

# No Hockey But Lots Of Action At Hill Arena



(Photo by Susan Samila)

## Hey, I Can Fly!

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's 19-year-old Steve Juhasz of 176 Felix Street, Richmond Hill, working out in preparation for a 12-day tour across Canada in company with a Russian Gymnastic team. The tour, starting June 6, will see Steve and father Frank joining three other Canadian trampolinists and the Russians in a series of exhibitions which will find them doing whirlwind stops at Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto and Moncton.

Frank Juhasz is the coach of the Canadian gymnastic squad and his son, Steve, is the Canadian Junior Champion. Steve is shown soaring high into the atmosphere which is the gymnasium at Bayview Secondary School. Eloquent evidence of his ability to fly via a trampoline is the basketball hoop far below him, the ceiling close above him. Father Frank is also Canadian Trampoline Coach. He also runs the Richmond Hill Trampoline Club which boasts 18 members, 16 of them from Richmond Hill, two from Willowdale. As for Steve, yes, he did eventually land after soaring some 20 feet. Not baaaaaaaaaaaad . . . !

## Dynes Back In Toronto Loop

Defending Champion Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers will find themselves in a refurbished, stream-lined Toronto and District Senior Fastball League when they take to the field this season. The Jewellers, who have won three championships in as many seasons of the league's operation, open away May 28 against the

Welland Dycks. The Dycks are a new entry in the league having played last year in the Ontario Fastball League. Richmond Hill's first home game will be May 30 against Scarboro Lindel Homes. The "new look" league has a five-team entry in 1974 and has added a couple of new wrinkles calculated

## Syd Woodward Wins Judo Tourney

Syd Woodward of the Richmond Hill Judo Club won first place in his weight division at a tournament held in Ottawa two weeks ago. Enroute to his victory he defeated a holder of a black belt. Another Richmond Hill competitor, Don McClelland, took a third place in his weight division. McClelland operates the local club along with his wife, Linda. Participating in the tournament also were their children, Kathy and Robbie and eight other students including Woodward, Peter Turtlebury, both brown belts; Dave Bailey, red belt; Roland Schmid and Larry Thompson, blue belts; Diane Wolfer and John Thompson, green belts; and Dave Jackson, orange belt. The same weekend saw

the Richmond Hill Jiu-Jitsu Academy attend its first Karate Tournament in Peterboro. The club is located in the same building as the judoists at 159 Centre Street East. The team consisted of Aldo Vendetti, Rick Nelson, Rick Conroy, Blake Edwards, Randy Writanen and Rob Hughes (all yellow belts) and Colin Baker (orange belt). A jiu-jitsu demonstration was put on by Bob McGee of the Academy and Steve Reynolds, club instructor. The Jiu-Jitsu Academy has been in operation for only a few months and has made an impressive showing. Jiu-Jitsu is a combination of Judo, Karate and Aikido and is therefore eligible to compete in Karate tournaments.

By FRED SIMPSON  
If you're one of those people who think arenas close with the hockey season you've got another think coming to you. Just ask Richmond Hill Arena Administrator Ed Sackfield or Kerry Gilmour who is in charge of concessions in the winter and promotion man in the summer.

"It may have been that way three or four years ago," said Sackfield, "but that's all changed now. We'll be going full-blast until the hockey season starts again."

For instance: "We have a full-time staff of six employees (two of them work out of the Bond Lake Arena) going all summer where a few years ago we'd have to lay off men and perhaps keep one man around to maintain the building."

### LOTS TO DO

There's a lot for them to do. Shortly after the last puck was fired in anger a week or so ago that's when the real action began.

Enter the mopping up process with the removal of the ice-turned-to-slush via shovels and trucks. This was followed by the pumping out of the remaining water on the concrete floor, the cleaning of the

floor. "Then it was a case of waiting until the floors dried thoroughly," said Sackfield. "The whole process takes from 10 days to two weeks and keeps three or four men going steadily."

Then, as in any household, comes the spring cleaning involving the paint touch-up of seats, walls, repairs to the building, widening of the tractor entrance into the new arenas, revamping of washrooms which includes removing graffiti that somehow always manages to adorn the walls of any such facility.

This all takes time and life goes on while it goes on.

That life being the planning and scheduling of various events for the summer season such as roller derbies, roller skating, wrestling, etc., etc.

"Our banquet room downstairs is pretty well always active during the week," said Sackfield. "We make it available for such things as dog obedience meetings, St. John's Ambulance, and other general gatherings."

"The ice surface has also been the scene of roller skating recently and the local tennis club uses it for instruction on days when the weather is

too inclement outdoors." But this is only a sideline.

### 'REALLY BIG SHEW'

The main attractions are the "really big shews" that will be coming up in the next few weeks.

The biggest show will be the first annual Richmond Hill Sports and Auto Show slated for June 13, 14 and 15.

This extravaganza of gleaming boats, cars, and myriad of other sporting equipment will



ED SACKFIELD  
Work's Just Begun

spill over into both arenas during the three-day period.

"We'll have exhibits of every type and description," said Gilmour. "We also hope to have fashion shows, dog shows, judo and swimming exhibitions."

Swimming? That's right.

### ARENA SWIM POOL

A brand-new 16 by 24-foot Kayak Pool (value around \$3100) will be installed for the occasion and, at the close of the three days, will be raffled off to the lucky ticket-holder.

