

Minor Midgets take consols

The Richmond Hill Minor Midgets bounced back from an opening game loss to win the consolation championship at the Fort Erie Invitational hockey tournament on the weekend. Richmond Hill's Blue Jay Submarine-sponsored team lost 5-3 to Woodstock in their opener but came back to down Niagara Falls 8-2, and then take Bay Ridges 6-4 in the consolation championship.

Woodstock pounced on two opportunities for two quick goals to tie it in the second period. Richmond Hill moved back in front at 12:37 of the third on a James Gwillam counter from Cash and Doug McLean.

EMPTY NET
Woodstock then knocked in two more goals late in the period and then got the final one on an empty net as Peter Del Groy was attempting to leave it for a sixth attacker.

Richmond Hill came out flying against Niagara Falls leading 2-0 at the end of the first period and 4-1 going into the third.

Farrell was the big gun in this one with three goals. Singles went to Doug McLean, Andrew Don, Dave Banton, Warren Nye and Dave Carmichael who also assisted on three other goals.

Richmond Hill ahead to stay. Assists went to Don and Warren Nye. Don got Richmond Hill's final goal of the game from Banton and Hagenauer to wrap up the championship.

The same Don received the most valuable player of the tournament award. Not winning any awards but contributing substantially to Richmond Hill's showing was Farrell.

HAPPY
Coach Bruce Richter was "happy with the team's showing this season despite the fact you always like to do better."



Oak Ridges Alex Brockton Midgets All Ontario champs: Mark Spensley, David McQuarrie, Larry Millard, Thor Chornobaj, Danny DeGeer, Rod Gilchrist, Fred MacArthur, Charlie Trask, Rick Greenslade, David Mashinter, Randy Gilchrist, James Cummins, Michael O'Grady, Rick Carswell, Steve Nolan, Bob Mashinter, Tony Van Loon, coach; Joe Barry, Manager, Frank Mashinter, trainer. (Photo by Hogg).

Ridges champs

Take a kid fishing

By ALEX EBERSPAECHER
Some people call it the International Year of the Child. I had a name for it long ago. I called it Take a Kid Fishing. Each year I wrote a column suggesting how to start a youngster in the sport of fishing.

handle or, worse yet, your old one that doesn't work properly anymore. He will soon lose interest if you hand him some old plugs and lures that will not catch fish. There is no **PRETENDING** in fishing.

interest will come on its own: he may become a dedicated fisherman on his own.

usually their hands are too small to handle a spinning reel comfortably. Whatever your choice, don't buy the cheapest one you can get. The drag, the most important item on a reel, must be smooth and easy to adjust. Use six or eight pound test line as it is easier to handle than the heavier line. Hollow, glass rods are lighter than the solid ones but are not as strong. Solid rods are usually cheaper as well.

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If he refuses to handle worms at first, don't force him; help him and he will come around. Better yet, try minnows as they are more popular with most kids. Don't get angry if he is reluctant, I know full-grown, so-called anglers who won't handle leeches!

A small bobber is a must as kids like to see the action of the nibbling fish, and this is the only way for him to learn when to set the hook. Finally, help him unhook the fish. Show him how to handle it and put it back into the water. Most of all, teach him to have respect for the fish and for all of nature. After all, he is a big part of it!

Never start a tyke off fishing from a boat. Kids can't sit still for any length of time and if you are like I am, you get very impatient with anyone who even moves his feet while fishing from a boat.

A newcomer must use his own time, put down the rod when he gets tired, walk around and come back to fishing when he pleases. Remember this as your first and foremost rule. Let them fish when they feel like it. Don't force them but be ready to assist and give helpful hints when they ask. The

NO BOATS
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Garden centres sell slim and light bamboo poles of different lengths. This would be the perfect project for a rainy day, helping the young one build his own.

GOOD EQUIPMENT
For the older ones, buy only good equipment. It's best to start him off with a baitcasting outfit as

The beginner should be started with live bait rather than sophisticated lures and plugs. Live bait catches more fish and it is the action, not the size, that counts. If he has to fish all day for a six pound pike, he soon gets bored, but if he gets some fast

action catching small bass or perch, he won't have time to do so. If he refuses to handle worms at first, don't force him; help him and he will come around. Better yet, try minnows as they are more popular with most kids. Don't get angry if he is reluctant, I know full-grown, so-called anglers who won't handle leeches!

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