

# Lighted Diamonds, More Diamonds Urgently Needed For Thornhill Ball

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Thornhill softball, directed by President Stan Daurio, made great strides toward achieving all their aims for the 1973 season.

Bob Adams formed an umpires' association. A clinic was held during the early spring and an unprecedented 90% of all games were officiated by umpires. The quality of play in the house league improved in almost all areas. All championship team players received individual trophies.

All-star teams entered seven tournaments and the pee-wee and midget boys completely swamped the Maple tourney. The bantam girls were second in York District and the midget girls second in North York.

With a capable and enthusiastic line-up of coaches, the league was undeniably successful. Many problems were encountered due to a lack of financial and sufficient physical help from the Town of Markham. Although invited to present plans to the parks and recreation department, the Softball League was unsuccessful in convincing the authorities of the needs. Throughout the season hazardous diamonds were used, and worn out equipment could not always be replaced.

A donation of free umpiring bailed out the league in the end. Some profit was made at the final parade and in selling pictures. The year ended slightly in the black, but with a great amount of worn out equipment.

Although it was determined that Thornhill could successfully continue with softball only if two diamonds were added for 1973 and three for 1974, in fact only one was added dur-

ing 1973. Since Thornhill will have eight or nine representative teams in 1974, lighted diamonds are an imperative. (Teams from out-of-town cannot arrive in Thornhill to start games at 6:30 pm to be finished before dark).

One lighted diamond cannot handle the load. If trades can be made with surrounding communities for lighted diamonds, Thornhill will sacrifice unlighted ones, and further restrict the number of games played by house league teams. Limiting registration may be the only answer.

Parks and Recreation Director Bruce Holdsworth fielded many questions. He explained the town has no policy for grants, just for facilities. The diamonds are much better than in the past, but many problems exist. The parks and recreation department has not been able to expand as quickly as the population plus the rising inflation.

Without more support and encouragement, the volunteer must work against very difficult problems. The size of the league is such that decisions which are constantly based on lack of money make it almost impossible to continue. Small purchases of equipment time and again to replace the lost, worn out or damaged equipment is unbelievably frustrating. Much higher fees do seem undesirable, but perhaps necessary.

The future of the Thornhill Softball is undetermined at this point. The Thornhill Softball League must educate the Town of Markham on the advantage to this community of a well-run softball program. It can be successful only when the town is convinced that keeping over 700 children in a progressive softball program is a worthwhile endeavor.

# Crestwood Road News

CORRESPONDENT: MRS. FRED ST. JOHN

## Neighborhood Notes

Birthdays: Congratulations to Michael Sage who was 3 years old September 4, also his mother Pat (Fitchett). Fred St. John also celebrated on September 29.

**Brownies**  
The 165th Brownie Pack visited Caca Loma on September 29. The children enjoyed visiting the Girl Guide room which was of interest as there were dolls dressed in uniforms since Guiding started to the present day uniform.

They travelled by bus and subway then came back to the hall for hot dogs, corn, cookies and drinks. Brownies are held every Wednesday 6:45-8 pm in St. Paschal's Parish Hall.

## Francis - Sutherland

On September 22, 1973 at the Thornhill United Church Rev. Alf McAlister officiated at the wedding of Sherald, eldest daughter of Doneal and Margaret Sutherland, Thornhill, to Kenneth Francis, youngest son of Bill and Peggy Francis of Crestwood Road.

The bride wore a floor length pink dress trimmed with white lace with matching headpiece. She carried a bouquet of pink and white roses.

Maid of honor was Gail Francis, sister of the groom, and she wore a shirred white blouse with black palazzo pants and carried a bouquet of white and yellow flowers. The bridesmaid was Laurel Sutherland, sister of the bride and she wore a yellow dress with a bouquet of yellow and white flowers. The best man was Lewes Francis and the usher was Martin Francis both bro-

thers of the groom. The brides mother received guests in a light pink dress and the groom's mother wore deep pink with matching accessories.

A reception was held at the home of the groom's parents on Crestwood Road after which the newlyweds left on a honeymoon trip to Niagara Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Francis are now residing in Willowdale.

## Cyr - Marges

St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church, Green Lane, Thornhill, was the scene of a pretty wedding on June 2, 1973 with Father Chidlow officiating at the marriage of Helen, eldest daughter of Ruth and Harry Marges of Crestwood Road and Dick Cyr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Cyr of Morgan Avenue, Thornhill.

The alter boy was Danny Cyr brother of the groom. The flowers in the church were red and yellow mums and gladiolas.

The bride wore a long white satin gown with lace over top forming a four foot train, high ruffled collar and cuffs with the same ruffled trim around the bottom of the dress and train.

Her veil was a four tier headpiece of large white flowers with smaller flowers down each side. Her bouquet was red roses and baby's breath.

The maid of honor Diane Jacobs wore a long floral empire gown with nylon chiffon over polyester crepe (mauve) and carried a nosegay of pale pink carnations trimmed with white ribbon. The bridesmaids were Elaine and Gail sisters of the bride and Sandra Cyr

sister of the groom. They all wore long pinkish-mauve gowns, pink polyester crepe covered by mauve nylon chiffon, and they all carried nosegays of two tone mauve carnations with ribbons to match.

