

# ... Sport Spots ...

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me a thrill in his life. He does everything so smoothly you don't know he's doing it." The same Mr. Tate helped open the present day Maple Leaf Gardens back in the early 1930's by being one of the first spectators there.

"Those were the days when Connie Smythe had the Leafs. He's a tremendous man. He used to have a cottage next to mine up at Orchard Beach Gardens. That's at the north end of Keswick. He could get me tickets whenever I wanted them. Of course, I paid for them."

Frank then proceeded to work his way through the early Leaf games such as Busher Jackson, Joe Primeau, Charlie Conacher, etc., right down to latter day Leafians such as Syl Apps (one of the all-time greats) and the late Bill Barliko.

"I was there when Barliko scored the winning goal against Canadiens in the 1950-51 front of us. I remember him falling down as he shot the puck in. It was the last time I saw him."

Barliko died a few months later in an airplane crash over Hudson Bay.

Frank told me not to forget to mention the people he used to attend the games with regularly in those early years. They were the late Percy Hill, Len Clement, Arm Savage and Frank Schissler.

## GOOD TIMES

Frank, now a widower, was a long-time employee with Ontario Hydro and has been retired for the past 17 years.

But he stays active. "I do odd jobs for the ladies along my street," he said with a twinkle in his eye. "A number of widows live across the street and I buy the groceries for them, look after their furnaces. It keeps me busy. They're very nice people."

As for the woe-is-me plight of the present-day Leafs.

"They had a lot of injuries. But they'll be back. They've got some good young players like Rickie Ley, Jim McKenny and Jim Dorey. They'll be back."

You've got to believe him. His voice is loud and clear, just brooks no contradiction.

## SWEET SMELL?

Now for some sweet smells of summer. Or is that pollution I've been warming up to all the time? However, so be it.

The Russell "Casey" Cripps inspired Richmond Hill Dunes Jewellers Senior "A" softball squad held its first outdoor practice Sunday and, according to Casey, the living is going to be beautiful this season.

The master reports most of last year's powerful contingent back in the fold along with a few starry new ones. The new faces out for the practice include some well-known names (and good players, too) in softball circles such as Derek Kinnersley, Bob Smith, Larry Brown, Bruce Campbell, Stan Doner, and Bob Shelston.

Running them down quickly, Kinnersley lined up with Tube-Craft in The Beaches last season, outfielder, fast on the paths, etc., Smith, also Tube-Craft, third baseman-shortstop, good all-around, Brown, Shopsy's of The Beaches, catcher. Campbell formerly played for Baytor's a few seasons ago and was one of the top hitters around in the days of Pitcher Ray Judd. He's been playing in the Halifax area for the past five years. Finally, Shelston, good young local catcher who played with Bay Ridges in the Oshawa Softball League last season and was formerly with Kent Clothes. He also plays other positions. That's it.

## AND SO ON

And a note from Shirley Lee re the final registration date this Saturday for young people wanting to participate in the Richmond Hill Minor Ball Association this summer.

Registration will be in the local arena and will run from 11 am to 2 pm.

A total of 374 registrations to date, 120 of them girls. Mrs. Lee stresses that the girls will be split into two different age groups this season, from 7 to 11 and from 12 to 16 years. This will allow the girls to play in their own age groups. Good idea.

## SHORTIES

The golfing season is heading into full-swing. One of the first signs of spring came weeks ago when Reg Acornb of Richmond Hill, head man at Thornhill Uplands Golf Course, got his first seven applications for the Eager Beaver which is slated for May 30 this year.

The Eager Beaver follows on the heels of the Ontario Golf Association's Champion of Champions tournament at St. George's May 29.

And, finally, see where Marty Philip, formerly manager of the Goodyear Store in Richmond Hill, will manage the Scarborough entry in the Leaside Baseball League. Marty is the scout in the Metro Toronto area for San Francisco Giants of the majors.

## Dept. Lands & Forests Live-Traps Pheasants To Improve Strains

Hunters in the Long Point, Northumberland and Tiny Marsh (Midland) areas of Ontario may find more pheasants available this year, but also may find that they are a lot harder to bag.

Last January and February Department of Lands and Forests personnel live-trapped 140 wild ring-necked pheasants in townships on the periphery of Toronto where they were abundant and where the discharge of firearms is prohibited.

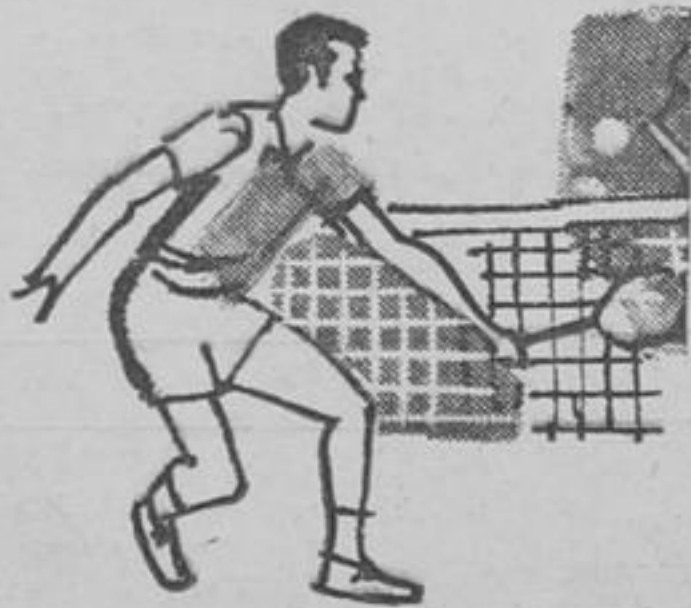
After capture the birds were taken to the two pheasant hatcheries at Normandale and Cochrington, where their wild strain was introduced into the hatchery-reared stock. It is felt that when the wild birds are bred with the domestic stock, the resultant strain will be more wily and provide more of a challenge for the hunter. About 50 birds were sent to Tiny Marsh for breeding purposes.

Kernelled corn was used

to bait the traps, both in the tunnel and in the cage. The pheasants nibbled their way right through the tunnel and found it virtually impossible to get out. Officers inspected the traps twice a day and all captive birds were transferred to nearby holding pens.

However, the take was not confined to pheasants. Conservation officers released many songbirds, one pigeon and a few cottontail rabbits attracted by the corn. The most spectacular catch was two red-tailed hawks. Apparently the two meat-eating birds of prey had spotted three pheasants in the trap and just couldn't pass up the opportunity of a gourmet luncheon. The structure of the traps was modified to eliminate any further predations of this kind.

The trapping project is to be continued annually and is aimed at introducing a wilder strain in the hatchery stock and to provide breeding stock for Tiny Marsh.



## LET'S PLAY TENNIS

By Eric Girdler  
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Richmond Hill Lawn Tennis Association

Tennis is alive and well and thriving in Richmond Hill. A work party cleaned up the courts and put up nets on April 11.

There were large numbers of enthusiasts out April 11 and 12, including many new juniors. Play continued all week and in spite of chilly weather the courts were kept busy last weekend.

President Dennis Stainer reminds us that the very popular instruction courses will take place in June — Thursday nights for seniors and Saturday mornings for juniors.

Membership prices for 1970 are: family \$35, husband and wife \$25, single senior (16 and over) \$10, junior class 1 (13-15) \$5, junior class 2 (under 13) \$1. All ages are as of April 1, 1970.

Memberships may be obtained by phoning Treasurer Jack Brodrick at 884-1734 or Secretary Judy Litt at 887-5509.

See you on the courts!

## Fishing Anyone?

The Metro Conservation Areas, particularly brown and speckled trout. Boats are available to the public at Heart Lake.

The public is advised that the regulations regarding fishing licenses are observed in the areas which means that males, 19 years and over, are required to have a fishing license.

The areas to be open Saturday morning are:

HEART LAKE — Located five miles north of Highway 7 at the eastern limits of Brampton.

GLEN HAFY — Near Mono Mills and Highway No. 9.

ALBION HILLS — Five miles north of Bolton on Highway No. 50.

BRUCE'S MILL — Two miles east of Don Mills Road on the Gormley-Stouffville Road.

GREENWOOD — Three miles north of Highway No. 2 on the Clearmont Road.

CLAREMONT — Located in Pickering Township, 1 1/2 miles north of Highway No. 7 on Sideroad No. 10.

PALGRAVE FOREST AND WILDLIFE AREA — Located in Albion Township, north of Sideroad No. 25 about 1 1/4 miles west of Highway No. 50.

