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## Son of Jaws???

He's not "The Son of Jaws." He's a 52-inch long, 45-pound muskie and he's not smiling either. Would you smile if you were

hanging from a wall? Looking on is 16-year-old Jim Bridgeman of Thornhill who got his "Moby Dick" last October in Georgian

Bay. His efforts paid off. Bridgeman won the "Garcia Canadian Angler of the Year" award. Some fish.

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## Great swimming

THORNHILL — Fifteen-year-old Evelyn Hunter of the Markham Aquatic Club came up swimming last weekend as she finished second in the 100 backstroke.

There was more to it than that. Evelyn, who was competing in the Ontario Federation of Secondary Schools Athletic Association meet, came up with her personal best time of 1:12.6 seconds.

She bettered her heat time of 1:14.7 earlier in the day which had given her a chance to compete in the finals.

The 1:12.6 time enables Hunter to compete in the National Division II Canadian Final in Halifax in July.

Competitors from 99 schools participated in the swim meet.



Evelyn Hunter  
...wotta swimmer

# Pretty big fish to fry?

THORNHILL — Sixteen-year-old Jim Bridgeman of Thornhill thought he was living his own "Jaws" epic last Oct. 7 in Georgian Bay.

That's when the shadow of a "pretty big looking" fish passed under his boat during a 45-minute battle to hook his first big muskie.

"It looked bigger in the water but it's a good size," Bridgeman told "The Liberal" as he still savored his prize now appropriately stuffed and on the wall.

### Giant muskie

Bridgeman's efforts were well-rewarded as he received the "Garcia

Canadian Angler of the Year" award for hooking onto the 52-inch long, 45-pound muskie.

"I guess I was kind of lucky," states Bridgeman. "They're not that easy to catch. I've been fishing for a muskie for five years. It's a hobby of mine."

Bridgeman, using a Rapala plug on his 16-pound line, made his lucky strike last Oct. 7 around 12:30 noon hour. He was out in his boat by himself.

### Hacked bottom

"I'd thought I'd caught my line on the bottom of the lake," he said, "when he first grabbed it. I backed the motorboat up and then I realized I had

myself a muskie."

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### Drifted

Bridgeman said "the two of us drifted about a half mile and he finally went into some rocks and came back. He swam right under the boat and it sort of frightened me. They look even bigger in the water."

Bridgeman finally reeled in the now-exhausted muskie and threw a net around its head.

"I put an arm around his tail and finally hauled him into the bottom of the boat. Then I sat on him. He was pretty beat."

Nothing to it, folks.

Jim's father, Bill, must be pretty envious.

He's also an avid searcher of big muskies and has been for years. He hasn't scored yet.

Jim lives at 99 Highland Park Avenue, Thornhill.

# Dynes flay Thunderbirds in hectic playoff battle

OAK RIDGES — The Thornhill Thunderbirds should pay more attention to Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers' coach Pete Artemchuk.

Said Artemchuk prior to the start of both teams' best-of-seven Mid-Ontario Junior B hockey finals.

"You can't play shorthanded in the playoffs or you get murdered."

### Haunted look

The Thunderbirds had that haunted look in their eye Monday night when they skated off the ice 7-2 losers to the Jewellers.

It was their second straight loss. They dropped Friday night's opener 6-0 in Thornhill.

Artemchuk's words of wisdom had come true as the Jewellers' scored no less than four power play goals and added a short-handed goal for the extra insult.

Dynes had reason to ponder their own sins as both Thornhill counters resulted from Jeweller penalties.

### Subdued

Monday's clash was a much more subdued contest than Friday's penalty-strewn exhibition. Except in the Dynes' scoring prowess.

A still-unhappy coach Artemchuk was stewing over that Friday opener:

### Atrocious display

"That game had to be the most atrocious display of poor sportsmanship I've ever encountered in my days as a coach," he said.

Artemchuk added that "Thornhill is too fine a hockey club to have to resort

to the antics they displayed Friday. They'll never get anywhere playing that way."

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fred simpson

## What's in a name?

What's in a name? There must be something about a name that rubs off on people. For good or bad. Take my name for example. Fred Simpson. Doesn't that have the ring of truth in it?

But it's never worked for me. I'm dead certain things would have been different if my name had been Richard Burton or Pierre Trudeau or whatever. I'm all right. It's my name.

For example: I predicted a close, hard-fought anyone-to-win series between the Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers and Thornhill Thunderbirds in their best-of-seven Mid-Ontario Junior B finals.

Naturally, the Jewellers went out and won the first two games by 6-0 and 7-2 scores. And did it quite impressively too.

### No see

I didn't see Friday's 6-0 opener (and I'm glad) at Thornhill but I took in last Monday night's opus at Bond Lake Arena which was straining with a capacity crowd.

