

It's hockey minus skates



The ball's behind you

Getting ready for a summer of outdoor field hockey. That's what Laura Nemcin (left) and Michelle Leung are getting in shape for at the newly-formed Richmond Hill Field Hockey Club hockey. Hey girls, that's the ball behind you.

Hockey season is finished but arenas keep going on

RICHMOND HILL — The last puck has been fired in anger at the Richmond Hill Arena. But there's still a lot of stick-handling going on. Stickhandling with paint brushes, hammers and nails and the scheduling of other non-sports events.

That's the word from Arena Administrator Ed Sackfield. "There's a lot of maintenance work to be done in the off hockey season," said Sackfield as he ticked off the unglamorous but necessary labors.

"Right now we're painting the dressing rooms, the under-the-stands walkway, and various other things. Next on the agenda will be cleaning the plastic boards in the ice area which is a three-day job." Then comes a cleaning and wax job on the arena seats plus a re-designing job on at least one section.

"We're planning a new design for the backs of the arena seats," said Sackfield. "We're just doing one section for now." As for the summertime activities?

Lots of them.

For example: There will be a "Beer Festival" next Friday 6 p.m. until 1 a.m. with German foods, Bavarian bands and dancers; The Richmond

Hill "Spring Fair" takes over from May 13 to 15. Other events include a circus June 7, a musical extravaganza June 11 featuring Peter Appleyard, the York Centre Progressive Conservative nomination meeting June 15.

Things are moving at a slower pace at the Bond Lake Arena with hockey still in the limelight by way of the Oak Ridges Lions Club Juveniles and their All Ontario series with Lambeth. The ice will be retained until May 19 and then a series of special nights will be staged including a "Monte Carlo Night"; a big car draw for the Oak

Ridges Minor Hockey Association June 18. And, of yes, the maintenance goes on and on with the ice machines being stripped and cleaned at both arenas. All in eventual preparation for next winter. The ice at the Richmond Hill Arena goes back in July 11 for a local figure skating school. Won't be long until it'll be hockey time again.

RICHMOND HILL — You don't need skates to play field hockey. All you have to do is master that "funny little curved stick", states instructor Anne Frickleton. Anne is presently teaching the skills of field hockey by way of the newly-formed Richmond Hill Field Hockey club with regular Tuesday night classes at Bayview Secondary School.

Hot bed
Anne points out that the Richmond Hill and Thornhill area is a "hot bed" of field hockey particularly at the junior and high school level.

Some of the top field hockey players in the province sign in from Richmond Hill and Thornhill.

To wit
Patty Barclay and Marilyn Grasse, of Richmond Hill, and Jean Gourlay, Sue Kennedy and Donna Buchan, of Thornhill, are all members of the 1977 Ontario Women's Field Hockey Association training squad.

Top coaches
Frickleton points out that "each year from 65 to 75 players from all over Ontario are selected to train under top-flight coaches."

Object is to produce players who are capable of representing Ontario in various tournaments across Canada.

Some of these players, like Jean Gourlay, are also selected to the Canadian training squad to undergo further instruction in order to prepare them for the day when they may be able to represent Canada.

Competitive field hockey is particularly popular in area high schools which provide an outlet for junior girls to gain the basic training for advancement to senior competition.

Fun, too
But that's not the essential idea behind the local field hockey club. States Frickleton: "Not everyone wants to play what is called 'representative hockey'. Many people like to play for the simple enjoyment derived from a team game, the fitness is provides."

That's where the local club comes in. "It's set up to provide fun and instruction to the recreational player as well as the one trying to perfect her skills."

Instructors
Instructors include the aforementioned Frickleton and Margaret Poste, both past Ontario players, and Diana Martyn, field hockey coach at Bayview Secondary School.

The club is divided into two sections: A junior section for girls 9 to 12 years of age; a senior section for those 13 years and up.

Indoor, outdoor
Indoor hockey is scheduled until the end of April and it will be out doors. Several indoor and outdoor tournaments are also in the planning. This will enable the players to meet people from other hockey playing areas.

Concludes Frickleton: "So, if you've ever wondered about the game of field hockey, now is the time to find out more about it. Try it. It doesn't matter if you've never played the game or if you played it years ago. All are welcome. Just dig out your enthusiasm and body."

Classes are on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Bayview. For further information call Anne Frickleton at 884-4019.

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