LOWER ROUGE — Located in Pickering Township, at the mouth of the Rouge River, south of Highway 401, off Sheppard Avenue.

Conservation authority officials say there should be some excellent fishing in most of the streams flowing through these

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## Rainbow Trout Leaping At Dams Alliston Area Next 2 Weekends

The weekends of April 25 and May 2 are forecast by the Department of Lands and Forests as the best time to see the migrating Rainbow trout in the Boyne or Nottawasaga Rivers.

Fish ladders are provided at the Nicolson Dam and at Earl Rowe Park, both in the Alliston area. These dams are the best viewpoints. Any Rainbow seeking the headwaters of the Boyne or Nottawasaga Rivers will have to pass through these two fish ladders. This year's first Rainbow, 23 inches long, was caught April 11 at the Earl Rowe Park fishway.

The fishways were built solely for migrating Rainbow, but Lands and Forests officials will not be surprised if such exotic introductions to the Great Lakes as Coho, Chinook and Kokanee salmon, which are becoming more numerous each year, find their way up the waterways in search of spawning grounds.

During the later part of April suckers move up river to spawn. Many of these are of the long-nose variety, which have a red stripe down their sides. Thousands of these fish congregate at the base of the dams and tour-

ists, mistaking them for trout, photograph them madly.



## SMELT FISHING

A possible abundance of smelt in creeks and shallow areas of Lake Simcoe this spawning season was indicated during the past winter which showed a marked increase of smelt caught, so the Department of Lands and Forests has invited all fishermen to help reduce the lake's population of these small silvery fish.

The smelt are not native to the lake, and since they are both a predator and a food source for larger fish species, it is not yet known whether their introduction was a good or bad thing. Smelt have first-rate table qualities, having a firm flesh with an excellent flavor.

The exact dates when the smelt will be running depend on climatic conditions, especially temperature.

## BOWLING RESULTS

### ABC BOWLING LEAGUE

The Diggers and Wots ended up in a tie for first place last week as the regular season closed. Both squads managed 32 points apiece and will meet in a playoff to decide the winner.

Jim Graham and Norm Waite, captains of the two teams, will decide on the rules for the playoffs.

Ladies were led by Agatha Glanville with 712 (318, 186, 208); Pat Fortin 659 (234, 226, 199); and Liz Johnston with 620 (213, 225, 182).

John Filkus led the men with 657 (195, 227, 235); Frank Horton had 654 (275, 160, 210); and Dan Price 637 (150, 256, 231).

Individual leaders during the season were: Ladies high average, Shirley Price 187; high single flat, Agatha Glanville 280; high single handicap, Vera Simons 672; high triple handicap Shirley Reisenweber 708.

Top scorers for men were: High average, Frank Horton 214; high single flat, Werner Kallus 335; high single handicap, Ivan Mansbridge 334; high triple flat, Jim Graham 827; high triple handicap Norm Waite 802.

The executive announced that the playoffs start this Friday. All teams are eligible for the playoffs whether they won the series or not. There will be no bowling-off or substitute players allowed so all members are urged to be in attendance.

**ABC MEN'S MAJORS**  
The final two positions in the championship series were nailed down by Doane Hall No. 1 and Doane Hall No. 2.

There is one night of league action left and then an eight-game playoff will be held, consisting of four games each night on April 27 and May 4.

Standings: Doane Hall No. 1, 58; Powell Fencing 52; Hall's Fuels 47; Doane Hall No. 2, 39; ABC No. 3, 34; ABC No. 2, 31; ABC No. 1, 25; Tony's Esso 25; Allencourt Lanes 23; Team No. 10, 16.

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It was all there from the scene stealing little "Fire Sparks" to the polished performances of Mary Church, David Sutton, Cathi Lee Irwin, Debbi Wilkes, Roger Uemae, Jannette D'Alroy, David Port, Michael Bradley and Debbi Jones.

Also prominent was the choreography of Hans Ahlgren and Brenda Ramsey with the assistance of the club's other professionals, Janice Grainger, Mary Jane Oke and Dale Murray.

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PLACE: BANQUET ROOM, NEW ARENA

Anyone interested in changes or amendments in the constitution by-laws, regulations or rules shall submit their proposal in writing to the secretary of the R.H.H.A. by Saturday, May 2, otherwise it will not appear on the Agenda.

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