

Tennis

Club championship lists posted

By Eric Handbury

The full lists for the club championships are now posted in the club comprising, as of every year, men's singles, women's singles, men's and women's doubles, mixed doubles and junior events.

What may be noticed is that a new terminology has crept into the posted notices — three tier.

Previously all tournaments had been arranged on a win or consolation basis, wherein all first-found

losers were eligible to compete in a consolation event.

There is no doubt that there are serious failings in this type of traditional tennis contest. Numbering one amongst these failings was that, by virtue of the fact a number of upsets must occur amongst relatively good players, both the main event and the consolation were invariably won by better than intermediate players.

The three tier event eliminates the need for

the formation of A and B flights and the subsequent need for two consolation events, and combines them, very happily, into one continuous event.

At the same time, it promotes a more equitable tournament that is not outside the range of anyone that professes to play a reasonably good game.

The principle is this: Assuming that the draw comprised 32 players, the organisers, from combined experience, will choose what may be called 16 seeds.

Theoretically those 16 will win and form the main event, and the first-round losers will carry on to the second-tier event. Should there be any upsets in the first tier it will only serve to increase the prestige of the second. However, the

first-round losers then move into the third tier providing an excellent opportunity for the less than consistent player to savour a measure of the triumphs.

I have mentioned all of this (and making it concise drove me to tiers) because it should spur everyone to put their name down for each one of the events. Re-evaluate your game and with less timidity (this particularly applies to the girls) get your name on the list.

Only the best players could finish up playing a minimum two games; everyone else at least three.

All round, the Richmond Hill junior teams have a great deal to be proud about.

The junior boys finished second in the league,

trailing only by one point and the girls team tied for second place.

Junior news must also include the victories of Paul Beck and Scott Smith, who both qualified for the illustrious Ontario Open. Paul Beck won the final of the qualifying beating Ray Nakom in three sets. But by far the most unique news is that the three Sheppard sisters, Jennifer, Paula and Cara all qualified for the Open, a rare event, surely, in one family.

Considerable discussion took place at the last executive meeting centred around a novelty event with which to end

the season. Very few people want the summer to end too suddenly and something that will get us all together again before the racquet covers darken out another year will be welcome. John Marais would be pleased to have your suggestions.

The annual general meeting is planned for Thursday, Oct. 13, please try to attend.

A mid-winter event, similar to that held last year, is also being planned, and an expression of your interest to the president, Hans Bruhn would help in developing the organization.



(Photo by Hogg)

Winner

Gormley's George Leary shows medal he won after winning junior trapshooting event in Europe recently. Now he's after the world title.

Hill girls stop King win streak, ...or did they?

It's taken a long time, but King City finally got its comeuppance in the York County Ladies' Softball League.

At least, it did for five-and-two-third innings last week. That's when the umpire called it quits on account of rain, with Barrow's Insurance of Richmond Hill leading 22-16.

Up until then, King City had been on a three-year winning streak. The game against Richmond Hill was to have gone seven innings, but, after two attempts to wait out the rain, it was decided to pull up the bases and go home.

A spokesman for Barrow's said she didn't know if the Hill team would be officially credited with the win or not. So, at present, the King City team's streak is still intact, even if shakily so.

Jean Vanderkooy threw a three-hitter for

Barrow's, with teammates Helen Johnson, Barb Magee, and Susan Richardson helping out with home runs.

Barrow's will journey to Niagara Falls Aug. 13 to compete in a provincial invitational tournament.

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Winner of the junior event at the recent European Olympic trapshooting Grand Prix in Belgium, Leary is now aiming for the world championships in France in September.

At the Belgium event, he scored 189 points out of a possible 200, compared with 185 for second-place finisher, Cioni of Italy.

A total of 90 shooters

from 10 countries took part.

Leary also tied for second in the men's event with John Primrose of Edmonton, both getting 189 points.

Velasco of Spain won with 191. Another Canadian, Susan Natrass of Edmonton, won the women's event with 172 points.

Leary, who travels to Hamilton each week to practice, may also journey to Montreal for the Quebec provincial trials later this month. At his practice sessions

and in competition, Leary uses an Italian-made Perazzi 12 gauge shotgun, firing at targets unleashed from a mechanical trap, some 15 metres into the air.

Leary's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Leary, formerly operated a trapshooting park in Gormley.

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