"We'll also throw in another \$400 to pay for the cost of the winner removing it and setting it up in his backyard," added Gilmour.

Other upcoming events:

The 48th Highlander Military Tattoo will be held June 8 in conjunction with the Rotary Club the proceeds of which will go toward the York Central Hospital Building Fund. Tickets for this may be purchased at the arena.

### BEERFEST YET

On the same day in the "old" arena the local firefighters will be throwing a "Beerfest" which should also be a popular attraction.

Another big event will be

the annual Richmond Hill Hockey School slated for mid-August under the tutelage of Richmond Hill Rams Coach Karl Brimblecombe.

"We're even considering holding a gala dance, similar to the recent Count Basie deal," added Gilmour.

There will also be gobs of activity going on at the Bond Lake Arena including the Bond Lake Figure Skating Club's "Spring Fare" May 24-25 plus the usual roller skating fare and other activities during the summer season.

### IDEA FOR HALL?

"By staging all these activities we help finance the cost of operating both arenas," explained Sackfield. "If the public supports them it means an easier financial load to bear during the winter season."

"We're optimistic about the success of our scheduled events. If they are supported it will mean there will be no need to increase such things as ice rates for next season."

So there you have it. The once sleeping giants that were arenas in the summer are over.

See you at the arena in May, June, July, August, September, . . . All-year round!

## ... Sport Spots ...

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there are 580 youngsters playing ball this season. Where are all the adults?

Every season it's a scramble to get coaches, managers, umpires, etc., etc., to get the league underway. Why? Of course, I know why. Human nature. It's always the case of the many letting the few do it all.

As Bill explains it: "We always get by but it does get frustrating at times to have to get on the phone and beg for help. There are legitimate reasons why some can't get involved because of the nature of their jobs. We're not complaining about that."

### VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE

What he'd like to see is a host of parents volunteering their services for the various tournaments being held this season. If everyone came out just once, for three hours, there'd be no problem and a few wrinkles would disappear from the oppressed few.

"We don't mean to coach or manage," continued Bill. "There are so many things to be done during the tournament such as marking out the diamond, snack bar, etc."

Will all this suddenly happen? Of course it won't. Life goes on pretty well as always. But there are always some who get the spark and that makes it all worthwhile.

I would suppose the position of umpiring is one of the more difficult jobs to fill for the obvious reasons. Some good Joe comes out to do his part and then he has to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune from some baboon wailing away in the crowd. So the ump's lousy? Relax, dad, it's just a fun game. And tell your kid to stay off the umpire's back. He's there to play ball, not mouth off. I've always found that the biggest complainer is the guy who is not very good at anything himself. He puts the pressure on the other fellow to take the attention away from himself.

### MY CONTRIBUTION

So be it. I'm out of breath, done a lot of mouthing off myself. So what am I going to contribute? I'm going to contribute Mr. Hal Blaine of "The Liberal".

Prince Hal was an umpire in the local softball minor league a couple of years ago and says "he loved it." Right there, you know something's wrong with him. Hal, of course, measures six or seven feet in height, weighs 215 pounds. That's without his feet. If you consider those, add another 50 pounds. So there you have it. If you need a "big" umpire, call Hal at 884-9405. Happy to contribute whenever I can. Gives you a good feeling.

### LOTS OF SUNSHINE

To conclude with some semblance of order. Bill, as I mentioned, has been around the softball wars for 12 years and is also coach of the Dairy Queen Girls' Juvenile team.

He's the first to admit that being president of the RHMA has its many happy moments but also a lot of the other kind. You don't get famous in the job, maybe infamous. But it has to be done. He's doing it along with that "hard core" I was talking about earlier. Get out and give them a hand yourself. You'll enjoy the sunshine.

Speaking of tournaments, I have a list here which you might jot down for future reference. It comes from OASA so I presume the dates are right. Here they are:

Squirt, June 29; Peewee, July 13; Bantam, August 10; Midget, August 17. I might have missed some but will keep you informed as they come along. If you can help call Lynda Price at 884-9782.

### GHOST GAMES

Still on softball. I trust you enjoyed that Sunday afternoon exhibition doubleheader between Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers and Toronto Globals. That's right. They didn't play it. The Globals cancelled out according to my information. So be it.

I should know better. Nothing is real in senior softball circles until the first inning of the opening game of the regular schedule. All is imaginary including line-ups, managers, everything. When will I ever learn?

## Soccer For 4-5 Year-Olds Request Parents' Opinions

The executive of the Richmond Hill Minor Soccer Association is considering the possibility of organizing leagues for children in the four and five years old age group.

A number of parents have inquired as to the feasibility of such a project.

Any parents interested in expressing their opinions, pro or con, are asked to call 884-8276.

Tentative proposal is to provide small soccer play sessions for both girls and boys in these age groups.

Former Richmond Hill Minor Soccer Association Coach Sam Johnston recently resigned from his position. Sam and his family have moved to Peterboro.

Mr. Johnston has been a tremendous asset to the association for a number of years. Last winter he helped organize and conduct a coach's clinic at Bayview Secondary School which did much to improve the level and expertise in coaching.

Prior to moving to Peterboro he travelled to England with the Mosquito team and

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