Couldn't help but be impressed by the superiority of the Jewellers who, on this occasion, were simply the better team. Not to put down the Thunderbirds, mind you.

I thought they gave it their best shot early in the game but just couldn't overcome a fiercely checking, determined Dynes' team. When they did break through it was only to meet goalie Rob Benson who obviously, has had their number.

### Benson

Benson, of course, was a late pick-up for injured goalie Doug Brumwell. From Wexford. It looks like Benson could turn out to be the key to Dynes' success. You need that goaltending.

### Mostly bad

No, I didn't see Friday's opener at Thornhill. But I heard a lot about it. Most of it bad.

If I had seen it I would have written it in the way I said it. That's why I'm glad I missed it.

Except to say most of the blame for the unnecessarily chippy and rough hockey was put on the Thunderbirds. Rightly or wrongly.

It's been a long season and I've had a good relationship with Dynes' coach Pete Artemchuk and Thornhill's Ralph Beer. Both love to win, hate to lose.

Both teams have had successful years finishing one-two in the league and I'd hate to see any silliness take the glow off that.

### Not over

The series is a ways from being over yet. Both teams are getting the fans out and it's their responsibility to give them a high-class performance. Or they might not come back.

Whether the series goes the limit or not, players and coaches of both teams owe the fans some good, rugged hockey. Not cheap, crappy displays of immaturity.

### Good hockey

Monday's game, for the most part, was a good example of playoff hockey with hard-hitting, fast skating, and the rest. It was nice.

Win or lose, I hope both teams keep it up the rest of the way. Finishing second isn't the end of the world. We all start out aiming for first. By the time it's over, a lot of us would gladly settle for second.

### Amen.

### Where was I?

### Just notes

Some notes here: Another mistake of mine was not being a soccer player. At least I would have got to travel south of Steeles Avenue. For example, Andy Graham of the Richmond United senior soccer team called me the other day.

Told me his team was just back from a couple of exhibition games in Florida against For Lauderdale which, apparently, is a top calibre team.

The locals lost this game 6-0 but went on to win a 3-2 game against the same club's farm team. Gordon Banks, former World Cup goalie for England, shut them out. See what I mean?

### Congrats

Congrats to the York Regional Police hockey team which won the consolation championship in the annual International Police Hockey Tournament in Belleville.

They lost their first game 3-1 to Ottawa and then went on to defeat the Toronto Detachment of the RCMP 5-2 and Durham Region 2-1. Constable Ron Turvey scored three goals during the tourney.

Really finally; anyone want a name?

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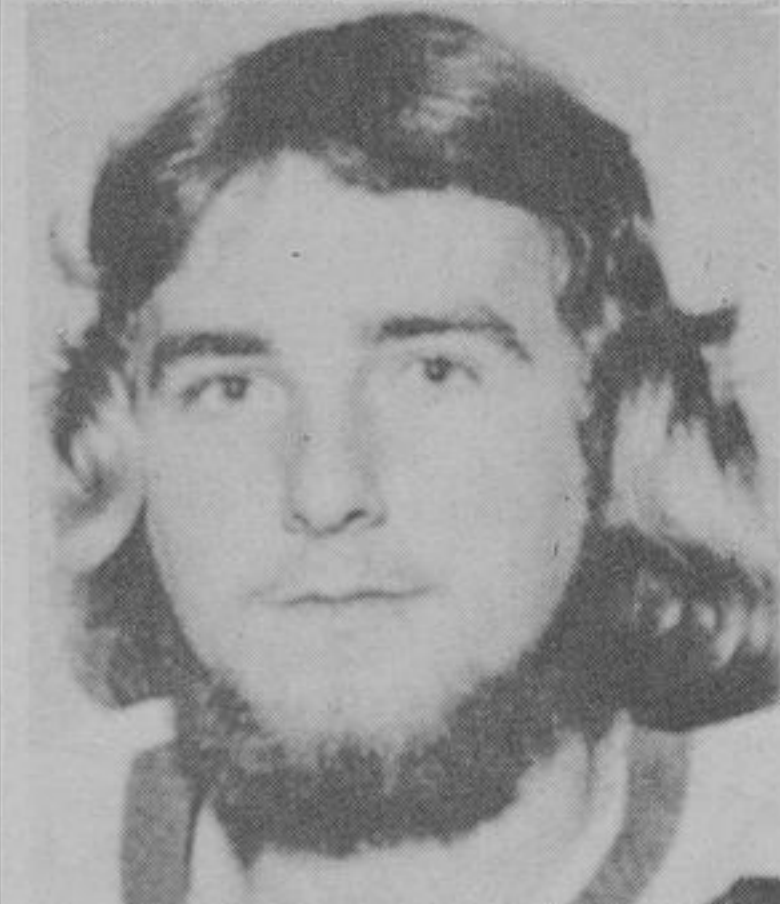
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Dale Roffey  
...spark plug

# At Richvale Play to empty house at softball meeting

RICHVALE — It's unfortunate when a league executive calls a minor ball meeting to elect officers and gets a poor turnout.

