

Golf Guide '86

Here it is: your course guide

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It can mean only one thing when spring is in the air and the 50th Masters championship is complete — the golf season has begun.

It's that time of the year when men, women and children dust off the old golf bag and shine up the clubs for another season of fun and frustration at local courses.

Local residents have a choice of 11 public, two semi-private and seven private courses to choose from. So read on and check out the Economist and Sun's third annual guide to golf in the Markham and Stouffville regions.

Public

PARKVIEW GOLF COURSE has two 18-hole layouts to choose from. Both are par-71s with a 6,200-yard upper course and a 5,800-yard valley course that crosses a river six times.

However, users of the upper course will only have to watch out for water on two holes.

This year, golfers have the luxury of only making one trek up the hill from the valley course.

"We've changed the numbering of the holes around (in the valley layout) to make it easier to play... you only have to go up the hill once," said Andy Leighton, who is in charge of the pro shop.

Trees have also been added and the tee-off areas have been altered. According to Leighton, the changes were made to add "a little more variety."

Fees are \$14 on weekdays and \$16 on weekends. The course will also be taking 150 memberships at \$350 (an increase of \$50 from 1985).

Parkview is on the north side of Steeles Ave. just east of Markham Rd. For more information call 293-2833.

DON MILLS GOLF CENTRE is another facility with two courses to choose from. An 18-hole, 4,150-yard executive layout has a par 64; a nine-hole, 1,200-yard link is a par 27.

Fees for the par-three course are \$1 on weekdays and \$5 on weekends, plus an extra \$2.75 for a second round. For the 18-hole layout, the cost is \$9 on weekdays and \$10 on weekends.

There is also a twilight rate of \$6 after 5 p.m. (6 p.m. later in the season).

"The fairways vary in condition (this time of the year), but the greens are in good shape," reported pro Mal McLeod.

Golf pro Dave Johnston will run clinics at \$20 per half-hour (this includes balls).

The course is located on Woodbine Ave. just south of Hwy 7. For more information call 475-6969.

One of several beginner courses in the area is **CRESTHAVEN GOLF CLUB** on McCowan Rd. north of 14th Ave. in Markham.

The 18-hole, 2,757-yard par-54 course has water coming into play on two holes. But this may dry up as the summer progresses.

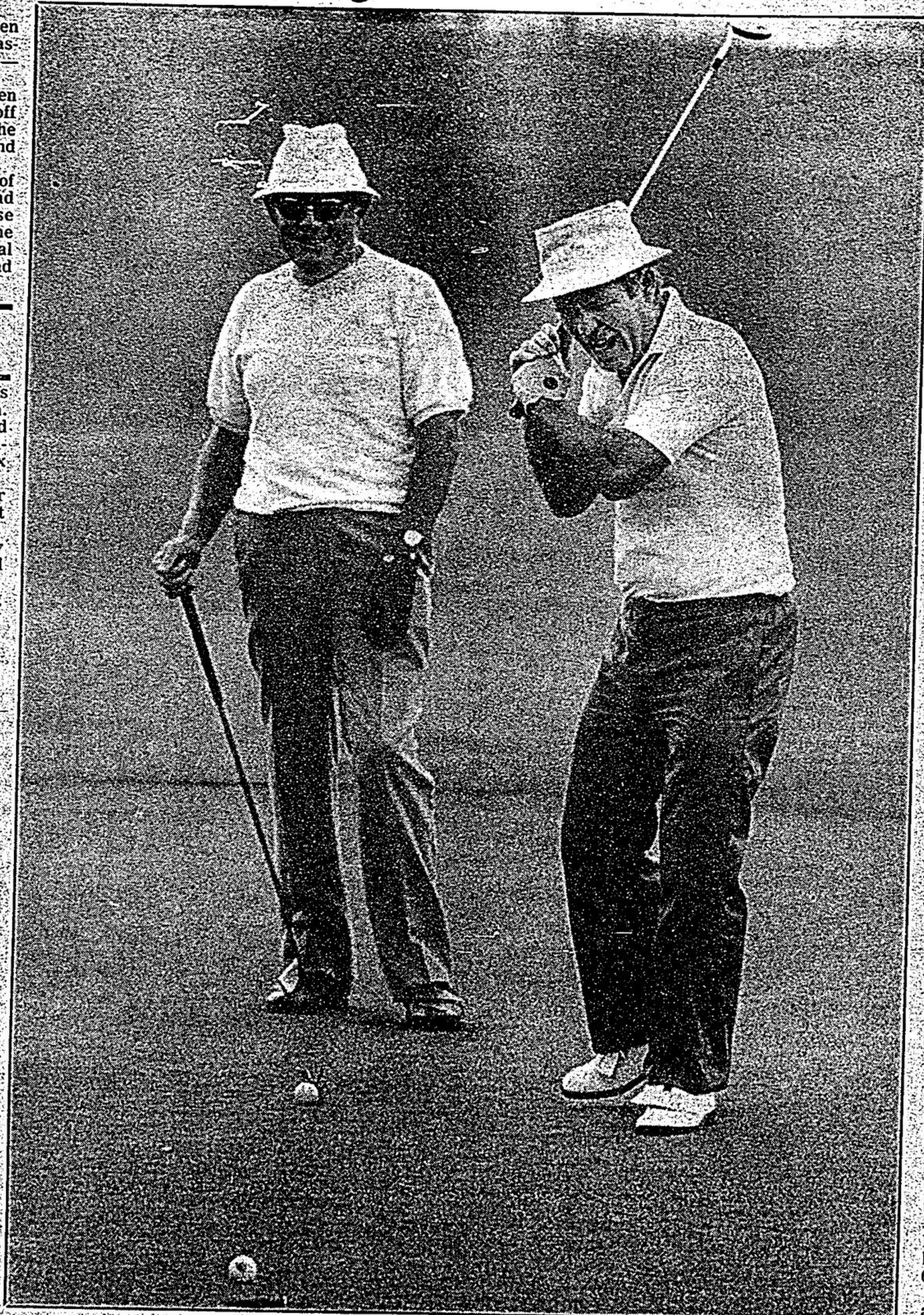
Weekday fees are \$7.50, while on the weekends and holidays it's \$8.50. Senior citizens play for \$6.50. