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Sometimes the chatelaine of the manor in which we live wonders what makes some people so very much hipped on watching a softball game. At times it's hard to come up with a sensible answer but the truth of the matter is that the uncertainty of the game makes it one of the best spectator sports going.

If you look at it logically the game should be as dull as dishwater. Take a big, strong pitcher who can overpower batters almost at will. Along with this pitcher mix in a bunch of players who play good defensive ball and can and do outwit the opposition by a 5-1 ratio. They're certain winners, not much doubt about it. But, and it's a really big but, the other team, the one that doesn't have as good pitching and gets only one-fifth as many hits as the stronger club wins the ball game. Don't laugh, lady—it happens often!

All that's needed is the odd fielding lapse and one or two strategic hits and there goes the old ball game! As far as we're concerned the very unpredictability of the game is its charm and lure.

That's why year after year softball fans are growing in numbers because no matter how much of an expert figurer you are the unexpected can and does happen to upset all your pre-conceived calculations. Try watching a game sometime and see!

NEW OUTDOOR CLUB

Something new has shown up on the local sporting scene—the Cedar Rod and Gun Club. For a long time it has been felt that a club catering to outdoor activities was needed in this area. Last Wednesday night a group of eager citizens helped to launch the new project. Already they're off to a flying start.

This newest outdoors club has located on 200 acres of good game country at the Bayview Cedars Horse Ranch—Bayview and 19th Avenues. There are two ponds on the property one suitable for trout stocking while the other would make an ideal bass pond.

Mr. Berresford, proprietor of Bayview Cedars has made clubhouse facilities available to members. Admittedly there remains a good deal of work to whip the property into first class shape but members have already demonstrated a willingness and a big capacity to work for what they want and will eventually have.

In this case the rod and gun part does not mean exactly what it says. Members feel that the club will support and encourage ALL outdoor activities from archery, fly tying, dog training and skeet shooting to just plain picnicking. They mean to get a real program rolling and they've started off in high gear.

So welcome to the Cedar Rod and Gun Club, the newest arrival on the sporting scene in this area. It's something we've needed for a long time and we'll watch your progress with a great deal of interest!

AMALGAMATION

In an effort to streamline operations and do a better job for all citizens, the Richmond Hill Parks Board and the Recreation Committee have urged an amalgamation of both bodies to members of Richmond Hill council. Two separate autonomous bodies seem to overlap in many areas with a division of responsibility that is often not too clear cut. Both groups are primarily interested in the same thing—providing recreational areas and facilities for Richmond Hill.

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North Site Full Swing

Wasaga Beach provincial park was in full operation last Friday with four entrances manned similar to last season, according to a Department of Lands and Forests report.

Formal entrance fees were placed in effect. Gate attendants will be on duty this summer from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekends and holidays. Life-guards will again be on duty in the more heavily used sections of the beach.

Work during the past winter and spring in connection with erosion control has made a noticeable change in Nancy Island; the museum there displays the remains of the H.M.S. "Nancy" destroyed during the war of 1812 and other historic items.

The project involved the use of stone-filled gabions on one side and both ends of the island which has also been levelled, filled and landscaped with trees and shrubs.

KVW All Stars To Play Jockeys

Monday at 8 p.m. in Maple, a team of jockeys from Woodbine will meet the KVW All Stars in an exhibition game which promises to be the most entertaining of the season.

The jockey team is very popular throughout this area and will be trying hard to boot home a winner, although they will be up against strong opposition from representatives of the girls teams in Oak Ridges, King City, Nobleton and Maple, which form the King, Vaughan, Whitchurch league.

This will be the ideal time for followers of the sport of kings to see these jockeys at close range, as well as enjoying a game of excellent softball.



Markham Track Winners

Winners at the recent Markham School Area track and field meet held at Henderson School were Lynda Moss, 13, grade Six at Thornlea, and Harry Leishman, 16, grade Eight at Henderson. The two outstanding athletes are pictured with Markham Area One Physical Education teacher A. Moorby. Schools competing in the meet were 16th School, Thornlea, Woodlands, Henderson and Bayview Glen. (Photo by Barbour.)

Careless Campers Cause Fires, So Follow The Rules

Five small fires occurred in the Severn River forest management unit during the week, four of which have been extinguished and one still under patrol. Prompt action on the part of ranging staff kept the fires to one acre or less in size and investigations indicate all resulted from carelessness with campfires.

Prompt action also was taken by lands and forests department staff to extinguish a fire which broke out in a hardwood area in the main tract of Dufferin Forest, under agreement, in Mulmur Township. Although high winds increased the danger of spread fire fighters were able to contain the outbreak at two acres. Cause is being investigated.

During the coming weeks many summer visitors will again be travelling in wooded areas and building campfires. Carelessness with campfires continues to be one of the main causes of fires which occur throughout the province every summer - some of which causes considerable damage before being brought under control. Observing the following standard safety rules is the way to prevent such danger and one of the most effective ways the public can assist in keeping forest areas green:

Build your campfire in a safe place on rock, sand, gravel or mineral soil near the water, clearing away any nearby debris or branches.

