

Dig for gold at Summer Games

By FRED SIMPSON

It didn't exactly rain "gold medals" for a contingent of Richmond Hill competitors at the Ontario Summer Games in Kitchener-Waterloo on the weekend but they had their moments of glory or near-glory.

Sharing in the glory that was gold was Richmond Hill's Anne Frickleton who was a member of a Toronto Select Field Hockey team that won all six of its games in rather easy fashion.

"We didn't get scored on until the last game," said Frickleton who managed to get a goal herself from her centre-half position.

GOLD, GOLD

Another gold went to Bruce Weir of Richmond Hill who coached a Scarborough midget softball team to top honors by

downing Stouffville 3-2 in the final game.

The two teams met in a two-game final with Stouffville, having previously lost, forced to win two games in a row. They won the first game 3-0 but Weir's team won the big one.

SILVER IN BOWLING

They didn't manage a gold but a four-man team from the Richmond Hill Lawn Bowling Club came home with a silver medal in an impressive showing.

The Gary Charity-led rink won its first game over New Toronto, lost the second one to gold-medal winning St. Catharines, and then captured the silver by taking Simcoe in a five-end playoff after both teams had tied in regulation play.

"We won the playoff round four

points to one," said Charity. Bowling with him were Gord Legacy, Bill Henderson and Frank Zazzara.

NEAR UPSET

Charity's rink came very close to upsetting the strong St. Kitts entry in the second game.

"We were tied 13-13 going home," said Charity. "They won it on their last bowl when the shot took ours out giving them the game."

That final game against Simcoe saw that rink's skip pulling out a tie near the end only to have Richmond Hill come on strong in the playoff.

GREAT WEEKEND

"It was a great weekend all way around," said Charity. Richmond Hill track coach Bob Thompson also had a great weekend although none of his

starry athletes managed to come up with the big gold.

Especially with the showing of steeplechase expert Fred Robbins who finished third in the 2,000 metres which was good enough for a bronze medal. Also capturing a bronze was high jumper Debbie Pegg.

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AS FOR COACH THOMPSON?

GREAT DAY

Thompson was head coach of the central region team (which included Richmond Hill athletes) and it turned

out to be a great day.

Thompson's team easily won the overall track and field championship capturing 14 gold medals to easily outdistance the other regional teams from across the province.

Other Richmond Hill competitors were Stephanie Clarke, of 9 Rockwell Road, and Darlene McConnelly, of 51 Cartier Crescent.

Both Stephanie and Darlene played on the Central East basketball team.

"We didn't do all that well," states Stephanie. "We lost all our games but there were some close ones. It was a great experience being in the Games."

ROW YOUR BOAT

Another big winner was Grant Gibbons of Richmond Hill who is head coach of the Toronto Argonaut Rowing

Club.

His team rowed its way to three gold medals, a silver and a bronze.

"I was quite happy with our showing," said Gibbons who is in his first year with the club as head coach. "It's a rebuilding year for us."

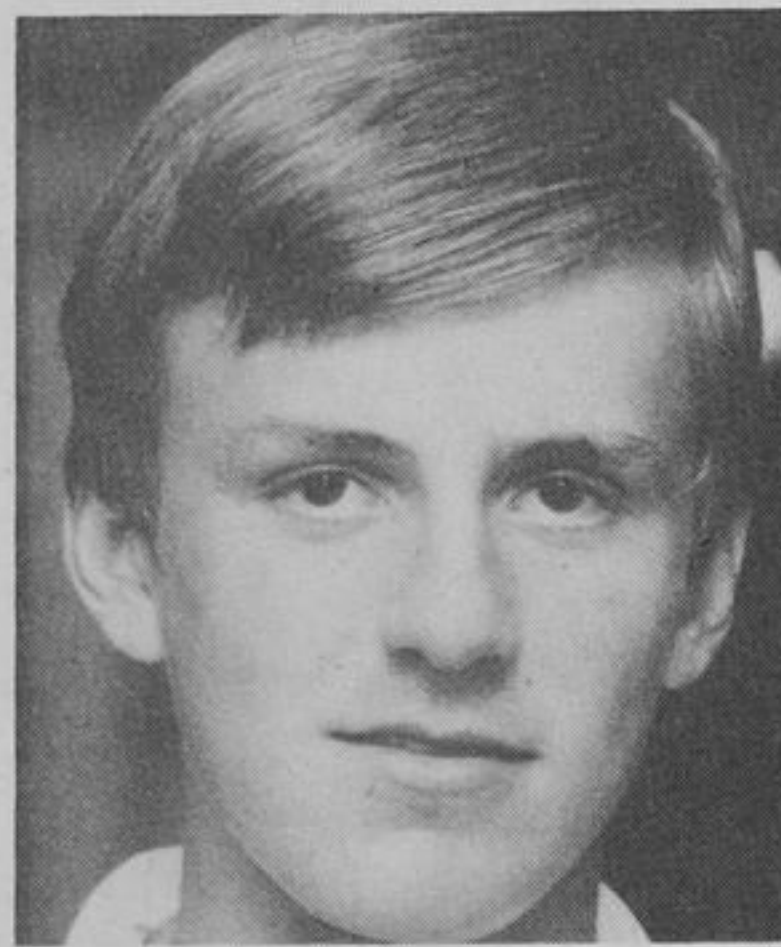
Another impressive, albeit non-medal effort, was turned in by the Richmond Hill Lawn Tennis club team of John Handbury, Mark Bedard and June Beck.

