



Tournament bantam champs

Happiness is. That's the big smile being worn by Richmond Hill Tournaments Incorporated hockey captain Craig Halliday as he receives the York Simcoe bantam championship trophy from Tournaments



Legion Midget champs

And yet another pleased one here as captain Dave "Butch" Baker of the Richmond Hill Legion Midgets receives the York Simcoe championship trophy from Legion president George Wood at the annual

banquet held to honor the two Richmond Hill championship teams. Both the Tournament and Midget team players presented plaques and trophies to their sponsors.

Gone fishing? For trout?

TORONTO — The spawning run is over, the season is open, the fish are biting and good trout fishing opportunities are available within easy driving distance of Toronto at six Metro Region Conservation Areas.

Albion Hills: Five miles north of Bolton on Highway 50; open 10 a.m. to sundown; Bruce's Mill: Two miles east of Don Mills Road on the Gormley-Stouffville Road; open 10 a.m. to sundown. **Claremont:** Two miles east of Brougham on

Highway 7 and one and a quarter miles north on the Westney Road; open 10 a.m. to sundown.

Greenwood: Five miles north of Pickering off the Westney Road; open 10 a.m. to sundown.

Heart Lake: Approximately four miles north of Highway 7 on the Heart Lake Road; open 8 a.m. to dusk until the end of May; Heart Lake Conservation Area offers rental row boats; bait is restricted to worms and flies.

Glen Haff: On Airport Road, south of Mono Mills and Highway 9; open 10 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays; at the Glen Haff Conservation area

there are two ponds stocked several times a week from the

Authority's hatchery. In this instance there is a two fish limit per angler and bait is restricted to worms and flies.

For further information contact Metro Region Conservation at 661-6600.

Hill curlers end season

By Ron Taylor

RICHMOND HILL — The Men's Spring Thaw Brier and club championships were the last two results needed to complete another year at the Richmond Hill Curling Club.

These finals were played on Thursday evening and were followed by presentations and cards. The birds were up when a few arrived home from one of the games.

On the curling rink, Lorne Peck and his rink of Frank Wood, Mike Olyne and Al Clugston won the first event in the Spring Thaw Brier.

Betting Pool
In the betting pool, not one cent was bet on Lorne's group, not even by themselves. Oh well, the club can use the money. Don Brayshaw and his "canaries", Dave Pulchinski, Dick Augustine and Orton Beaumont tied up the game on the eighth end but couldn't hold on without that last rock.

The second event saw Bill Oliver and his rink of Dan Milford, Bob Whittaker and Jerry

Morlock beating out Wayne Hindmarch and his crew of Jim Anderson, Stewart Paul and Stan Wilkinson.

Jack Rumney stole the last end as his rink of Paul Welsh, Bill Hamilton and Bob Krol won the third event over John Graydon. Graydon was aided by Bert Naylor, Harold Martin, and Steve Danko.

Lee Does It
The third event saw, of all people, Len Lee, taking over Stu Given's rink of Ernie Dubkowski and Jim Lane winning their game against Leight Raymond, John Scott, Bruce Street and John Cowie.

Len wasn't as fortunate at cards. Stu was involved in an accident and arrived late but since Len had a lead, Stu watched the hockey game instead. Lou Crotin's rink minus Louden, but skipped by Glen Charge, are club champions as they won their game against Wayne Byers, Clark Bullock, Jim Grant and Larry Wales.

Young Rink?
Floyd Perkins and his young rink of Curley Lynett, John Johnston

and Clarence Beach, won the consolation event by beating Hank Vos, Jack Hughes and Walt Hamilton.

In the Men's competitive, Ken Rowan and his rink of Brian Lawrie, Gary MacKenzie and Brian Cassen were the overall winners and won the Molson Award as they copped their division for each draw. This rink only lost one game per draw over the entire season.

In the first draw, earlier in the year, Clark Bullock and his rink of Wayne Byers, Wes Draper and Walt Hamilton won the second division while Tom Bush won the third division with John Scott, Steve Danko and Frank Wood. Then came the second draw with Jack Shropshire, Jerry Morlock, Dan Milford and Bill Oliver taking the second division and Stu Given with Len Lee, Jim Lane and Ernie Dubkowski the third division.

Final Draw
The final draw saw Harold Loudon taking home the Waddell's World of Travel Trophy with partners Ron Van Toen, Bruce Street and Bruce Hamilton.

hill curling column

The Director's trophy in the third division was won by Ron Logan and his rink of John Nicoll, Stan Watson and Bob Ford.

A special thanks to Elgin Barrow, Ron Taylor, Pat Deciantis and Keith Bluer for helping these teams to win.

Sing You Sinners
The Sinners' section report next year's executive as being Orton Beaumont, chairman; Murray Thorpe, vice chairman; Bruce Hamilton, publicity, and Bill Rice, special events.

