



Sport Spots

By Fred Simpson

About Rec. Directors

There's no doubt about it. A community the size of Richmond Hill — some 20,000 souls — should have a full time recreation director.

That's the admittedly prejudiced opinion of 23-year-old Sid Armatage who has been hired summer-time recreation director for Markham Township.

Sid is a native of Listowel and is currently attending Centennial College in Scarborough. Yes, he's planning to make a career out of being a full time recreation director upon graduation. He's in his final year now.

It's not that he is attempting to tell Richmond Hill what's good for it. The question was asked, the following answer resulted:

"A recreation director is a professional co-ordinator who goes out into the community and finds out what type of recreation the people want. It's his job to see that the kind of recreation already there is functioning in a coherent manner with other kinds of recreation."

CO-ORDINATION ALL IMPORTANT

Sid stresses co-ordination above all. "It's no use having a dozen different voices appealing to your recreation committee. It simply confuses the entire issue. A recreation director acts as a liaison officer."

"He is trained to see the particular problems of individual bodies sometimes before they see them themselves. And he being a professional, a recreation committee is more inclined to listen to his advice within reason. Of course there's always the question of only so much money."

It's the job of a recreation director to pick out priorities that will be within an all too-often strictly limited budget.

Sid also points out logically that you can't expect a recreation committee to be experts at what the community needs.

"They are attempting to do a job but I feel that they can only go by the advice they receive. None of the members are full time recreation men and you can't expect them to be experts."

SALARY WORTH IT

Sid also firmly believes that any salary spent on a full time director will be amply returned in the way of a happier band of citizens who nowadays regard recreation as a necessity, not a luxury.

"The leisure age along with expanding urban populations is upon us and we just don't have the space available for children to play on a disorganized basis. Recreation has to be organized to give everyone the opportunity to participate."

And by everyone Sid means from the youngest to the oldest.

"There's been a misconception about recreation for a number of years," he said. "It's been taken for granted that recreation means just participating in sports."

RECREATION FOR ALL

"This is wrong. Sports should be only one segment of a recreation program. Adults also need to be considered. There should be programs for all age groups. Programs such as bird-watching, reading, or even simply sitting down in groups and talking."

Sid feels that the pressures of the current society are so great that adults don't have time to plan their own amusement.

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SID ARMATAGE



Canadian Open Award

Dave Gourlay (right) president of the Ontario Golf Course Superintendents Association and superintendent of the Thornhill Country Club, congratulates William Hynd, superintendent of St. George's Golf and Country Club, Islington, on his being awarded a special plaque from the Golf Club Superintendents Association of America.

The plaque was in recognition of Hynd's three years of work in preparing the course for the Canadian open championship, Lee Spencer, club president, made the formal presentation.

Hynd also is secretary of the Ontario GCSA. Photo was taken at St. George's trophy room.

Kernohan Scores Trio In Minor Soccer Tilt

In soccer play Danny Kernohan paced the Richmond Hill Pee wee First Team to a 3-2 win over Newmarket's First Team with a three goal performance.

One accident marred the game when a Newmarket player suffered a broken leg.

Richmond Hill's Second Team also nipped Oak Ridges 3-2 in an exhibition game.

Atom division action saw the Avengers downing the Blue Bombers 4-1 and the Red Barons upending the Green Hornets 5-3.

David Trotman scored two goals in a losing cause for the Hornets. Marked improvement is being shown by the boys, ages 6 to 9 years, in this grouping. They are starting to pass the ball well.

In the bantam division it was

Aurora's First Team 7 and Richmond Hill 0.

In the mosquito division it was Aurora's First Team 5, Richmond Hill 3.



The Richmond Hill pee wee soccer Second Team achieved the only bright spot last week defeating Newmarket III by the score of 5-0.

Aurora's first team blasted Richmond Hill's by the score of 7-0.

In the mosquito division it was disaster as Newmarket II downed Richmond Hill by 3-0.

In atom play it was the Avengers walloping the Green Hornets 11-1.

Hugo Fusco led the way with four goals with Matthew Nicholls right behind with three. Loan scorer for the Hornets was Reiner Pleschberger.

In other action the Red Barons downed Blue Bombers by 6-2.

Crosby Relay Teams Shine In Track Meet

Crosby Public School relay teams ran away with all the honors in the annual Richmond Hill Public Schools Track and Field Meet June 19.

The Crosby girls' relay teams finished first in all three groupings — ages 11 and 12 years, 13, and 14. Mackillop Public School finished second in the first two age groupings and third in the final one. McConaghy finished third in the first two and second in the final one.

The Crosby boys' relay teams also won the three age brackets with McConaghy placing second in the age 11 and 12 and the age 14 brackets. McConaghy placed third in the ages 13 group. Pleasantville's relay team scored a second in the ages 13 and finished third in the 11 and 12 bracket. Mackillop scored a third in the 13 age grouping and the 14th.

Individual trophy winners: Boys: Cameron Bunston, ages 11 and 12, 25 total points; Steve Holtze, ages 13, 20 total points; Dave Morby, ages 14, 25 total points.

Girls: Kim Taverner, ages 11 and 12, 25 total points; Robin Hopkins, ages 13, 17 total points; Deborah Stones, ages 14 and over, 15 total points.

Outside Club Must Put Up \$500 Cash For Bayview Field

The Richmond Hill Knights, a football club for post-secondary school youths, will be permitted to use Bayview Secondary School playing field again this year but will again be required to post a \$500 cash bond.

Trustees Norman Tyndall of York Central District High School Board insisted that the club had been on probation last year had done no damage to the field and should only be required this year to post a \$500 surety bond.

The bond had been required last year, explained Superintendent S. L. G. Chapman, because when an outside organization has been given permission to use the field, the board is not in a position to prevent its being used if conditions are poor. "If they have a surety bond, they won't use it if it is going to be wrecked," suggested Trustee Lewis Clement.

The amendment to require a surety bond instead of cash was tied and Chairman Allan Peck cast the deciding negative vote. "One game in the rain on a Saturday afternoon and the field is never the same for the rest of the year," he commented.



Minor Ball Results

Tyke Division
Convener G. Greenwood

- June 24
Tony's Esso 25
Civitan Club 6
Han's B.A. 13
Johnny Sunoco 12
Kent Clothes 21
Tom Hughes Shell 10

GIRL'S DIVISION
Convener S. Kellett

- June 26
Powell Fencing 16
Hilltop Furniture 15
Hall's Fuels 5
Len Pugh 1
Police Association 3
Village Coiffure 1

SQUIRTS DIVISION
Convener J. Davidson

- June 27
Hodgins Hardware 20
Mister Transmission 8
Wintergarden Paints 18
Morley Foodland 5
Murphy Real Estate 11
Town Auto Body 8

AURORA: Jim Elder of Aurora on June 28 became the 1st Canadian rider in the 51-year history of the Detroit Horse Show to win the President's Trophy. Elder, captain of the Canadian Olympic Equestrian Team, cleared a 6-foot, 3-inch wall on Pieces of Eight to win the open jumper class.

Wimbridge Cleaners
Take 24-7, 9-6 Wins

Wimbridge Cleaners' ladies had their hitting boots on last week as they walloped Donlands 24-7 and outslugged Bay Ridges 9-6.

Mary Williamson was the centre fielding star against Donlands as she caught six fly balls and also made a double play at first base. June Pick also stood out in field and was credited with getting three opponents out.

Merrylynn Henry played a standout defensive game at first base in the Cleaners' 9-6 victory

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Ontario Hospital Insurance announces NEW BENEFITS

Effective July 1, 1968

In keeping with its practice through the years of increasing benefits wherever possible, the Ontario Hospital Services Commission announces new benefits for hospital out-patient services and essential ambulance services effective on July 1, 1968. These benefits are now available to all residents covered by Ontario Hospital Insurance for whom such out-patient or ambulance services are medically necessary.

New Out-Patient Benefits

In addition to out-patient hospital services already covered (emergency care; follow-up treatment of fractures; radiotherapy; physiotherapy; occupational therapy and speech therapy) the plan now provides further benefits for the use of hospital facilities in out-patient treatment prescribed by a physician. This means that many hospital visits not previously insured, such as use of operating room for minor surgical procedures and the use of hospital facilities in the treatment of medical conditions, will now be covered by Ontario Hospital Insurance.

X-ray examinations and laboratory tests listed as benefits under the Ontario Medical Services Insurance Plan (OMSIP) will not be included in the new hospital insurance benefits. However, these diagnostic services will continue to be covered in connection with emergency out-patient services within twenty-four hours of an accident or when part of hospital out-patient service to complete treatment of a fracture.

The new benefits will NOT cover any charges made by doctors or dentists for professional services rendered at the hospital; the use of hospital facilities for regular injections of drugs, or dental care normally provided in a dentist's office.

Essential Ambulance Service

Ontario Hospital Insurance will now cover, also, the major part of ambulance charges when an ambulance is necessary to take a patient to or from a hospital. The use of an ambulance must be considered necessary by a licensed medical doctor, a central ambulance dispatching service, a designated hospital official or another person authorized by the Commission. In the case of a road accident, a police officer may authorize the use of an ambulance. The ambulance must be supplied by a recognized ambulance service operator (municipal, hospital, and approved private and volunteer ambulance services).

Cost to Insured Resident. The amount payable by the patient for an authorized ambulance trip of 25 miles or less will be limited to \$5.00. For longer trips on land there will be an additional charge of 15 cents for each mile over 25 miles, but no more than \$25.00 will be payable by the patient for any land trip. Where use of an air ambulance is specially authorized by the Director of Emergency Health Service of the Ontario Hospital Services Commission or a person designated by him, the patient will not have to pay more than \$100.00, including the cost of any connecting land ambulance service.

Patient Pays Hospital. The patient will pay his share of the ambulance cost to the hospital which receives him or transfers him to a place of residence — not to the ambulance operator.

(An uninsured person will be liable for the full ambulance charges of \$25.00 for a land trip of 25 miles or less, plus 60 cents for each additional mile. Air ambulance will be charged at the usual full rates for this type of service.)

The Ontario Hospital Services Commission will NOT be responsible for operating or dispatching ambulances. This will continue to be the responsibility of the ambulance operators which, in some cases, will be public hospitals.

The new out-patient benefits are designed to close the gap in protection between insured hospital services and those services which are benefits of OMSIP and other comprehensive medical plans.

The ambulance benefit will not only ease the financial problem for the patient but will assist in the development of a well-organized ambulance service throughout the province.



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