of you out at games this summer.

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We have the most reticent, retiring young ladies on the face of the earth in this town of Richmond Hill. We want to choose a Sports Day Queen and present her with some worthwhile prizes, but so far not one girl has shown any interest in the project. Mrs. Bernice Gibson, proprietress of the "Gibson Girl" Shop Ltd., located in the Allencourt Shopping Centre is eagerly awaiting entrants for the Queen contest. Mrs. Gibson is no amateur at this sort of thing and you may be sure that all the rules of good taste and decorum will apply. The only thing now is we hope that the young ladies will apply — to Mrs. Gibson. We need all of you — any one of you could be our chosen Queen.

The advent of spring seems to rejuvenate everyone and old Dad especially. There is more digging, raking, grass cutting, sod laying and planting going on than anyone would care to shake a stick at. But take it easy, Dad. Those flabby winter muscles need to be broken in slow and easy like. Don't let's you overdo it and become an aching muscled casualty — slow and easy does it and the old garden will look as good as it ever has. Properly indulged in, gardening can be one of the most enjoyable outdoor sports and one of the most rewarding. But we'd like to repeat — start slow and easy and you'll get more out of it in the long run.

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The York Central Anglers & Hunters Association are sponsoring classes in "Hunter Safety Training", starting on Friday, June 3, at 7.30 p.m. at the Municipal Hall. The only tools needed for the course are an open mind and a \$1.00 fee. The dollar fee is used to cover the cost of ammunition used in the practical demonstrations and to provide each student with a "Safe Hunter Ontario" shoulder flash on completion of the course.

If you have not previously held a resident hunting license a certificate of successful finishing of this course will be mandatory before a license will be issued. The course requires four weeks attendance — four Friday evenings. You must be 14 years of age or older to be eligible.

The course is designed to cut down on hunting accidents by teaching common sense hunting safety and the proper techniques of gun-handling. To register for the course visit the local police station in Richmond Hill and submit your name. The dollar fee for the course will be payable at the first lecture.

Mr. Lorne Sheardown, chairman of Hunter Safety for the York Central Anglers & Hunters Association would like all candidates to register before May 14th, if possible. The idea is to train and qualify as many hunters and potential hunters as is possible by the opening of the hunting season. Courses will be carried on just as long as there is a demand and the association is quite prepared to carry on right through the summer.

This course would seem to be a Godsend to hunting families as the younger members who are just coming of age will get a thorough grounding in safety. It may well be that Junior will pick up a few tips to pass on to old Dad. If you intend to hunt, register for the course as soon as you can and then you can get your license this September.

DISTRICT SPORT NEWS

Win Curling Trophy



A feature of the festivities last Saturday night marking the close of the curling season was the presentation of the handsome trophy donated by R. D. Little & Son for the Men's Championship. Shown above, left to right, Al Moore, second stone, Al White vice-skip,

Roy Currie skip, members of the winning rink, and Don Little who made the presentation of the trophy. George Fraser, lead on the winning rink, was unable to be present.

— photo by Lagerquist

Softball Registrations

After two successive Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the registrations for minor ball in Richmond Hill are only about 50 per cent completed as only about 300 registrations have been received to date. As was announced, earlier, a draw will be made for a softball glove from the registrations received on April 23 and April 30. It has been decided to hold the draw only on those registrations turned in up to and including April 30 despite the comparatively small number registered.

Registrations will be accepted for the last time on Saturday, May 7 at the arena between 10

a.m. and 3 p.m., but these registrations will not be eligible for the softball glove. It is of vital importance that these registrations be completed as soon as possible in order to allocate players to teams and in order that a schedule can be drawn up. If you have not yet registered, make sure that you get up to the arena on Saturday, May 7, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. You wouldn't want to be disappointed and you are holding up the start of the season. How about it, Mom and Dad — see that your children turn in their registration forms, along with their dollar and let's get the show on the road.

E. Barrow President Local Hockey Assoc.

(By Ron Craine)
The directors of the Richmond Hill Hockey Association held the last hockey meeting of the season in the Town Hall on Wednesday, April 27. The meeting was an organizational one and was rather lengthy as it did not adjourn until 11 p.m. after an 8 p.m. start.

New Officers
Election of officers was held and Mr. Elgin "Tubby" Barrow was elected to the president's chair for the 1960-61 season. The hard working Bob Jackson was elected as vice-president, while Wick Mills becomes past president.

Two gentlemen did such splendid jobs in their departments last year there was no doubt of their being returned to office. The men concerned are John Gropp and Bob Pimm. John Gropp did a remarkable job as secretary and Bob Pimm was the perfect treasurer. They will hold their respective positions through the 1960-61 season.

Last year's registrar, Fred Waters agreed to handle the difficult chore for the next season. Fred indicated that he had learned how not to do the job last year and that errors made then would not be repeated and consequently his task would be much lighter this year. A refreshing way of looking at it, and despite Mr. Waters' remarks he did a very capable job in the season just completed.

Hockey School
The hockey school will once again be under the guidance of Bill McVean. The school was a great help to many children during the '59-'60 season and Mr. McVean is willing to continue in this important capacity.

NOTICE

TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the Estate of Silas Bowman Baskerville, Deceased

All persons having claims against the Estate of Silas Bowman Baskerville, late of the Town of Richmond Hill, in the County of York, Cleaner, who died on the 9th day of January, 1960, are required to send full particulars of such claims to the undersigned Administratrix on or before the 13th day of May, 1960, after which date the Administratrix will distribute the assets of the Estate, having regard only to claims of which she shall then have notice.

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The Uplands Golf Club Putter Sponsor, Reg. Acomb, was appointed convenor for the Mite Division and Reg. seems to be looking toward the start of the next hockey season with a great deal of pleasure.

Earl Methé, coach of the Putters, will be convenor for the Squirt Group next season. Earl proved with the Putters that he is a very capable coach and should make a good convenor in this division.

The Pee Wee Division will be headed up by the capable Eric Charity. With sons Gary and Gord being active in hockey, Eric has to spend a lot of time at the arena in order to see his sons now and then. The Pee Wee group should benefit from Eric's considerable hockey know-how.

Dick Piller will be in charge of the Bantam Group. It was felt that this age group is one of the largest groups and these boys are at an age when they start to play really good hockey. With this thought in mind it was felt that Dick, with his past experience would be a very valuable man in the Bantam division.

The Midget convenor for next season will be the well-known Ernie Brennan. Ernie has had a great deal of experience with boys in this age group and his appointment to the job was a natural.

Lorne Prosser will head up the Juvenile Group. Lorne has proved in the past to be a very capable administrator and should be able to do a first class job with the juvenile group.

Barry Brent was appointed as custodian of trophies and awards. With some 45 trophies awarded annually it is necessary to have some responsible person to take charge of this field and Mr. Brent has agreed to take over this department.

The involved job of statistician was taken on by Mr. Ted Dobbs for his second team. The up-to-date figures that were available last season were produced by the hard working Mr. Dobbs and it is the good fortune of the R.H.H.A. that a man of his ability is not only available but very willing.

Wick Mills was deputized as O.M.H.A. supervisor to look after any games or series coming under an O.M.H.A. category, while Ron Craine was appointed to publicity and special events. Jim Grainger will again be serving as referee-in-chief and the refereeing this year left little to be desired. The referees handled the games fairly and competently as they knew that they had the solid backing of their referee-in-chief.

With experience gained the hard way this year it is felt that the next hockey season should prove to be the best ever. The children will be the winners all along the line.

Initial Lacrosse Practice To-Night

Ray "Ozark" Fox has called the first practice for the Richmond Hill entry in the Ontario Lacrosse Association for 7.30 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at Richmond Hill Arena. All you lacrosse hopefuls are requested to turn out for this first practice.

The Richmond Hill arena board has agreed to the use of the arena for lacrosse this year and are doing all they can to help the fledgling team get started on the right foot. Practices will also be held on Sunday mornings starting at 11 a.m.

The team has received help from a great number of people and business enterprises who are interested in the revival of lacrosse in Richmond Hill. There is still lots of room left for anyone else who would care to contribute in any way to ensure that the team will be able to operate on a sound financial basis.

Ray Fox is making a one man trek all through the area canvassing for his team and the results obtained so far indicate that he is a good ambassador in the lacrosse cause. The need at the moment is for two goal nets — if you know where Roy could obtain a pair of nets at a reasonable price, please contact him at BA. 1-4411.

The first game to be seen in Richmond Hill in many a year will be in the arena on June 8, Sports Day, following the softball game between Dynes Jewellers and the N.H.L. All-Stars. Admission will be free, so don't forget to have a look at our new lacrosse team in action.