Keep the fire small using small sticks.

Keep the fire under observation and before leaving make sure it is dead out. The sure way is to stir the coals with a stick to separate them, drench the coals with water and run your hands through the wetted coals using more water if they are still hot.

Drench the ground around the campfire to ensure the last spark is dead out.

Guio Wins 2 For Kents

Larry Guio Kent Clothes number one hurler, pitched and won two games for the Clothiers last week. Monday the Kent squad defeated a rough, tough Franklin team by a 12-0 count and came from behind on Tuesday to win 6-4 over Streetsville.

In the eighth inning Streetsville had a 4-2 lead going when the Kent sponsor offered a shirt to the player who drove in the tying run with the same deal applying to the winning run.

With the bags loaded Roy Finlayson looped a home run shot to deep right field to qualify for both shirts. He'll be alright in the shirt department for some time to come!

DeGeer Gets Four Hits Dynes Bow To Franklins

Skip De Geer proved to be the most consistent hitter on the Jeweller club as he pestered Franklin's Norm Bagnell for four singles in four official times at bat. Bagnell walked DeGeer in his fifth appearance at the plate.

It was a heart-breaking loss for Ray Judd. Dynes' ace hurler gave up three hits and struck out 18 while Bagnell was tagged for 13 hits. The difference was a home run blast off the bat of Franklin's Freddy Thomas with a runner already on in the sixth inning.

Both teams were guilty of errors and the Jewellers scored on an error in the opening inning. DeGeer belted a single to centre field and the ball eluded Thomas. DeGeer came around to score easily on the play.

Franklin's tied the score in the fifth inning as catcher Ron Klazer was scored. Klazer singled, stole second and was scored on a single by Ron Woods. The sixth inning saw Franklin's leap to a 3-1 lead as

Ron Hill, on the tracks via the error route, was scored on Thomas' home run shot.

Dynes made a valiant attempt to come from behind in the bottom of the ninth inning. DeGeer hit his fourth single of the night and moved to second as Bren Selvaige was safe on an error at third base. Thornington was sent in to run for DeGeer as he apparently twisted his ankle. With two men on Neb Gayman smashed a high long ball down the third base line. It had home run written all over it but curved foul just before going over the fence. Gayman rapped out a sharp single to score Thornington but Judd grounded out pitcher to first to end the rally and the game.

Norm Bagnell, Franklin's veteran hurler gave up 13 hits, struck out six and walked one to win a 3-2 decision. Ray Judd gave up three hits, struck out 18 and never walked a batter. On the face of it it would appear that Judd was robbed but then, that's softball!

Cedar Rod & Gun Club Offers Wide Programme

June 26 the first meeting of the Cedar Rod and Gun Club was held at Bayview Cedars Horse Ranch, Bayview and 19th Avenues. Some 18 people attended this formative meeting headed by Lyn Tucker.

Mr. Tucker outlined the facilities available to members of the newly formed club. These facilities include 200 acres of rolling farm land and bush with plenty of varmint and rabbit hunting in season. A trout pond is also located on the property with a second pond suitable for raising bass.

A target range and skeet range are to be built subject to the approval of local councils with archery and small arms areas to be included on the bill of fare. Members are already working to clean out an area which will be suitable for picnics.

At this initial meeting a board of directors was formed to head up the new organization. Ray Hunt was elected secretary, Don Plaxton and Bob Champoux will be responsible for the drafting of bylaws. John Moore will be in charge of fishing projects with Frank McPherson leading the way in the hunting section. Lyn Tucker will be in charge of the trap and target work.

It was decided to limit the club to 35 members and to hold the first general meeting on July 10 at Bayview Cedars Horse Ranch commencing at 8 p.m. All those who indicated by letter that they were interested in the formation of this club will be welcome.

Work on the property has already begun with the pond area being cleaned out and the bush being cleared of deadfalls, etc. Mr. Champoux has already

started work on the picnic sites. Pheasant huts are already being refurbished in preparation for a batch of pheasant chicks.

The rod and gun appellation is not indicative of the true aims of the club. Directors intend to see that a wide and varied program is carried out with something to appeal to all outdoor tastes. Family needs are being considered with the construction of picnic areas and activities to include whole family groups.

The Cedar Rod and Gun Club fills a need that has long existed in this area. Present members have already indicated that they are more than pleased with the site and have served notice that they intend to develop the area as fast as practical.

We congratulate members and directors on the initiative shown and wish the newly formed club a sound and successful future.

Maple Ball Game Jockeys Vs. Girls

It's special ball game time at 8 p.m. July 8 at the ball diamond at Maple Community Centre.

The regular King-Vaughan-Whitchurch Senior Girl's scheduled game has been cancelled. Rooting sections are needed for home team and visiting Woodbridge Jockey Club.

The junior girl's team is coached by Bruce Thurston (last year's league champions) and Reg Thacher Jr. with Doug Bice coaching the senior team. Marion Holmes is manager director.

