

Minor Hockey Meeting Ends Most Dramatic Season

The opening of Richmond Hill's new arena formed the backdrop for one of the most successful, most dramatic minor hockey league seasons in this community's history.

That was the feeling expressed last Sunday by RHMHA President Harold Barnett at the association's annual meeting in the new arena.

It was also a good season financially as the final figures showed a balance of \$2,683, despite total disbursement to April 21 of \$24,073.

Major item contributing to the above figure was ice rental time which totalled \$15,658. Referees, equipment replacement, insurance and trophies accounted for a total of \$6,500 with the remainder charged to items such as ticket sellers, league

fees, advertising, etc.

Two factors played a major role in the achievement of a profit:

The fact that the new arena was six to eight weeks behind its scheduled opening whereas budgets were prepared based on the original scheduled opening.

The efforts of a committee of interested parents who worked through the year at various fund raising projects in order to build a contingency fund against the risks of the two-arena operation.

President Barnett noted that the "one single factor most affecting this year's operation was the opening of the new arena which focused attention on the Richmond Hill hockey scene as never before.

"It made possible the operation of such special events

as the NHL Oldtimers game which resulted in 1,500 people watching one hockey game.

"We saw a substantial increase in the degree of participation by boys of all ages in the association. This necessitated a hike in registration fees but even with these increases these boys still paid considerably less for their hockey than those in most neighboring communities."

Mr. Barnett observed that the larger ice surface may have contributed to the success of the OMHA teams play in North York and tournament play.

"All this was capped by the fine performance of our pee-wee team in Quebec and Fort William.

"For the first time we organized a nine year old

team for a local tournament, a team that made a fine showing in competition with nine year olds from other centres."

Mr. Barnett said it was a "sign of the times that we now find it necessary to pay our referees a full schedule of rates for House League and OMHA games. While below rates paid in some centres this still represents an additional expense to the association."

He commended parents, team sponsors, coaches, etc. for their efforts in making possible the successful season.

Registrar Sandy Dunlop reported that 800 boys were signed up in all age groups from mite to juvenile.

"This total," he said, "was not increased with the open-

ing of the new arena because of the difficulties involved in integrating new players and teams into established leagues.

"Instead, playing times were increased and a substantial number of exhibition games were made possible."

The following officers will return for their remaining year in office:

Walt Donkin, Sandy Dunlop, Jim Mabley, Terry O'Brien, Ed Sackfield, Marsh Amos.

The following were all re-elected:

Marty D'Alessandro, Tom Graham, Harold Barnett, Al Alder.

Elected to their first term were:

Dan Bromley, Bill Stokes, Ron Russell, and Harold Mabley.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

How's The Air Up There?

Yes, they grow them pretty big with the Toronto Argos. Just ask teeny-weeny Mike Barnett of the Richmond Hill Minor Hockey Association. Mike is shown facing off against Argos Danny Nykoluk just before the Argo-Richmond Hill Policeman game won by Toronto 5-4. Dropping the puck is Police Chief R. P. Robbins. Proceeds went to the York Central Association for the Mentally Retarded and the town police association.

PICKERING TOWNSHIP: A new shelter for homeless animals in Pickering Township has been opened at Whitby.

It is operated by the Ontario Humane Society and the manager is Alan Jones.

All animals, not just dogs, will be admitted, including cats, raccoons and skunks. Owners of pets, if at fault, will be required to pay a stipulated fee.



Once again the call goes out to new and former members of the local tennis club. As was the case last year, the member-

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Sport Spots

By Fred Simpson

Gone Fishin'?

My initial mistake was in going fishing for the first time in 1962 (one of many made that year, mistakes that is); the second one in 1965 when I was persuaded to go again; the third this past weekend when I was bludgeoned into going.

I'm not sure there are too many fishermen of my ilk around these days. I'm not even sure history has ever recorded my type.

I fish in a suitcoat, tie, and dress pants and try to stay as far away from the water as possible which makes it difficult. Refuse to touch (a) worms or (b) fish other than with a knife and fork and not too often then.

It's my theory that one should always stay in character, no matter what. So being cursed with wearing a suitcoat, etc., on most days I feel obliged to do so on every occasion. If this doesn't make sense, neither do I.

INSANITY?

So it came to pass I was roused from leaden slumber around 6 am this morning by a thunderous pounding on the outside door. Realized anew that fishermen have a mania for leaving early. There undoubtedly is a valid reason for such inhumane awakenings to go fishing but I'm not convinced that it doesn't require a certain amount of insanity. I've even heard that some fishermen wait till midnight to start. But I'm sure this is an untruth. Some of the fishermen I've known in the past wouldn't have been able to find either boat or water at this unseemly hour.

The fishermen, on this occasion, comprised chaps by the name of Jim Gladding, Sonny Symons, Bill Woods and son Billy and, ahem, me. All shall remain nameless from hence forward so that it will be difficult to relate fiction with fact. Except for myself, of course.

