

Hill tennis vs the 'bubble?'

By Kieran Lennon

The Richmond Hill Tennis Club is calling the first extraordinary general meeting in the club's history Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

At the moment the meeting is scheduled to be held at the Crosby courts, but attempts are still being made to find a suitable hall. If successful the location will be posted on the clubhouse.

All senior members are urged to attend, as the executive requires an indication from a cross-section of our membership as to the direction our club must take on the

issue of winter tennis in our area. **The bubble** There is a proposal before the town at this moment, by a group other than our club, that a bubble be erected over

richmond hill tennis club

the Crosby courts for the purpose of providing winter tennis facilities in this area.

There can be no argument with the concept of using what is essentially outdoor facilities on a year round basis; if it is practical, it only makes good sense.

High cost But winter tennis will carry a high cost and rates of up to \$9 per hour per court on top of an annual membership fee for winter play of \$75 are contained within the proposal.

Our club is involved to the extent that in order to facilitate this proposal for winter tennis we will be required to relinquish some of our outdoor playing time.

It is a firm part of the proposal to the town that the principals of the winter group have use of the courts for six months

which, of course, means either all of April, or of October, or half of both those months are lost to the club.

Early start We in Richmond Hill have traditionally had an early start to the season, and it is anything but unusual to have play in progress from late March on.

October is also an active month; organized events are still taking place, and often our tournaments are still in progress. Many years play has extended well into the month of November.

If we endorse the proposal we are agreeing our members who choose not to, or can not afford to join the winter tennis club, must lose six to eight weeks of playing time at a time when outdoor play is practical.

Those of us who join the winter group must pay the court charge for the privilege to play tennis even at the April and/or October dates when again outdoor play is possible.

There are other considerations our mem-

bership should deliberate on, and bring their thoughts to the meeting. In the past the Richmond Hill club has always taken the bold step in providing organized tennis in this region.

Started tennis Indeed, our club provided the first tennis facilities within the town, those at the town park, at a cost borne entirely by club members, and we are vain enough to think we have not proven

ourselves a liability to the town.

It is just possible that with the team's co-operation in seeking various grants which are available for such projects, it is within the capabilities of our club to undertake the funding of a bubble for winter play and thus provide a continuing program of organized tennis over a 12-month period.

Expensive It would be expensive.

It would entail a lot of work by a lot of people. But let's not say it can't be done until we have collectively talked about it.

So make a point to attend this important meeting, and let your voice be heard. Friday at 7:30 p.m. Keep it free.

Every senior member is expected to attend and help chart the route this club must take. Participate!



Barth trophy winners

The only way to end a curling season. Winning. The winners of the Barth Trophy (left to right) is the rink of June Beaumont, second; Jean Coneybear, skip; Bert

Vernon, lead; and Betty Kerry, vice. They won the Richmond Hill Day Ladies Second Schedule at the Richmond Hill Curling Club.

Hardball on upswing following doldrums

Registration for hardball in Thornhill has tripled this year compared to last. But that doesn't mean they're knocking the doors down. "The main reason," said Thornhill Baseball League president Bob Young, "is interest dwindled quite a bit in other years."

"The arrival of the Toronto Blue Jays has certainly sparked some much-needed interest and, if the Jays keep winning, it should help us in future years."

That registration has grown from 30 players last year to about 90 in 1977 but there are still a few gaps in the various age brackets.

"Right now we have just enough players for a Midget rep team," states

Young, "and we'd like to see more fellows out from places like Richmond Hill."

"We haven't had a midget team here in the last few years."

Any 15-year-old wanting to get his hand in midget baseball should call Young at 881-6085. As things stand now

there will be four town rep teams plus four house league teams.

The town reps will comprise Peeewe, Tyke, Bantam and Midget.

They'll play in the South York Simcoe Baseball League against teams such as Newmarket, Alliston, Bolton and Orangeville.

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