...Sport Spots...

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"The big thing we have going for us this year," said Bob, "is the fact that most of the meets are in the Toronto area. That means a big saving on transportation costs for out of town trips. Our club also helps to pay for the registration fees, etc."

Not that Bob is going around crying about it all.

"Track and field athletes don't look for a lot of adoration," he said. "No applause can come close to the feeling when an individual runner cuts a half-second off his timing. It's the best of all."

Who are the young hopefuls with Bob's club this season?

"I figure we could have three who will get past the zones, the provincial and into the nationals this season," he said.

They are: Greg Binkley, 19, in the quarter mile hurdles (Greg's a Richmond Hill boy); Bill Milley in the shot put; and Diane Diggins in the long-jump.

I just hope that someday Bob and his club gets that "all-weather" track as well as the local support from new-found fans of track and field.

I hope so but, truthfully, I'm not holding my breath.

Anyone interested in getting some track and field practice in is invited to come out to club sessions at Richmond Hill High School field starting the first week in May. Just call Bill Alexander at 226-2732 for further information.

In closing, I should hasten to add that the club needs bodies to assist in the sessions. Drop around and have some fun. Helping Bob are such stalwarts as Ray Kyte, and Al Workman who is also a speed-skating expert in his own right.

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NEED HELP

The idea of the meeting was to have any amount of people turn out and volunteer their services as coaches, convenors, and umpires. It didn't work out that way at Sunday's Richmond Hill Ball Association meeting. Only 50 persons turned out and there were very few applicants for the various positions open.

Association Publicity Girl Lynda Price informs me the executive was "very disappointed" over the general lack of interest. It all boils down to this.

If you want your child to play ball this season you as an adult have got to get out there and contribute. It's either do it or write the minor ball season off the books for 1974. I'm sure no one wants that to happen.

Desperately wanted are:

Tykes, convenor, two coaches; Peewees, convenor; Bantams, convenor; Squirts, convenor plus six coaches; plus coaches for both the junior and senior girls.

If you can help out in any way please contact Lynda Price at 884-9782.

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HOCKEY NOTES

Back to hockey for a few final (?) notes:

Congrats to members of the Oak Ridges Juveniles who won the OMHA "C" Championship by downing Belle River 3-0 in the final game.

My informants tell me the entire team came up with a super effort all the way to down a tough Belle River crew. Particularly outstanding during the series and throughout the season was Goalie Len Bishop of RR 1, Muirhead Crescent. Len is being looked at by the Aurora Tigers of the Provincial "A" league along with other members of the team. All in all, an all-round effort by everyone. Len has played his minor hockey in both Richmond Hill and Oak Ridges associations.

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GALS' HOCKEY

Ron McAndrews tells me his Richmond Hill Gormley Sand and Gravel girls had themselves an enjoyable weekend at the Oro Jets Hockey Tournament. No, they didn't win it all but they did come up with the Consolation "B" Trophy.

The gals were pitted against senior teams (ages around 35 to 14 compared to their mostly teenage line-up) and just couldn't prevail. They lost the first game 3-1 to Beeton with Jan Baxter getting the only goal; lost 4-1 to Oro Seniors with Pat Lohman scoring and then dropped a 1-0 game to Lakeview Seniors in the "B" final.

Coach Ron tells me the team was also hit by the injury bug with Bonnie Bryan, Darline Harrison and Patti Barclay taking their lumps in that department.

Ron would like to thank Mary Williamson for assisting the injured girls. Mary, incidentally, played for the Oro Flyerettes.

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BANQUET

Coach Van Williams of the Richmond Hill Minor Hockey Association House League Seafood Peewees treated his players and their parents to a dinner Sunday at Summit Restaurant. Each player received a trophy and, in turn, Mr. Williams was presented with one from the players which referred to him as "the greatest coach of them all." Very pleasing way to end a hockey season.

