

Sports

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THERE'S A GOLF BALL IN THERE — Aubrey Callan fishes for the ball during the Russell Open Golf Tournament at his Metcalfe Golf and Country Club. Callan performed his retrieval act on the first hole. More than 100 golfers competed in the event

which saw sunny skies and fun times. Low net score was recorded by Claude Cousineau with low gross turned in by Harry Bombay. Three golfers shot 99 on the 18-hole course. (Garey Ris photo)

Ramblings

Reflections on fastball

by Jack McLaren

Now that the fastball season is over, I have looked back and assessed the performance of the new Russell Junior team. Although there have been excellent Russell fastball teams in the past, this was the first attempt at putting together a Junior team. The reason for doing this was quite simple. We had a good solid core of local boys, who if denied the opportunity to play here, would surely go elsewhere — that would probably mean the end of fastball in the town. In fact there was some concern at the local team's management during the few years previous to this past season. It appeared that we might be losing some of the local talent to other teams in the area.

The decision was made to start a Junior team. I would be the coach and Jim Sullivan would be the manager of team operations. New uniforms were purchased, thanks to donations by several local business firms and private individuals. (By the way, team operating costs including uniforms, were in excess of \$2500). The team would operate in the South-Carleton Fastball League and we would enter as many Intermediate Tournaments as we could. Local boys were used as much as possible to fill the team roster, but it was necessary to carry a couple of players from outside the area.

What were the teams accomplishments? I feel the most important accomplishment was to put Russell back on the map as very real contenders in fastball circles right from Cornwall to Oshawa. The team proved that it could take on the best In-

termediate opposition anywhere within these areas and win. Highlights of the year were:

- Champions of the Embrun Intermediate Tournament.
- Champions of the Consolation Round of the Russell Intermediate Tournament.
- Finalists in the Championship game of the Berwick Intermediate Tournament losing 1-0 to Cornwall.
- A tough 1-0 loss to Morrisburg in 10 innings, in the Moose Creek Intermediate Tournament.
- Undefeated in South Carleton league play.
- A tough 1-0 loss to Morrisburg in three games straight only to lose a tough final series to South Gloucester.
- Represented the area in the Kemptville Junior Tournament losing in the quarter finals to Smiths Falls, who eventually played in the Championship game.
- Last but most important was the fact that the team represented the community in a way that everyone could be proud of — they were excellent ambassadors.

The team had a few problems "getting up" for house league tournaments and for some South Carleton house league games. The mix of House League with Intermediate level competition does create problems. Next season we may go strictly with Intermediate opposition.

It takes a lot of time and effort to operate a competitive team. I had considerable help throughout the season — Jim Sullivan as team manager, looking after financial matters, entering tournaments etc., — Frank Thompson as coach, equipment manager, team disciplinarian — Marilyn Sullivan

as the most efficient and dependable scorekeeper and statistician any team could ask for — Don Oshier who helped with coaching during the early part of the season and was always a loyal fan. Also in the latter category were Harold and Mabel Gamble, Russ and Muriel Hay, Lois Woolsey, Debbie McVey and Rosie Wigcheren.

Hopefully the team will remain together for many years. This season was only the start but a good one. I foresee a few changes in personnel in order to gain strength at a few positions, but these should be minimal. There is a good nucleus of talent to build around — next year should be even better.

new look

Russell Warriors team manager Bob Clarke has assumed extra duties this season. As well as team manager, he was recently elected as President of the Cambridge-Russell Intermediate B Hockey League. The league has taken on a new look this season in that there will be no body contact allowed.

Apparently there was concern among league officials that last years play was much too rough, so it is hoped that by introducing this new rule it will be more entertaining for fans. It will be interesting to see fan reaction, but it appears to be a step in the right direction.

Bob reports that the Warriors have started team try-outs and he is hoping that some of last years graduating Juniors will stay with the Club this season. Home games will be played every Friday night at 8 p.m. League play will probably begin about 1 November.

Russell Open results

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1st Low Gross
1st Low Net
2nd Low Gross
3rd Low Gross
4th Low Gross
5th Low Gross
6th Low Net
2nd Low Net
3rd Low Net
4th Low Net
5th Low Net
6th Low Net
Longest Drive
Closest to Pin
7th Low Gross
8th Low Gross
9th Low Gross
10th Low Gross
11th Low Gross
7th Low Net
8th Low Net
9th Low Net
10th Low Net
11th Low Net
12th Low Gross
13th Low Gross
14th Low Gross
15th Low Gross
16th Low Gross
12th Low Net
13th Low Net
14th Low Net
15th Low Net
16th Low Net
Hidden Hole
Most Honest Golfer

Harry Bombay, 84
Claude Cousineau 76
John Syvier 91
Eldon McEvoy 91
Ron Darraugh 91
Al Briet 92
Eric Honey 92
Delmer Armstrong 77
Marcel Belanger 77
Ken Sullivan 77
Lorne McCrae 77 1/2
Mike Kennedy 77 1/2
Malcolm Larabie
Harry Bombay
Bob Lacelle 92
Carl Morris 95
Harold McDonald 95
Gord Quaille 97
Don Garvey 97
Gary McMahon 77 1/2
Archie Gauthier 77 1/2
Scott Campbell 77 1/2
Lon Leonard 77 1/2
Dennis Drevniok 77 1/2
Ron Cruikshank 97
Barry Brooksum 98
Ron Gallinger 99
Bruce Quaille 99
Lynn Dewan 99
Dale Carscadden 78
Garry Patterson 78
Bill Arnold 78
Neil Quinn 78
Jim Middlemiss 78
Bob Goodwin
Bruce Woolsey

Prizes were given out up to and including 28th Low Gross and Low Net.

There was a total of 104 golfers and organizers were extremely pleased at the success of the Tournament, now in only its second year. Presentation of awards took place at the Dr. F. Kinnaird Community Centre at the conclusion of the Tournament. A good time was had by all. Organizers would like to thank the following sponsors for providing the prizes: Valiquette Sports; Labatts; Gilbey's Canada; Ranger Sanitation, Ottawa; Coca Cola; Hiram Walker; MacDonald Tobacco.