

NHL Oldtimers here Monday

Hockey buffs who dream about how it all "used to be" will be able to go star-gazing into yesterday's past this Monday night at Richmond Hill Arena.

That's when the annual Richmond Hill Hockey and Fun night will be held.

It will feature an exhibition hockey game between the NHL Oldtimers and members of the York Regional Police.

Gametime is 8 pm. Gracing the line-up for the Oldtimers will be such familiar faces, carrying a few more wrinkles in some cases such as:

Harry Watson, Wally Stanowski, Sid Smith, all ex-Maple Leafs, and others such as Pete Conacher, Goalie Ivan Walmsley, and old Johnny "Goose" McCormack.

Back again will be portly Jackie Hamilton who could have made it as a comedian if he had ever decided to shuck his hockey talents with the Leafs.

Come to think of it, he's playing the comedian pretty good these days.

The evening of entertainment will also feature the Rameses Shrine Temple Color Party and Drum Corp. There will also be comics, rickshaw rides, prizes, camel and moose milk.

There will be a hospitality room from 7:30 pm. Grand prize will be a Gruen Watch donated by Gruen Watch Canada Limited.

Tickets will be \$2 for adults, \$1 for children. Proceeds of the game will go to Shrine and Knights of Columbus charities.

Big Brothers benefit

Members of the York Regional Police hockey team will be dueling it out with a Six Nation Redmen team from the Brantford Reserve in the big benefit hockey game Saturday night in Newmarket Arena at 8 pm.

Also on hand for the festive occasion will be staff members of CFTO and CKVR Barrie television station to lock in mortal combat in the second game.

Proceeds of the game will go to the Big Brothers of York.

Expected to be on hand as well are former NHL stars Harry Watson and Jackie Hamilton to act as the referees.

Trophies to the winners have been donated by Fisherman's Wharf for the television game and by

Molson's for the York Region-Indian battle. Refreshment will be available.

The organizers of the game have been receiving a lot of help for the occasion with Benson & Hedges having printed tickets and posters free of charge.

In charge of publicity for the occasion is Susan Brower, wife of wrestling star Bulldog Brower.



Maybe he's whispering strategy or something but ex-Maple Leaf Jackie Hamilton (left) is turning on NHL Oldtimer manager John Lunau (centre) while another old fellow, Johnny "Goose" McCormack, ex

Canadien, Leaf, looks on. Mr. Lunau is also the curator of the Markham and District Museum. The NHL'ers take on York Regional Police at Richmond Hill Arena Monday night.

Hill soccer registration

Registration for girls and boys 6 to 18 years of age wishing to play in the Richmond Hill Minor Soccer Association this season will be held March 1 and March 8 at the local arena.

Times on both dates will be from 9 am to 5 pm.

Pay a fee of \$15 per player or \$25 for two or more players in any family.

Produce a birth certificate, passport or other proof of age showing date of

birth of player.

A small two inch by two inch head and shoulders shot of the person is required.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to sign the registration form.

Registration may have to be limited due to the number of signed coaches at the time so parents are asked to come early.



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Ice-fishing, slow start
Ice-fishing has had a very slow start this season, largely due to the unsettled weather conditions in Southern Ontario. We are very fortunate in this area to have Lake Simcoe so close at hand. The fish-hut operators there try their utmost to make an ice-fishing trip an affair to be enjoyed by the entire family.

The old hut with the wooden stove is a thing of the past. Oil-heated huts took over several years ago, but at present, most operators have changed over to propane heat and light. No longer do we emerge after a night's fishing smelling of oil and covered in soot.

I have a suspicion that this was well planned in order to make ice-fishing a family outing. Checking with some operators, I find that more and more huts are rented for the day or night by the whole family each year.

Bombardier's away
Transportation to the hut is usually provided by Bombardier, a few of which are even heated, so all you have to take along is your warm clothing and your food.

All fishing tackle as well as bait is provided or can be rented for a small fee, which some operators refund after you return the equipment.

The operator will help you set up your gear and give helpful hints. He will even check up on you if you so desire.

Fishing is done in from 35 to 100 feet of water. Whitefish, the most abundant species in Simcoe, is usually taken over some shoal in about 40 feet. Spreaders are used and are placed right on the bottom. During the season, the operator will bait the holes

regularly with salted minnows. The whitefish, used to such a regular feeding, will visit the holes at least a couple of times during the day, giving you some fast and exciting action. Laketrout are taken at all depths. Fishing for trout is most productive with a large minnow on a single line or with one of the special ice-fishing lures. Large laketrout, exceeding 20 pounds are taken each year through the ice.

During the slower times, perch, herring and smelt should give you ample action to keep you awake. Anyone who has never had a good feed of Lake Simcoe perch doesn't know what he is missing!

Ups and downs
Like all fishing, Simcoe has its ups and downs. Sometimes the action is better on the north side than on the south. I would suggest that you call an operator before you head up and make sure fishing is productive.

Most important, check with him to see that the ice is safe, as this has been the main problem this year. As with most activities, weekends are very busy and reservations are needed.