Bowling Results

Richmond Hill Lawn Bowling Club proved to be excellent hosts Monday, July 1, when all prizes in the annual mixed trebles tournament for the Savage trophy, went to visiting rinks.

The trophy was awarded to Milne Freeman of Azincourt, who skipped his rink to the top place for three wins in the day's games. Second prize for three wins went to the rink skipped by Aubrey Pope of Port Credit, and third to the T. Hammond rink of Clarendon.

High for two wins were the Don Bacon trio from Stouffville, and the Walter Edwards rink from Brampton were tops for one win.

The district tournament for mens trebles will be held Wednesday afternoon and evening at the local greens

Judd Fans 53 To Win Tourney

Dynes Jewellers, led by the superlative pitching of Ray Judd won a Dominion Day weekend softball tournament at Peterborough. Judd struck out 53 batters in pitching 27 innings of ball as the Jewellers defeated Russell Drugs 2-0, Oshawa Bad Boys 9-3 and won the final game 2-0 over Peterborough Georgies.

Shortstop Neb Gayman, whose size belies his tremendous hitting strength, slammed out two home runs in the tourney. The consistent hitting of Gayman and Skip De Geer are two of the really bright spots on the Jeweller hitting roster.

Watsons Win 4 At Pinecrest

There seemed to be Watsons everywhere you turned at Pinecrest Speedway Saturday night. Brothers Bob and Jerry won four of the nine men's races, including Bob's second feature of the season, and Jerry took over the points lead.

For Bob, it was his third feature win in eight years' racing. But, while closely pursued by George Rueffer and brother Jerry, was full value, leading from the third lap on. Jerry held second from the ninth to the 14th, but Rueffer edged by at the latter point to take his fourth second-place in as many feature starts. Rueffer has 63 points, second to Jerry Watson's 65. Previous week's leader, Jim Hallahan, slipped to third, with 58; Bob Watson has 53. Hallahan lost a wheel on the 16th lap of the feature and finished 10th, amid a shower of sparks, riding on a hubcap.

It was a second feature win for Joanne Lough, also. She beat out Jo Cresswell by six car lengths and the two are tied with 19 points in second place. Diane Rosevear, who has yet to win a race, leads with 20.

Another of the popular wreck 'em assaults is carded for this Saturday. The mechanical mayhem will be an added feature to the usual 10-race program.

Tips For Umpires

BY DAN PILCHER

I was behind the plate in the 1st Richmond Hill juvenile softball game of the season, and I found out an amazing thing. These boys and their coaches still do not fully understand the ruling regarding the batting order. On one night, this rule was violated twice, the second time resulting in the loss of the game.

This rule is very important, and it is a mandatory thing players and coaches know every facet of it. It goes without saying, that you, the man in blue, must be prepared to call this rule when required.

One part of the rule is particularly tricky. It is the part that says that if a batter comes to bat out of order, then "on appeal, the proper batter is out." Now then, once the ball has been delivered to the next batter, then all preceding play stands. Here is a case, to show the way that the rule works.

The batting order is Smith, Jones, Harris, Stewart. Smith bats, and goes to first. Then Harris gets a hit. Now here is the tricky part. The batter after Harris should be Stewart, so if the pitcher tosses the ball to him, just one strike, then he, Stewart, is the proper batter, and no action is taken re Jones. But if the error is discovered before the ball is delivered to Stewart, then Jones is out, and Smith goes back to first.

While on the subject of the batting order, many umpires and scorekeepers have trouble putting in a substitute on the batting list. There is no need for confusion; the player coming into the game bats in the spot of the player he replaces. This does not mean that the short stop will continue to bat first in the line-up. Take this case.

The pitcher starts to tire, so he is replaced by the right fielder. The pitcher leaves the game, and a new player enters to play right field. The batting

order??? The right fielder who is now pitching stays in the same spot, and the new player bats in the spot vacated by the pitcher. Many errors are made by score keepers and umpires on this account.

And now if you think that you know the rules about batting order, try this one for size. Let's see you match wits with the umpire.

The batting order is Smith, Jones, Harris, Stewart. Smith starts the inning off right with a little scratch hit. Jones comes to bat, and is unfortunate enough to hit into a double play. Then, Stewart steps to bat, and goes down swinging. No protest is heard about him batting out of order. But who is the first batter in the next inning. Is it Harris, who missed a turn, Stewart, who should be second after Jones, or the man after Stewart. You're the umpire, who is the correct batter?

This one is really very simple. A little thinking is all that is needed to come up with the correct answer. The last batter was Stewart, so any other than the man following him would be the wrong batter. It cannot be Harris, (he is passed by) and it cannot be Stewart, (he was last up) so it must be the man after him.

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Safe Boating
Brush up on the rules of safe boating. Watch for next week's list of rules but a cardinal rule is a very simple one; display good manners afloat; show proper respect for others and usually you will get the same treatment in return. Use common sense; a big lake on a windy day can be dangerous to a small craft.

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