They were playing with the North Central team which lost only two matches in their first 20 games. Handbury was particularly outstanding in his matches.

For further details see the inside sports pages.



Anne Frickleton
Gold in field hockey



JULIAN HANDBURY
Tennis standout

Jeweller's win Bulova watches

Richmond Hill Dynes Jeweller's manager Russ "Casey" Cripps has an affection for watches:

Bulova watches. The Cripps-forces downed Hornby Farmer Jacks 3-1 last Saturday night behind the 14-strikeout pitching of big Bob Domik to win the annual CNE Bulova Watch tournament.

To the winner goes a gold watch, a silver to the loser.

The Jeweller's have won something like three gold and three silver watches over the years in CNE tournament play.

Domik, a familiar name around CNE circles, had to be the dominant figure in this tournament and especially in the final game.

His 14 strikeouts came over a seven-inning stretch which saw him allowing only three hits while walking none.

Domik won three of the four games the Jeweller's played and didn't yield an earned run. The fourth game victory was picked up by Doug Webster who was unavailable for Saturday's final game.

Domik, not surprisingly, walked off with the tournament's most valuable player award. In his 21-inning total, Domik struck out 28 batters, allowed nine hits while walking two.

Saturday's game saw Dynes opening the scoring, in the third inning with two batters out. Derek Kinnersly walked and Mickey Hancock singled. Both advanced on a passed ball and Kinnersly then scored on Stu Aiken's single.

Hancock and Aiken ended up on second and third respectively and both scored on successive passed ball thrown by losing pitcher Morris Curtis.

Farmer Jacks got their lone one in the fourth with two out as Brian Patterson singled, got to second on a wild pitch, and scored on an error to the shortstop.

Eliminate Caterers

The Jeweller's had advanced to the finals via a 5-0 victory over Village Caterers Friday night with Domik again dominating as he threw a three-hitter while striking out nine.

Losing pitcher was Martin Cook who went four and a third innings giving up two runs, five hits, walking three and striking out two. He was replaced by Wayne Evans who surrendered three runs on three hits and a walk.

Kinnersly started things off promptly for the Dynes team as he hit a lead-off inside-the-park homer.

The fourth inning saw Jeff Wood

doubling and scoring on Kinnersly's single. Kinnersly moved to second when Hancock's fly to left was dropped.

Aiken then singled home Kinnersly. Domik followed with a double to score Hancock and Aiken.

Tournament notes

The Jeweller's had some hot bats going for them hitting .343 as a team. Individually it was centre-fielder Hancock showing the way with a .467 average.