MARKHAM — Mr. Lewis A. Durant, former Chief of the Markham Fire Brigade died suddenly April 24, following a heart attack suffered when he and his wife were at Malton to see their son David off on a flight to Montreal. Another son, Lewis, was shot and killed three years ago while on duty with the Markham Township Police force.

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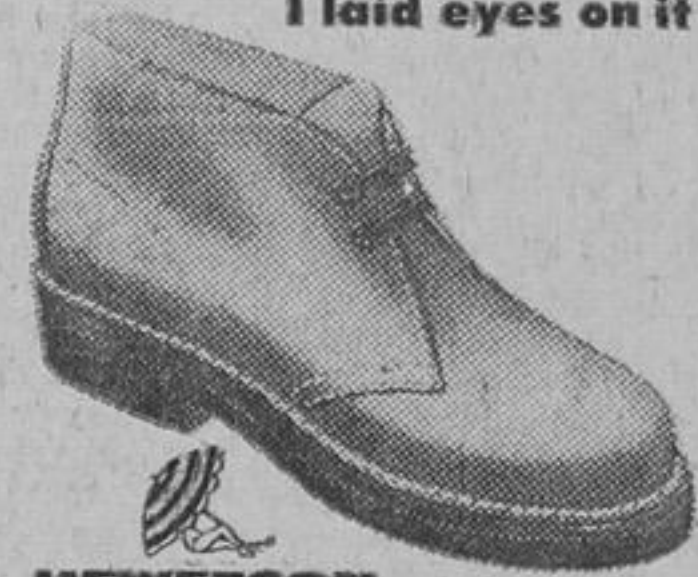


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Richmond Hill High School Sports News

The harrier races were run last week and as per usual new records were set in every division — Senior, Junior and Grade 9 harrier. The as per usual bit may seem a bit flippant on the face of it, but it is plain cold fact.

Harrier races were started at Richmond Hill High School eight years ago and every year the race is won in a faster time in all divisions. It seems to be something of an oddity but there it is.

Ron Rice won the Senior 1 1/4 mile in eight minutes, 50 8/10 seconds to break the old mark of 9 minutes, 29 seconds by 32.8 seconds. This record was really shattered as Ron's time was over half a minute better and over this distance that is quite a feat.

Bob Manning won the Junior 1 1/4 mile in 9 minutes 26 seconds, to break the old mark of 9 minutes 33 seconds set last year by Ron Brice. The Grade 9 harrier went to Lawrie Brice as he ran the 1.1 1/5 mile distance in 6 minutes and 4 seconds by a full 3 seconds. Past family these

Thornhill High School Sport News

Ever since the Easter holidays drew to a close the Thornhill Track and Field hopefuls have been giving the all out treatment in order to prep for the heavy schedule in May. Coach Charlie Seath has his young hopefuls working out furiously and five gets you ten that by the end of May the tiredest man on the track squad will be the same Mr. Seath.

In the senior division Thornhill hopes are riding on Bob Patterson to place highly in the 100, 220 and 440 yard wins. Bob has been working out with the East York Track Club for about six months and has turned in a hundred yards in ten seconds flat. Coach Fred Foote of the East York Club regards Bob as a boy with a terrific potential. Also in the senior division, Cliff Nuttall will be performing in his specialty, the high jump. Cliff can really get up and go into orbit over that bar and improves with every meet.

Big things are also looked for from Ray Smith in the intermediate division in the 100, 220 and 120 yard low hurdles. Bob Howes is a real threat for intermediate discus honours. The junior division has Jim Kellam, who is a candidate for shot put honours. Jim is 14 years of age, six feet tall and weighs close to 190 lbs. He has lots of desire and athletic ability as he played tackle for the junior football team last year. He played 60 minutes of every game and the feat becomes remarkable when you know that Jim is a Grade 9 student, exposed to football for the first time.

On Saturday, May 7, the Thornhill team will be travelling to Camp Borden to compete in the Georgian Bay meet to qualify for the C.O.S.S.A. meet. The first four finishers in each event are to qualify. The C.O.S.S.A. meet will be held on May 20 in Port Hope while the following week, May 28, will see the O.F.S.A.A. meet going at the University of Western Ontario.

Besides these larger meets, the school will be competing in dual meets with Richmond Hill and Pickering College. On May 14th, Thornhill will be competing in the Quaker Relays at Pickering College and in the Eckhardt Trophy meet on May 25th.

This may give you some idea of why Mr. Seath will be worn out both physically and spiritually by the end of May. Whatever your characters do, for goodness sake be kind to the coach. He'll need it!



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