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STEVE MADDEN

In a report on last week's Richmond Hill Tournaments Incorporated Minor Bantams Hockey Championship win over Chatham the name of player Steve Madden was inadvertently omitted from the team's line-up. Apologies to Steve and hope that this mention will make up for the omission.

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Really, finally, I should add that regarding the Oro Tournament a Richmond Hill gal by the name of Sue O'Connor was selected as the Most Valuable Player in the "B" Division. Sue plays defence for the Gormley Sand and Gravel crew, and, according to reports is a fine young hockey player. Congrats, Sue.

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Season's End

The final bonspiel of the year was held last weekend with 36 teams taking part in one six-end game on Friday evening and two six-end games Saturday.

A semi-formal dance followed in the evening with Dave Elliot and his orchestra. Greatly missed this year was Ross and Muriel Clark's "Revue" and with a little coaxing it might be back for next year's closing.

The theme for this year was "Bon Voyage" with cruise ship activities such as table tennis, shuffleboard and turtle races being provided. All committee members were suitably dressed in attractive cruising attire.

The Business Girls' Sympathy Orchestra provided the entertainment Friday evening and were requested to do an encore later in the evening. Some selections such as Yellow Bird and Sweet Gypsy Rose were accompanied by enjoyable solo dances.

Curling appeared to be secondary to the committees successful efforts in making this spiel a top notch "fun" closing.

Not too many curlers took advantage of the unused ice for skating but around 11 pm several of our younger athletic male members played a short game of "shinny."

By all appearances Len Lee should stick to curling as most of his pirouettes ended up somewhat flat.

On the early draw, Armon Tripp and his rink was high three game winners, while one point behind was Wayne Hindmarch's rink. High two-game winner was a rink skipped by Percy Hobson.

Cliff Brown and his rinks appeared to be on their way to winning the middle draw as they were two up coming home with last rock but Don Richards with wife Phyl, Tom Hardcastle, and Pam Abrams, took three to be high three game winners and the only such winners in that draw.

Ross Clark with two wins, the last of which was a lopsided game involving two six-enders for Ross, won second prize. Third place honors went to Walt Lavender's rink.

Jack Shropshire won three games on the late draw to end up with 48 points. Thirteen points behind in second place was John Graydon. Doug Jenner and his rink finished third.

If a prize had been awarded to the rink accumulating the lowest total score it would have gone to Murray Meeres. Maybe the pressures of being club president for such an exuberant club as Richmond Hill finally got to Murray.

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The Men's finals and the Spring Thaw Brier both concluded last Thursday evening followed by the awarding of prizes and a late evening of cards.

Since some curlers become involved in both events and must choose only one rink to support in the finals some substitutions are required and the naming of winning rinks becomes somewhat confusng. With apologies to anyone whose name might be omitted this report is submitted.

Bill Schellenberg skipped his rink of Don Brayshaw, Ron Cunningham, and Al Stuart to the club championship by defeating Doug Jenner in the eight-end final.

In the consolation event, Paul Welsh and his rink of Bert Naylor, Dave Joyal and Glen Charge won their game against Murray Meeres.

Jim Anderson with Clark Bullock, Walt Hamilton and Bill Oliver won the Wilt Young trophy as first event winners in the Spring Thaw Brier with a win over Jack Elliott.

Larry Harris was first event consolation winner.

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In the "Alfred Mills" second event it was Dave Robson and his rink of Wes Draper, Bruce Park and John Partington defeating Frank Ellison.

Gord Brown and his rink of Glen Charge, Bert Naylor and Mike Jaciuk defeated Dalt Hicks to win the third event and the President's trophy.

In the fourth event Harold Louden, with Clarence Beach, Don Russell and Bob Jackson defeated Doug Jenner's rink skipped by Jack Shropshire.

The Mods and Flappers bonspiel was held April 2 with Dorothy Nystrom and her rink of Mildred Rois, Laura Watson and Helen Aude winning the Thornbank Trophy in the flapper section.