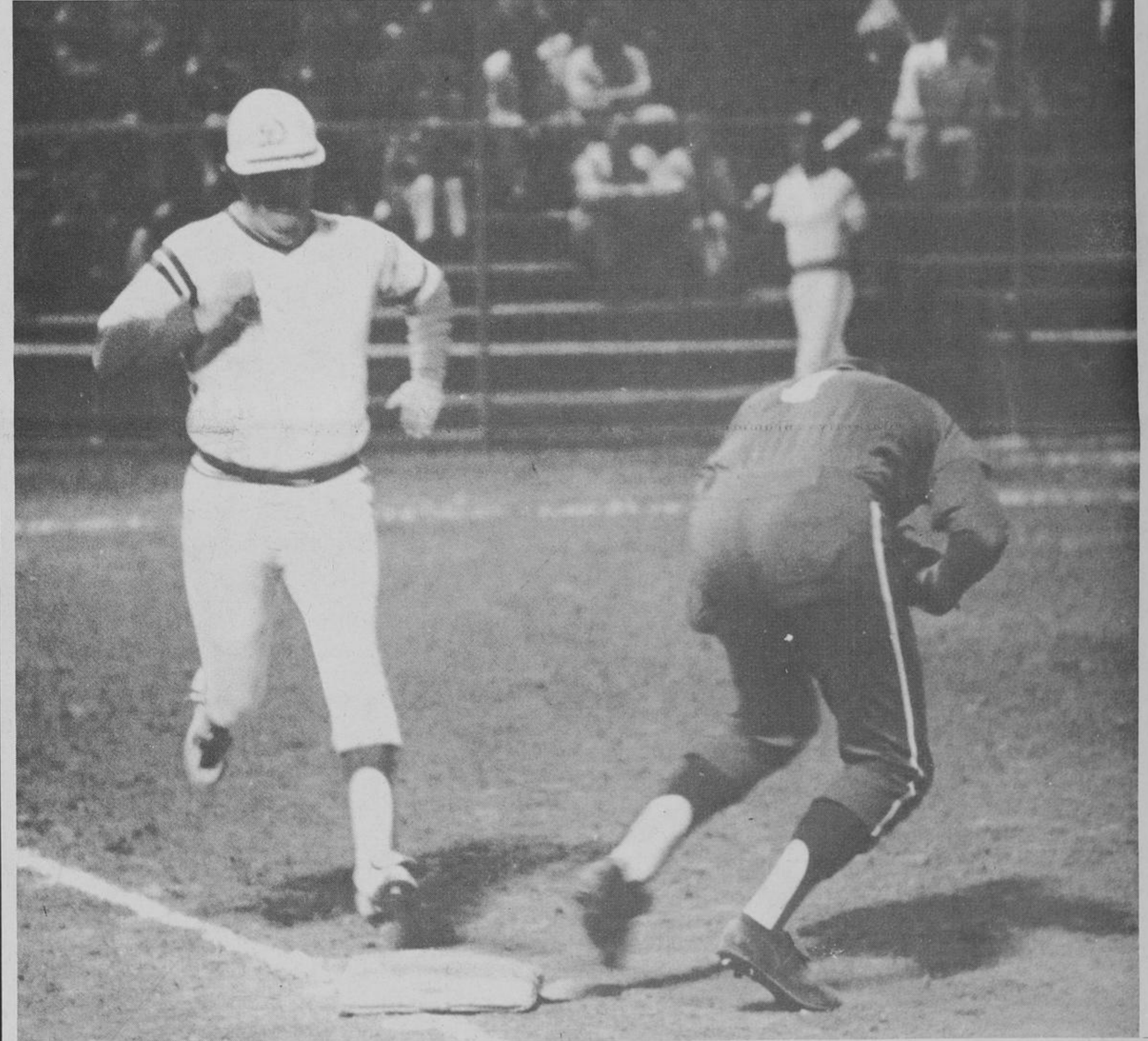
Richmond Hill is at home tomorrow night (Thursday) to Toronto Hustlers in league play. They are slated to play the same team tonight (Wednesday) at Kew Beach.

Next Saturday night it's back to the CNE for an exhibition match with Eddie Feigner and the King and his Court team. Gametime is 8 p.m.

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Close but out

Richmond Hill Dynes' Jewellers' Bob Baird is out at first base although Toronto John Oliver's Brian Lancelotte looks like

he's in trouble. Lancelotte was, believe it or not, actually back-peddalling to touch the base first. It didn't really matter. The

Jeweller's went on to beat John Oliver 2-0 in a Beaches Major Fastball League game at the town park.

Webster shutout

Dynes blank John Oliver

Richmond Hill Dynes Jeweller's Doug Webster weakened in the ninth inning of last Thursday night's Beaches League fastball game with Toronto John Oliver at the Town Park.

The last three outs were fly balls to the outfield.

They were the only ones to go beyond the infield except for a high fly to centre in the fourth inning.

Needless to say, the Jeweller's won the game 2-0 and hurler Webster increased his impressive win-loss record to 10-1. He has an earned-run average of 1.03.

The Oliver team could only touch him for four hits while going down for the strike-count 12 times.

Richmond Hill hitters weren't exactly over-powering losing pitcher Al Cowan in the meantime managing only four hits and three of those coming in the fourth inning when they scored all their runs.

That inning saw Mickey Hancock leading off with a highbouncing ground single over the third baseman's head.

He was erased on a fielder's choice to Stu Aiken who advanced to second on Mike Crouse's single.

Bob Baird was walked purposely to get to Art Fowler who obliged by hitting to second base with the play going to home to force Aiken at the plate.

