

## Hockey deficit drops slowly

Richmond Hill Minor Hockey Association operations last year chalked up a deficit of \$6,033.71 but outgoing president Bob Reeves saw the bright side of the picture.

"It's going down," he observed. "Three years ago it was something like \$12,000. We're managing to chip away at our debts by way of various fund-raising projects and the like," he said.

The association realized total receipts of \$67,850.01 during its fiscal year ending April 18 but paid out \$73,891.72.

Biggest slice of the latter total was arena ice rental time which amounted to \$52,253.35.

Other items: Balance of 1975-76 and previous seasons expenses (Expenses \$5,932.88; Bank Loan, \$3,700; Interest charges, \$770.57) \$10,403.45; Equipment, Crests, Trophies, Repairs, Storage, cleaning, etc., \$6,657.08; referees fees, \$2,074.

Registration brought in the most receipts at \$22,097.50 with admissions into the arena netting \$8,134.55. Sponsors contributed \$16,320; the RHHA Ladies Auxiliary \$10,300; Town of Richmond Hill Grants, \$6,830.92.

The Richmond Hill Lions Club Rosetown Peevee Tournament brought in \$1,183.71.

RHHA treasurer William Lazenby was commended by president Reeves for "the tremendous job he has done since taking over our books this year."

# On taking a fish to lunch

Fish, like people, have special feeding habits. Having studied fish during my many years of angling, I made quite a discovery a year or so ago.

Take any gamefish, put them into a large aquarium or pool and feed them a minnow at a time, and the fish will surely prosper. However, should you give several minnows at the same time, they will not feed and actually will starve without ever eating.

After asking several people about this, I have found that they have reached the same conclusion. Now, all we must do is find out how to apply this to fishing.

I have often observed rather large pike and bass swimming amongst all kinds of little fish without even looking at them.

However, if you use a lure several times the size of the available food, the fish will strike immediately.



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Perhaps the lesson to learn here is to use much larger baits as we do normally, or switch to another bait. If the lake is full of minnows, we simply should try leeches or frogs.

I have seen suckers and catfish taken on spinners and musky on worms. I even watched a fellow catch a four-pound brook trout on a piece of Swiss cheese while my fly floated right over it.

Why do so few of us fish for pike with top-water lures?

I have yet to see a large pike who could withstand the temptation of grabbing one of those large artificial floating muskrats made of hair.

### Lures

When presenting a lure or bait, of course, one should try to do it as

The eyes of a fish are positioned so he can see in front and to the sides. Best view is at a ninety degree angle to the eye. However, as the head tapers toward the front, there is a blind spot over the tail.

Picture a pie with one piece missing. This blind spot near the tail is the missing piece.

If any bait, especially a top-water lure or a fly should be cast into this blind spot the fish will sense this if it is close by.

As there is much competition around, a fish can't take the chance of turning around in order to eye the bait more closely.

Nine out of ten times, the fish will simply swirl around swallowing the bait as quickly as he can. A good fly fisherman will tell you that, for this reason, one should never present a lure or fly in front of a fish.

### Backyard

If all this makes sense to you and you would like

to do some experimenting yourself, I suggest that you get your rod and reel out and begin by practicing in your backyard.

The best lure will not catch fish if you are unable to place it in the proper spot.



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When the Richmond Hill Men's Fastball League goes to the starting gate May 24 it'll be richer by two new teams plus a junior entry.

The two new teams will be the York Regional Police and Video Real Estate.

Sponsorship colors for the junior team will be carried by Joe's Garage.

"Joe's won the championship last season with a senior team," explained league president Paul Ortiz, "but decided to sponsor the new strictly junior entry."

The juniors, who have had trouble getting out of the starter's gate in past seasons, will also represent Richmond Hill in the OASA junior ranks.

Ortiz continues to be optimistic about "the upsurge in interest in the town league. Calibre of 7

play continues to improve and I'd say most of the teams would stack up with any intermediate ones in the province."

The calibre of play is credited with the impressive attendance of the weekly doubleheader contests attract.

"We increased the teams simply because there seems to be lot of ballplayers wanting to play around here," said Ortiz.

