

Form Sports Council

"The time was just right for it," said Richmond Hill Superintendent of Recreation Lynton Friedberg last week as the newly-formed "Sports Council" held its kick-off meeting.

He was referring to his efforts to get the council "off the ground for the past two or three years with no luck".

The Sports Council found plenty of supporters Wednesday night of last week at the Blue

Flame meeting room of Consumers' Gas with 19 sports body representatives turning out.

"Three other bodies weren't out for the meeting," said Friedberg, "but they assured us they would be joining."

The Sports Council concept is a simple one: "To encourage the co-ordinating of amateur sports programs in Richmond Hill," said Friedberg. "We feel much more can be ac-

complished with organized groups instead of various groups doing things on their own."

The council will be involved with the Richmond Hill Parks and Recreation Committee in evolving projects of various types, both present and future.

BIG NINE
The initial meeting saw nine objectives hammered out for the Sports Council:

— To encourage the co-

ordination of amateur sports programs so that the greatest number of people can derive the greatest benefit to promote the physical, intellectual and moral development of the people of Richmond Hill through participation.

— To provide a central library and an information centre.

— To act as a forum for the exchange of members' views.

— To act as a liaison

with government agencies and to bring before the government and agencies such recommendations as are approved by the Sports Council.

— To assist in correlating the efforts of all amateur sports organizations in stimulating interest in amateur sports.

— To encourage interaction between and among sports groups for understanding of mutual problems.

— To encourage the provision and optimum use of all existing sports facilities and to contribute to the development of new ones.

— To insist in the arrangement of leadership clinics for coaches, referees and others.

— To foster an interest in and assist in organizing the hosting of provincial, national, and international sports events.

INTERIM HEADS

The meeting saw the electing of an interim executive committee comprising Bruce Smith, Richmond Hill Tennis Club, chairman; Ed Kenny, Richmond Hill Soccer Club, vice-chairman; Lynton Friedberg, secretary; and four other members, Tom Simpson, minor hockey; Stan Thornton, Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers softball team; Pat Mills, Richmond Hill figure skaters; and Kerry Gilmor, president of the Richmond Hill Provincial Junior A Rams.

Oak Ridges boys want team in Hill

By GALE FERRANDO

The Richmond Hill Minor Ball Association met briefly Sunday with a few parents from the Oak Ridges area.

The meeting was held in response to a letter received from a 15-year-old Oak Ridges boy stating he and his friends would like to play organized softball but at this time there was not a

softball organization in Oak Ridges.

The boy, Phil Lusk, and his friends would like to register with the RHMBAA but as a team and not individually.

The boys want to stay together for various reasons, one of which is transportation. As a team they could hold practices in their own area and would only have to travel to Bradstock Park once a

week for a regulation game.

At the meeting on Sunday Phil was assured everything would be done to make suitable arrangements.

All parents from the Oak Ridges area who would like to have their children play organized ball are urged to attend a meeting that has been scheduled for tomorrow (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m.

in the Bond Lake Arena.

PRACTISING
The RHMBAA players have been out on the diamonds practising for the past week and a half. The players were put into groups and assigned to temporary coaches for these sessions.

Teams will be set up during the week of May 15. At this time all players will be called and given the names of their coaches and team.

Regular scheduled games will get underway the week of May 22.

There is still one opening in senior girls for a coach and a convener. Anyone wishing to fill either position should contact Gale Ferrando at 884-2883 or Anne Thorpe at 884-4419.

Town's ski program

The Richmond Hill Parks and Recreation Committee added a postscript last week to what most cross-country skiers would consider an all right winter.

They received a report on the success of the town's second year of operating a cross-country ski area at the Richmond Hill Summit Golf Course.

In a word: Very successful.

Attendance increased 125 per cent over the previous winter.

States the report: "The trails were open five days a week, Wednesday through Sunday. The good snow conditions this year, as well as the increase in number of days open, the operation of a snack bar, washroom facilities and the minimal ski rentals all resulted in the attendance increase."

There were some problems encountered: Not enough skis at the beginning of the season to rent. A resultant deal was made towards the end of the season with Recreation on Wheels to use its equipment of a 50-50 split of the rental revenue.

Trails were not properly marked.

The site was not properly equipped with emergency first aid equipment such as a first-aid sled.

There was also insufficient parking.

The committee kicked around the idea of purchasing a snowmobile to be used for emergency situations; applying for Wintario funding to purchase proper trail markers;

Hill Slo pitch loop gets ready to start

Calling all slow pitch softball enthusiasts.

There will be a general meeting tonight (Wednesday) of all those persons wanting to play slow pitch this year in Richmond Hill.

Locale is the Richvale Community Centre in the Weldrick Room. Time is 7:30 p.m.

Teams will be selected, rules will be gone over, and an executive will be selected for the league.

Those wishing to compete are asked to bring \$15 cash or a cheque

made payable to "Richmond Hill Slow Pitch League".

A previous meeting saw the rules committee setting down some rules which included restricting footwear to running shoes or sneakers for the games.

Anyone unable to attend the meeting is requested to send his money with someone who is attending as it's imperative that the necessary funds be available to purchase the uniforms, balls and bats.

Dairy Queen girls tie 4-4 in ball

Richmond Hill Dairy Queen Bantam girls softball team met last year's Ontario bantam champions from Chinguacousy and came up with a 4-4 tie.

Although the score reflects a close game, the Dairy Queens were shuffled from one position to another for the purpose of evaluation.