Catcher George Dickey then became an instant hero as he singled in Crouse and Baird. Colin Wood then struck out

to end the inning and the scoring.

John Oliver's biggest threat came in the fourth inning when Brian Lancelotte singled, moved to second on an error and to third on a passed ball. He finished three as the last batter flew out to centre.

Minute's silence

A one-minute's silence was observed prior to the game's start in honor of the late Lloyd "Mickey" Smith who died Tuesday morning.

Smith had long been connected with the softball activity in Richmond Hill both on a minor and men's level.

Members of the Dynes team wore black arm-bands for the occasion.

Pete's back!

It's probably no secret but Pete Artemchuk has been officially re-hired as coach of the Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers of the Mid-Ontario Junior B hockey league for the 1977-78 season.

Also named is the new executive for the year which finds Don Gueran as new president; Ted Rowe, first vice-president; Connie Bestard, secretary; and Bill Haanapaa, treasurer.

This season's camp opens next Monday at Bond Lake Arena with the first home opener of the regular schedule set for Oct. 3.

Guess who the opposition is? Right. The Thornhill Thunderbirds.



fred simpson

About Mickey

The good thing about being around a community for awhile is you get to meet a lot of nice people. The bad thing, of course, is you also get to see some of them go.

The latter happened last week when Lloyd "Mickey" Smith died. Mickey, as he was known to most people, was a prominent figure in Richmond Hill softball for a number of years. I was a casual acquaintance of Mickey's and had been since first meeting him in 1964.

Which is to simply say that there are many more of you out there who knew him better than I.

People like Russell "Casey" Cripps who manages the Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers' fastball team.

Back in 1959

It was Mickey and Casey who led the old Wimbridge Cleaners to an OASA Double A championship away back in 1959. I believe it was the first Double A championship to come to The Hill.

It takes a death, it seems, to stir the memories of what used to be. Those were the days when the Smith-Cripps-led Cleaners played in the York Simcoe League with the likes of Newmarket, Aurora (who had Norm Stunden pitching for them), Markham Aces (Lefty Ellis), etc.

Familiar names

Some familiar names on that Wimbridge team included Norm Roberts, Bill "Skip" DeGeer, Doug Watt, Sonny Needham, Len McLean (now president of the Richmond Hill Minor Ball Association), Ken Roberts, Murray Thompson, and on and on.

"It was Mick who got me to coach the Dynes Jewellers club in 1962," states Cripps. "That started it all."

Mickey was also among those who helped draft the first constitution for the minor ball association here. He wasn't officially involved with ball the last few years but he was always around for consultation.

I suppose the above, like a lot of things, is ancient history now and of

interest mainly to the many people who knew Mickey.

Loved Cards

As I said, I wasn't a close friend of Mickey's. But kept seeing him over the years. He was a member of the Richmond Hill Legion where he loved to play cards.

To my mind, he was a tough little guy who wouldn't back down from anything or anyone, a no-bull guy. He was also a kindly man with a puckish sense-of-humor that always lurked just behind his most serious expression.

Anecdotes

His special forte was spinning out little anecdotes, very funny anecdotes, at the drop of a serious conversation. I saw him for the last time a few months ago. He was seriously ill then and looked it.

I spoke to him briefly but it was long enough for him to deliver a little anecdote for my benefit, a wry comment of something or other which I can't remember now. That was Mickey to the end.

Perhaps the following comment made by Angus Philip at the ballpark the other night sums up the kind of person he was.

Angus, also very well known in Richmond Hill and never one to mince words, said:

"I'll miss Mick. I used to go to him for advice all the time. He was the kind you could go to about certain problems and know that whatever you told him wouldn't go any further."

Mickey was buried last Friday afternoon. He leaves his wife Dorothy and son Rod.

And a lot of people who no longer will be able to benefit from his sense of humor. That's a real loss.

Notes

A reminder to all skaters that the King City Figure Skating Club will be holding registration for the coming season at the Community Centre in King.

Dates to remember: Sept. 14, 6 to 10 p.m.; Sept. 15, 8 to 9:30 p.m. New members are most welcome.

Help

The Maple Ladies Bowling League needs help. President Marg Reeves says the league is short five bowlers and several substitute bowlers for the season.

If you want to get involved call her at 832-1201. The league starts Sept. 12 at Maple Community Hall.

Finally, the Richmond Hill Power Skating School, which is in its 10th year, has proven so popular this year all vacancies are filled up. A planned registration next week has been called off as a result.



MICKEY SMITH
Popular sportsman