Returning teams this season are Town Auto, Richmond Hill Auto, Barrow's Insurance, Ronald's Federated, Mill's Roses, McKinlay Drywall, Lake Wilcox, Ken Blyth Real Estate, and Jenkin's.

Each team will play a 22-game schedule with doubleheaders set for Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Game times are 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

The Monday games will be at Crosby Park, Tuesdays at the Town Park, Wednesdays at Crosby and Boyle Park (formerly Pearson Park), and Fridays at the Town Park and Crosby Avenue.

This will be Ortiz' second full year as head of the expanded league.



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Enrolments for minor ball in Richvale are underway, with expectations for a 20-team league of T-Ball and Tyke teams, and an estimated 275 players, according to spokesman Rik Ellery.

However, the league is also in "urgent need" of coaches and sponsors, Ellery said. Anyone interested in performing in

either of these capacities, is asked to call Al Wooley at 884-8443, after 6 p.m.

"Keep in mind, this is a community project that requires community support," Ellery said.

Teams and schedules are now being drawn up, and games are expected to begin May 25 at Ross Doan, Roselawn and Charles Howitt public schools, and at Boyle Park, Ellery said.

Practices will begin this week.

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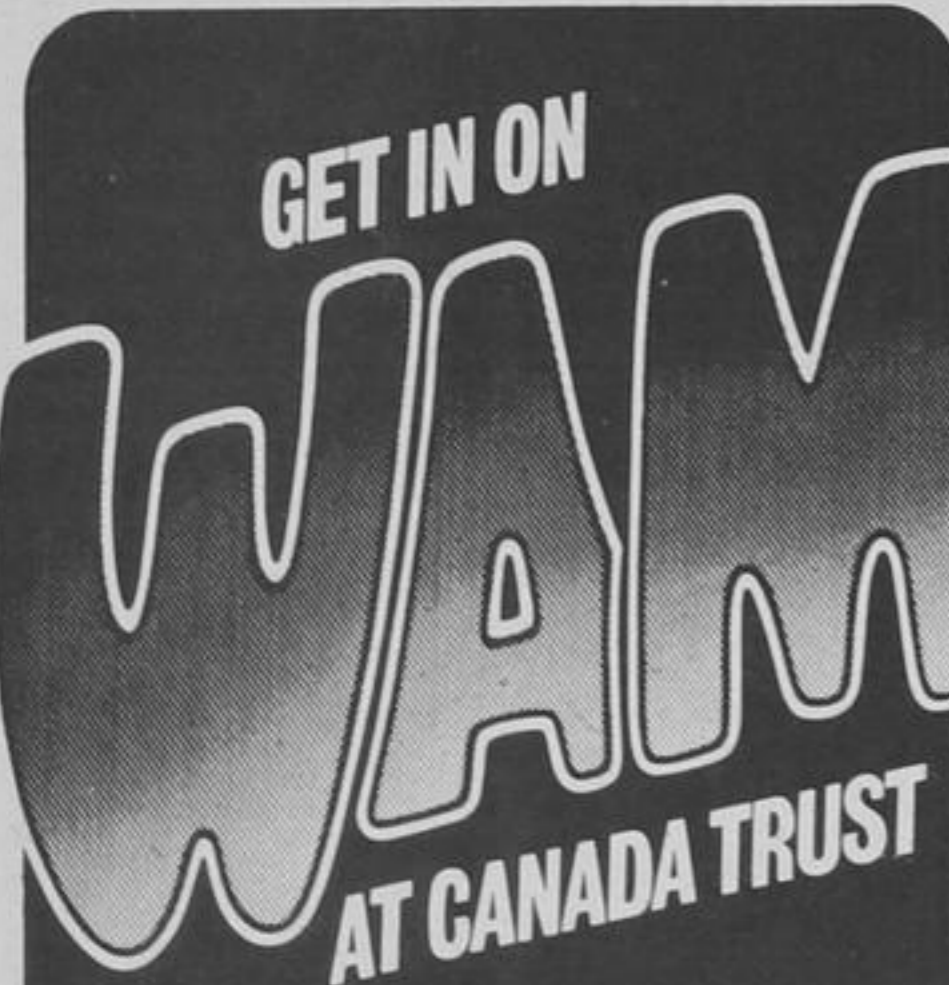
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