Space permitting, I hope to give you a report on ice-fishing on Simcoe next week, along with a list of the ice-hut operators.

Valentine's Spiel
Eighty curlers participated in the club's annual "Valentine's Spiel" held last weekend and organized by Al Stuart and his committee.

The organizers served a hot lunch to the curlers who managed to consume 130 bowls of chili. Seventy six of the participants stayed for an enjoyable sit down roast beef dinner.

Keith Anderson and Tom Hardcastle were the lucky draw winners and each took home a beer stein capable of holding eight pints of beer. Keith should have no trouble emptying his, but Tom might find it difficult.

Friday night's entertainment was to be Jean Hallman at the piano but before long she was joined by Shirley Hicks, Dorothy McGregor, Marnie Wilson and several other volunteer musicians.

The entertainment carried on until 2 am and the committee is very appreciative of their efforts.

Silver trays, donated by O'Keefe, were awarded to the first place ladies of each draw and the men received silver curling cups for their efforts.

Meeres first
Murray Meeres finished on top of the first draw with 51 points, Jack Kriens was second and Hank Vos, returning after a bad hand

injury, skipped his rink to a third place finish. Bert Naylor and his rink earned 53 1/2 points to capture the second draw. Stew Given was second and Keith Anderson and his rink won third prize.

Don Richards and Harold Loudon tied for highest points in the third game only, and had to throw rocks to break the tie. Harold outdrew Don but Don was given a prize for his efforts.

Dave Pulchinski and his rink of wife Olive, June and Orton Beaumont, won the first event trophy in an out-of-town spiel recently, but a prize should also be awarded to them for travelling the greatest distance to a spiel.

Cochrane Carnival
At the Cochrane Winter Carnival Mixed Bonspiel, sponsored by Labatts, this foursome won four games and had to steal the last end of their last game to do so.

For their efforts the ladies brought home vacuum cleaners and the men won sleeping blankets. Glen Charge and Jean Hill accompanied Dave and Olive and curled on a rink with Wayne and Dianne Henderson.

A few weeks ago, Paul Welsh suffered from too many Pulchinski's as Dave and his two sons, Jason and Derek, filled in along with Orton Beaumont to give the

absent Gord Brown his first win.

At Uxbridge recently Tom Bush's skip entry rink of John Scott, Steve Denko and Frank Woods was a two game high winner. The team shared a cash prize.

Coming events for the next few weeks include the Business Girls Invitational Spiel on February 22, the Dudes and Dandies on February 18 and 19, the Mods and Flapper on February 25, the Sinners Brier on March 1, the Mixed Guest Invitational on March 8, and the annual Shillelagh during March 12 to 15.

It's a busy schedule but the season will soon be over.

Hill trustees appointed

Two Richmond Hill trustees were named to head standing committees of York County Board of Education at its meeting February 10.

Douglas Allen will chair the planning and building committee, while Robert Houghton will head the program committee.

Heading the finance committee will be Colin Barrett, Whitechurch-Stouffville.

Donald Cameron of Vaughan was named chairman of staff relations.



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RICHMOND HILL CURLING CLUB

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was then, it must be up to \$2,000 now," added Dunkley.

Then you have the coaches salary, equipment manager, trainers, players, (they don't get rich on the money) and ice-time which amounts to \$100 a week for practices and \$150 a game. I was surprised that on the night of the game the club rents the ice from about 6 pm to gametime at 8 pm to assure the ice is in good shape. Mmmm, makes good sense.

Sob, sob

I was starting to feel like the writer of sob sister stories at this point so I burst out and asked Mr. Dunkley why he did it? After all, he never struck me as the world's unhappiest man. Maybe the world's second or third but never first.

"Oh, it had a lot of good moments," he agreed. "You get to meet some fine people. It's a challenge. We all need that. Mind you, there's the odd franchise that makes a profit but they're few and far between. If you've got a lot of money, buy a club, and write the losses off on your taxes."

Dunkley got out it because "I'd been involved in it for seven years. I got the feeling if I hadn't made the move I'd be there the next 20 years." So he tossed the reins to GM Neil Walters and President Dick Ball who, he states, "are doing a fine job."

Just then my phone rang. It was a minor hockey league parent upbraiding me (nicely, mind you) about forgetting to mention her son had scored a goal against some other team last week.

"That's another reason I got out," said Dunkley with a smile. "There's a lot of aggravations. But, overall, I enjoyed the experience."

So what did I do with the spare change that was kicking around in my jeans? I went out and blew it all on a long play record.

Finally

Don't forget the annual Richmond Hill Hockey and Fun Night next Monday at the arena at 8 pm. It'll feature an exhibition game between the NHL Oldtimers and the York Regional Police. The fun will also include clowns, rickshaw rides, camel and moose (mmh) milk. There will be a hospitality room from 7:30 pm.

The evening is being sponsored by the El Shamaly Shrine Club and the Knights of Columbus with proceeds to Shrine and Knights of Columbus charities.

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