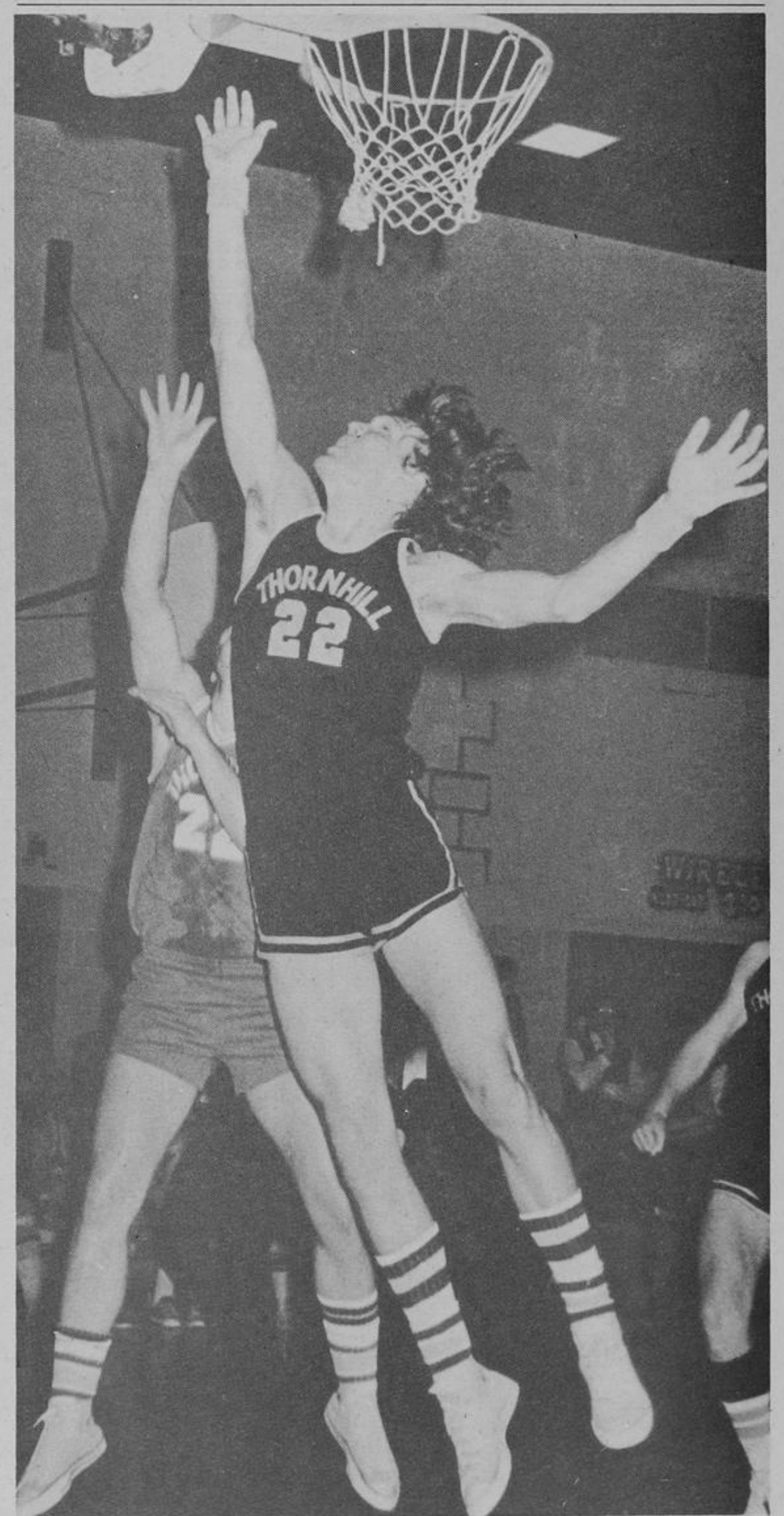
It's horrible when no one shows up. At least that's the opinion of Al Wooley who is convener for the Richvale Minor Softball League which last year signed up 175 youngsters.

Wooley told "The Liberal" that "only

five executive members bothered to show up at a recent meeting. No one was there for the general public."

"We'll call one more meeting and if no one shows up that's it. It's up to the parents."

That meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night (Thursday) at the Hillcrest Mall auditorium at 8 p.m.



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## Up up, away

Thornhill Secondary School's Bruce Holmes (22) has the reach here against Don Lothrop (22) of

Thornlea but the latter team won the senior York title 61-58. See B-2.