Becky Wedley of Thornhill was second and Edith Crydderman of Milton was third.

One game high winner went to Gwen Rogers' rink of Norma Goodhead, Gladys Thwaites and Ruth Westwood.

On the Mod side Joyce Sarjeant of Bayview won the first event and the Gormley Sand and Gravel Trophy. Second place went to Barb Baker from Toronto Cricket with third going to Jennifer Matalak of St. George.

This final curling report would not be complete unless Peggy Welsh and Donna Buchan were thanked for all the news they have supplied for the ladies' curling and junior curling respectively. Also thanks to the good nature of those who have been "needled" from time to time. especially Frank Ellison, Ernie Dubkowski, Elgin Barrow, Lou Crotin and Len Lee. A final thanks to "The Liberal" for printing these reports as submitted.

If your name did not appear it is probably because you didn't curl too well or you hesitated to fill out a sheet in the office. Don't forget to use them next year.

NEWMARKET: 11-year-old John Dunlop of Davis Drive recently fell 70 feet down an elevator shaft in an unfinished apartment building into 18 inches of water at the bottom. Although the boy was listed in critical condition for his first two days in hospital after the accident he is now making a good recovery.

'Ridges Minor Ball Registration Day

A total of 300 youngsters are expected to participate in the Oak Ridges Minor Ball Association this season according to president Vern Plante who has taken over from Al Bestard.

"We expect to have another good season," said Mr. Plante. "Our Alex Brockton Peewees did well last year by going to the OASA finals before being beaten out by Jordan. It was a fine effort all around."

Registration date for the association falls on April 27 and May 4.

On April 27 it will be from 10 am (boys and girls) to 2 pm at Bond Lake Arena; on May 4 10 am to 2 pm, also at Bond Lake Arena; on May 4 10 am to 2 pm, also at Bond Lake.

Fees are $5 per child or $12 per family.

Birth certificates will be required.

Other members of this year's executive are: Executive Vice-president, Don Wilkinso; Secretary, Irene Wilkinson; Secretary, Irene Paxton; Equipment Manager, Mike Dearing; Boys Convenor, Tom Simpson; Trophy Chairman, Carl Griffith.

MORE SPORTS ON PAGE 25

Hill Track Athletes Ready To Launch Year

Outdoor training for members of the Richmond Hill Athletic Club will begin next Monday at Richmond Hill High School to kick off a busy summer schedule which will end with a big meet September 2 at CNE Stadium.

Training time is 7 pm.

Due to the numerous meets in 1974 the RHAC has selected specific competitions which the club will support.

There are four opportunities for competition starting in May with the local athletes being encouraged to enter the May 11 "All Comers Meet" in Scarboro.

The other commitment for members is the May 25 Field Day presently in the planning stages for the younger people of Richmond Hill. This meet will be open to all public school and high school athletes.

During June the Etobicoke Invitational and the Regional Bantam and Midget championships are recommended, while the girl members have an excellent opportunity to compete June 1 at the Women's Classic Track Meet to be held in Etobicoke.

MEET GALORE

The month of July has too many meets and members are going to be kept hoping to meet their commitments at the Ontario Relay championships July 6, Cambridge Invitational July 7, Ontario Bantam and Midget championships July 13. Regional Junior Olympics July 20, and the Legion Region games, and Police games July 27.

August has three "track league" meets with Toronto clubs, The London relays, the Legion championships in Ottawa, and the wind-up on September 2 at the CNE.

Add to this list the Mike-Tyke-Atom championships, the Newmarket Algonkian meet, and the Robert Speck Memorial games in Etobicoke, and you have a very busy competitive season ahead.

Local training at Richmond Hill High School field will be conducted by the coaching staff of RHAC. Ray Kyte with the bantams, Al Workman and Bob Thompson with the midget, juveniles, juniors and seniors, and Kathy Wynne and Sue Stephenson with the Mite-Tyke-Atoms.