Karen McInnis pitched the first half of the game without allowing any runs while Heather Moore and Lynda Bell combined on a superb play at second base to stop any further base stealing by Chinguacousy.

Lynda Bell hit the only homerun plus a long out to right field driving in two runs.

Dorothy Norman batted in the other two runs while Karen Wells and Kathy Trumbull went two for two at the plate.

Tom Price, Fred Dawson and Bill Widfield were the umpires.

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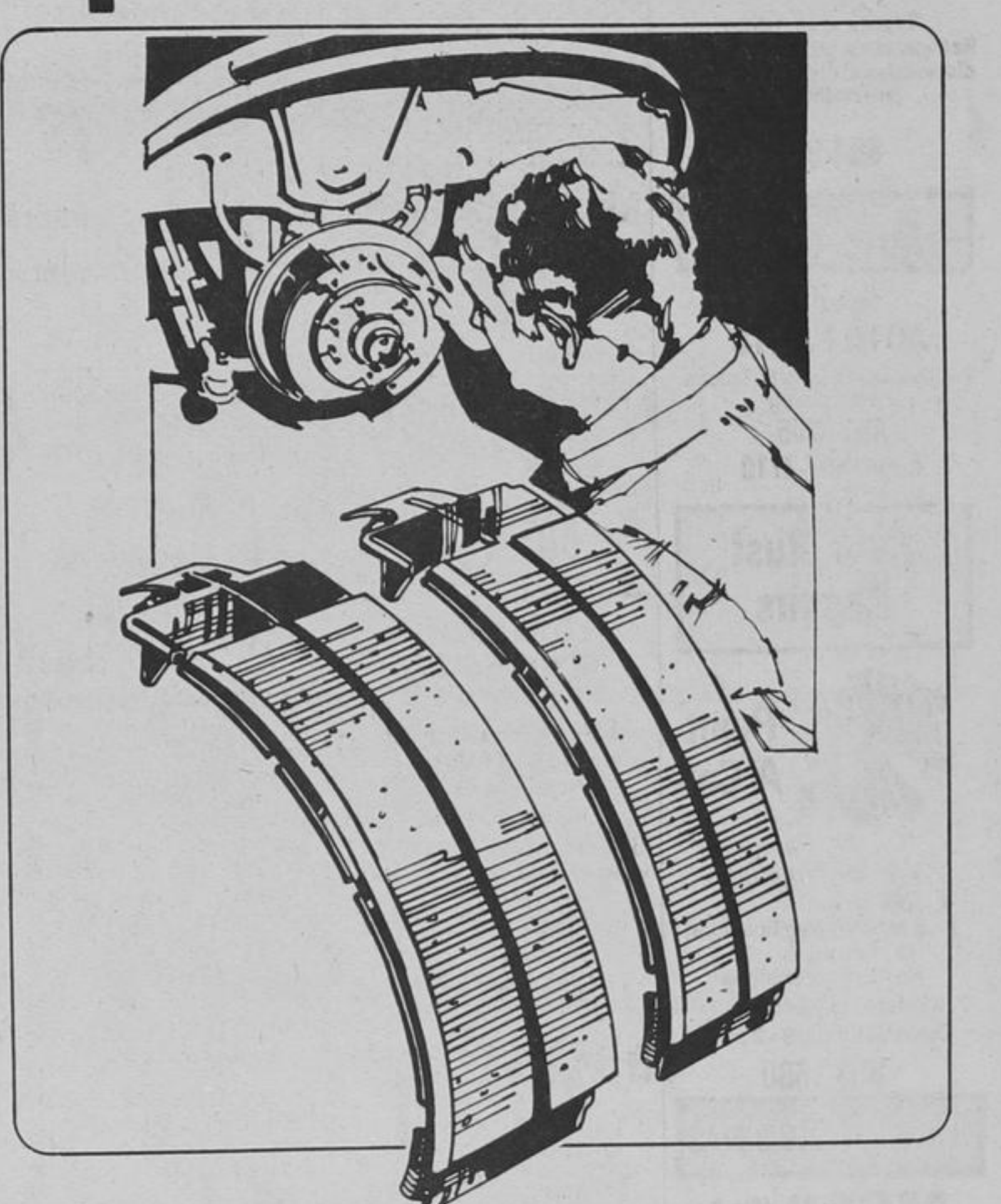
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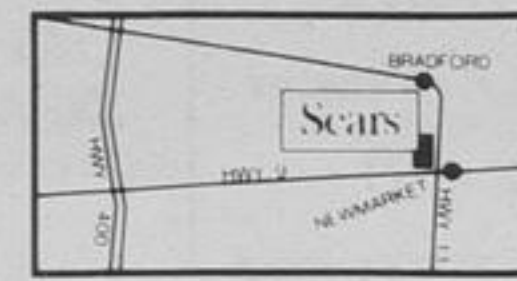


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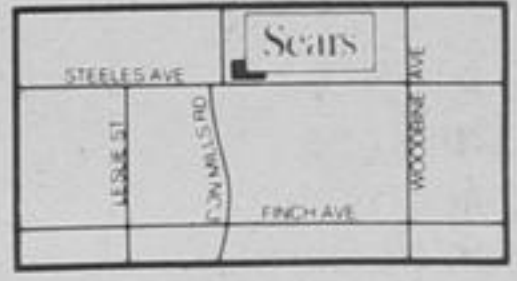
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