The groom wore a black Earl style tuxedo with black velvet trim with white ruffled shirt and carnation.

The best man was Steve brother of the groom and the ushers were Wayne Cyr, Ken Turton, Gary Dolery and they all wore tuxedos the same style as the groom. The bride and groom fathers also wore Earl styled tuxedos.

The brides mother wore a long melon gown made of pour de soi wrap around affect which was hand beaded with a design in pearl on the top right hand corner and the bottom left hand corner. She carried a matching bag and wore a corsage of white and melon sweetheart roses in her hair.

The mother of the groom wore a long pink gown made of polyerepe with white collar and cuffs with a corsage of pink sweetheart roses.

The reception was held at the Villa Nova Restaurant on Highway 7, Thornhill.

The wedding cake which was four tier was made by the brides mother and decorated in pink with roses to match.

There were 130 guests attended and out-of-town guests came from Parry Sound, Sudbury, Barrie, Espanola, Hamilton, Montreal, and Toronto.

Following the reception the young couple travelled to the Maritime Provinces for two weeks. They now reside on Yonge Street, Thornhill.

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**RICHIE**—by Thomas Thompson. The emotionally shattering story of a tragedy brought about by drug addiction. The book presents a



# RICHVALE RECORD

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**YWCA**  
Ladies! Don't forget that for exercises, coffee and entertainment, be at Emmanuel Church, MacKay Drive tomorrow (October 12) from 9:30 to 11:30 am where your local TAB group will resume their weekly "get-together". Baby sitting is provided on the premises. If it's a ride you need, be sure to phone June Burnie at 889-6739 or myself at the above phone number.

**MINDFOGGING** — by Michael Rogers. Niles Spindrift is a draft evader, drug wizard and gentle electronics user who, at 22, is about to perfect a device to control the human brain. At the climax of a feverish police search for the elusive inventor, the hero and his girl friend discover they have escaped from all their pursuers to a sanctuary beyond some final, strange frontier. (Fiction at Markham.)

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entered kindergarten and wish each one of them success throughout their school years.

**Church News**  
Last weekend quite a number of people from Richvale Bible Chapel, Oak Avenue, were involved in their own books at Markham Agricultural Fair when they served free coffee and shared with others their four spiritual laws in the religious survey they had undertaken.

The ladies' coffee hour held their first get-together with Mrs. Grace McCreary as their speaker. Next meeting will be October 18, 10-11am. Baby sitting is provided. New-comers are always welcome for a cup of coffee along with good Christian fellowship.

The Fishnet will be open this Saturday at 8 pm to all high schoolers and up. The "Max Pax" singing group from Toronto will be reappearing as part of the evening's program.

St. Mary Immaculate Roman Catholic, Dufferin and Yonge, announces that Terence Whelan of Ruggles Avenue has been elected president of the Parish Council. He is holding a "Bull Session" next Sunday from 7:30 to 10 pm and asks all parishioners to bring their friends and ideas. Light refreshments will be served.

Please circle November 2 on your calendar. This is the big fun night of the fall season "Novemberfest '73". Beer — food — fun, singing and dancing to "You Know What?" This has been a huge success in the past, due largely to the support of the parishioners and their friends. More details later. Bingo is played every Tuesday evening at 8 pm in the parish hall.

The YWCA extends apologies for dating a TAB program October 14 (which is a Sunday). This was a typographical error!

**SUTTON:** Beamish Construction Co. is seeking assurance from Georgina Township that it will be able to use nearly 300 acres of land its own east of Sutton for a gravel pit, an aggregate processing and storage area, a contractor's yard, an asphalt plant site and a concrete batching plant site. The request has been forwarded to York Region planners at Area Services Branch, who are drawing up Georgina's Official Plan.

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# Markham OK's Crossing Guards At Two Thornhill Intersections

Markham Town Council has approved the stationing of school crossing guards at two Thornhill intersections following written requests from parents in the area.

A school guard plus pedestrian cross walk markings and appropriate signs will be instituted at the intersection of John Street and Henderson Avenue and Royal Orchard Boulevard and Inverlochy Boulevard.

The decision was made Tuesday night of last week following reports by Traffic Co-ordinator Harvey Cox.

Mr. Cox stated he had carried out surveys of the streets following the requests.

The John-Henderson intersection survey revealed that 72 school children crossed at that point between 8:55 am enroute to the Woodland Senior and E. J. Sand Juniors Schools on Henderson Avenue.

Another 44 crossed between 12:05 and 12:20 pm; 33 from 1 to 1:25 pm; 51 from 3:35 to 3:55 pm for a total of 200. Percentage of traffic during the above

times averaged 69 percent on John Street.

Mr. Cox noted that the motorists respected the four-way stop signs at the intersection "and were very considerate to the pedestrian. However, some of the smaller children did not have the confidence to cross the intersection when vehicles were stopped and would wait until the traffic cleared."

Much the same situation prevails at the Royal Orchard-Inverlochy intersection.

"Royal Orchard Boulevard is a 36 foot wide paved road and Inverlochy Boulevard is also paved and 28 feet wide. There are pedestrian sidewalks on the east side of Inverlochy and on the north side of Royal Orchard Boulevard. The south side of Royal Orchard has a sidewalk running from Yonge Street to Weeping Willow Lane.

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