The week of April 29 will be used for registration and basic exercising and conditioning. Serious training will begin the following week with the midget-juvenile-juniors and seniors training on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings, the bantams on Tuesday evenings, the little athletes (mite-tyke-atom) on Thursday evening.

Registrations will be handled by Secretary Bill Alexander on these nights and all athletes Bantam age (12-13) and older will be registered with the Ontario Track and Field Association.

FIELD DAY

The proposed field day May 25 will take the form of a unique test system where the entries will compete against each other as well against the clock.

Five events are planned, the 400 metres, long jump, high jump, shot-put or baseball throw, and obstacle race. Points will be awarded each contestant on the basis of performances in each event, and a grand champion will be crowned at the end of the day.

Age divisions will be mite (6-7), tyke (8-9); atom (10-11), bantam (12-13), midget (14-15), junior (under 20) and open (any age). Entry forms will be circulated the first weeks of May, and all schools, churches, and sports organizations are urged to encourage their athletes to participate.

At the end of completing the five event circuit, all entrants receive a written breakdown of their efforts showing the total points gained, a comparison of their efforts against those of members of the Richmond Hill Athletic Club, and the Ontario Standard for each event.

Ribbons will be awarded to all entrants who better the local club standard, and awards will be presented to individual event winners.

At a recent meeting of coaches and officials, the RHAC agreed to pay all meet fees for atheletes competing in regional, provincial and national championships.

Sapere Aude

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Cast And Crew Party As School Play Closes

Well, spring is here and our school play, "She Stoops to Conquer", has ended, very successfully. The last performance was on Saturday night (all actors did a terrific job). It was followed by the annual cast and crew party — a real success and a great time.

I suppose the worst part of it all is putting everything away the next day, a very sentimental job. But it has to be done and it was all worthwhile, with such great principal actors as Scott Veitch and Heather Mann as the Squire and Mrs. Hardcastle, David Phillips as Marlow, Richard Baker as Tony Lumpkin, Domenic Caruso as Hastings, etc., etc.

All members of the cast, under the direction of N. Roy Clifton, should be recognized for their remarkable acting ability and success in perfectly capturing, in movements, gesture and speech, all the charm and elegance of 18th Century England. We can only hope for such a successful play next year as well.

GYMNASTICS WINNERS

In mentioning the Georgian Bay girls' gymnastics meet in last week's column, it was only possible to cover the results available at that time. So not all the standings were given. The remaining results were: Mag Ruffman placed second in the all-around senior division total standings, with the help of third place in the senior floor exercises. In the junior division, Ann McIlwaine claimed fourth place in the uneven bar competition, with Laurie Hutchinson placing fourth also, on the balance beam. And on the intermediate level, Barb Binkley placed fifth on the beam.

REACHES ALL-ONTARIO

While on the topic of girls' gymnastics, our sincere congratulations go again to Mag Ruffman, who placed first all-around at the All-Ontario qualification meet, held Thursday in Barrie. This means she is able to compete in the All-Ontario girls' gymnastics meet, which is the highest level of secondary school competition there is. So that's some accomplishment!

The All-Ontario meet will take place Saturday at York University and she'll have our full support there.

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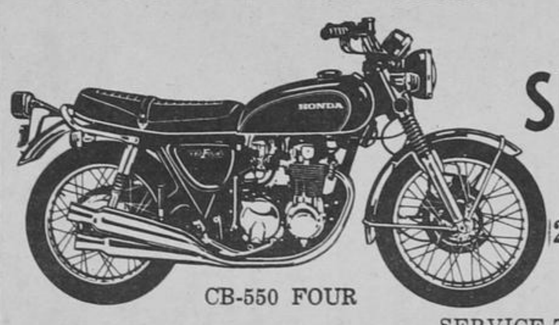

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