Started the day off with coffee and toast at one of those sleepy little road diners in one of those sleepy little towns one always runs into early in the morning.

Looked like a promising day. Crisp but sunny. Off we went, headed towards a place called Euthenia which, they tell me, is about 80 miles northwest of Richmond Hill around Flesherston.

About 30 minutes before we arrived it started clouding up, five minutes later we were fighting our way through a snowstorm. Honest, real snow.

"Good deer-hunting weather," grunted one of the fishermen. "Good tracking weather," agreed another. Mute silence from the rest broken by shivers.

Arrived. Still snowing. Wind increasing. Fish nowhere to be seen or caught. Stayed in car. Didn't even see the water. Drove off to find a more receptive spot. Found it. Started fishing.

Except for me, huddled cravenly inside the car peering out at the snowflakes and occasionally catching glimpses of the rod-and-reel gladiators. Fish in that kind of weather? Not me.

SHIPWRECK?

I even saw a couple of fishermen heading out in a boat with mackinaws, snowshoes, caps with their ear lugs down. Of course, they may have been setting out to rescue some people from a shipwreck. Surely they weren't going fishing. Still, they did have their fishing rods with them.

A few hours later the sun came up but it was still pretty cold. Stopped snowing, though, and off we went to find other fishing holes. I still hadn't been out of the car.

Lots of time to mull over fishing. It's surprising the knowledge you pick up on a fishing trip. Found out that it costs 3 cents a worm only to see a fish gobble it down just like that. Also that you can freeze worms and unfreeze them and they are just as lively as ever. I suppose I should have known this but it's something I haven't really thought about too often. Interesting, though.

Also there are many types and breeds of fishermen. You have the real enthusiastic, the real optimistic type. He sees a potentially great trout ground in every ocean, lake, creek, rivulet, or water-touched hole.

"Bet there's some trout over there," he'll shout pointing excitedly.

"Where?" asks the driver. "Can't even see any water."

"Over there, over there," still excitedly. It's really a ditch but this goes on and on. He's out exploring, exploring.

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The name of the store, "Price and Quality", will be the theme of the new business, along with personal service to customers and fresh meat and fish every day.

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David Harvey Re-Elected President At Annual Skating Club Meeting

David Harvey of 423 Lynett Crescent, Beverley Acres was re-elected president of the Richmond Hill Figure Skating Club for the second year in a row at the recently held annual meeting in the municipal building.

A total of 50 members attended the meeting which also saw the following executive members elected for 1968-69:

Mrs. Marie Dunleavy, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Fran Neal 2nd vice-president; Doug Davey, secretary; Mrs. Buddy Standfield, treasurer; Mrs. Dorothy Francis and William Morrison, directors.

Mrs. Barbara Grimshaw, schedules; Mrs. Joseph Madaleno, patch; Al Knight, publicity; Mr. Davey, CFSA representative; Mrs. Neal, membership; Mr. Harvey, newsletter; Mrs. Ursula Kunstmann, supervision; Mrs. Jean Close, telephone committee; Mrs. Dorothy Francis, CFSA test chairman.

Three of last seasons directors retired.

They were Mrs. Rita Hall, Mrs. Pat Shubaly, and Mrs. Larry Wilson.

Mrs. Hall was one of the original founders of the club and had been on the executive for 12 years and secretary for the entire time. Mrs. Shubaly had been a director for three years and in charge of the music room for five years. Mrs. Wilson was a director for one year and in charge of patch for a number of years and was also membership chairman last year.

All directors and committee heads presented their annual reports and all indications were that the club enjoyed an extremely successful season.

The CFSA test day was held on the last day of skating at the arena and resulted in 43 members out of 54 passing for an 80 percent average.

They were: Third figure, Lynda Taylor; First figure, Daniele Pilotte, Marie-Ellen Souche, Kimberley Walsh, Karen McMahon; Preliminary Club for the second year in a figure, Debbie Jones, Nancy Kerr, Debbie Capotosto; Dutch waltz, Debbie Jones, Philip Trunk, Carol Ann Sephton; Canasta, Carol Ann Sephton, Joy Miller, Anna Osso, Donald Fraser, Debbie Jones, Marie-Lise Souche, Dianna Sanlon, Nancy Kerr.

Swing, Marywinne Cosentino, Louise Farr, Fiesta, Karen McMahon, Linda Fraser, Debbie Harvey, Heather Deighton, Bettina Mummy; Tenfox, Tracey Francis, Linda Fraser, Marie-Ellen Souche; Willow, Marie-Ellen Souche; 14 Step, Daniele Pilotte, Cathy Morrison, Lynda Taylor, Cathy Wilson, Jennifer Bancroft-Wilson, Bernard Souche; Foxtrof, Donna Shubaly, Cathy Wilson, Bronze Free skating, Susan Spence.

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