They would like to say thanks to Dorothy McGregor for all those lunches she served them during the year. A final reminder from this energetic group is about their auction in August.

When you clean out your garage soon, send all the "extras" to the club anytime.

Farewell
The committee for the

closing bonspiel put on a very successful event to close out the season on an Olympic theme although the teams were far from Olympic calibre competitors.

The prizes were handed out to the usual pot hunters. Namely Dave Pulchinski, Floyd Perkins, Bill Oliver, Bill Rice, Gerry Morlock, Len Lee, Bill Schwan.

The above comprised three teams representing the south, central, and north sections of our membership. They indulged in some weird games and contests on the ice.

If the audience had half the fun the contestants had, then it was a big success. First it was Judy Wales fouling up the unique scoring system; then it was referees Bob Whitaker and Gerry Morlock losing control of the game. What resulted? All three teams tied for first place.

Races
Then there were games involving wheel barrow races, water-filled balloons, tricycles and toboggans. Participating in these were Dave and Olive Pulchinski, Orton

Course for hunters at Cold Creek area

BOLTON — Proper gun handling, maintenance, new developments in firearms, gun regulations, sportsmanship and ballistics will be dealt with in a Hunter Safety Training course being offered this week at the Cold Creek Conservation Area.

The two-part Hunter Safety Training Course will be held today (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday at 10 a.m. Fee for the course is \$8 including parking fee.

The course embraces both lectures and practical demonstrations. Those attending both sessions will be eligible to take The Ministry of Natural Resource's licence examination.

The course is particularly worthwhile for novice hunters who are required to pass the government examination before they can obtain their first hunting licence. Chief instructor will be Lou Romhanyi.

Interested persons may register by contacting Lou Romhanyi at 749-0747, or George Calver at Cold Creek, 859-4055.

Cold Creek Conservation Area is located between Bolton and Nobleton, three miles north of the King Sideroad on Concession 11. It is one of 12 conservation areas operated by the Metro Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

Judo athletes win firsts at Centre

THORNHILL — Two firsts and second place finish were picked up by members of the Thornhill Budokai Judo Club in the region trials held recently at the Japanese Cultural Centre.

Thornhill swept the top three positions in the under 85 pound weight

division for 12 and 13 year old boys.

Peter Rak was first, Aidan Leroux second, and Nick Peter third.

Carol Rak, Peter's sister, took top spot in the under 115 pound category for girls between 14 and 15 years of age. In the girls under 130 pound division,

Anna Syr was second.

In the Oshawa annual open tournament, Pasi Holkko was the winner of the open weight division.

Joe Toule finished third in the New York Ste open competition in the 189 pound category. He weighs only 153 pounds.

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To be a fur trapper

Take an expert woodsman, a conservationist, and usually a gentleman as well, mould them into one and you will have a fur trapper. This is the way I have found Ontario trappers.

Before you call me a hypocrite and him a killer, take a few minutes to listen to his side of the story. Perhaps you may even take a look at some of your clothes to see if there are some furs among them.

Nobody, not even a trapper, likes to see an animal suffer, might it be a beaver or a rabbit.

Accompanying several trappers on their lines, I have realized that they use as much compassion and feeling in killing their quarry as possible.

The time when animals were left in the bush to suffer and die slowly is long past. Traps that kill the animal quickly are used constantly, as are traps that drown animals such as beavers immediately.

Beaver over populated
Presently, we have a definite overpopulation of beaver in Ontario.

Not only do they ruin most of the best deer yards by flooding, but the damage done to roads and trees on vacation properties is running the taxpayer into millions of dollars every year.

Did this increase pressure of trapping hurt the population? Definitely not!

Let's take a look at the number of animals trapped.

In 1926, only 27,597 beaver were taken in Ontario compared to 156,105 last year.

The price of a pelt was \$19.56 in 1926, while last year the average pelt brought only \$17.96. Not bad in those inflationary times! Marten went from 3,177 to over 18,000 in the same

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10,000 trappers
Many of Ontario's 10,000 trappers are of Indian origin, and trapping is part of their culture. They have held traditional trapping grounds for centuries, and they have been guaranteed these rights by treaty.

Each trapper, Indian or not, has his own specific trapline, which he must attend daily once the traps are set. He is restricted to setting traps only in areas where cats, dogs or other unwanted animals don't roam freely.

Wild fur crop
The wild fur crop in Ontario is worth about five million dollars per year to the trappers, and, if money does not impress you, take a look at number eight of the Trappers' Code which you will find on the back cover of the Trapping and Fur Dealing Regulations.

It reads 'Feeding stations for birds and other animals should be maintained on your traplines.'

Even this little section is a lot more than we can expect from any of the anti-trapping factions.

Be honest
Be honest with yourself — next time the subject crops up, sit down and listen to both sides before you make up your mind.

You will find all kinds of fanatics dedicated to one cause, the banning of trapping and hunting, but don't take them lightly. There is a group now in the States who want to ban all fishing.

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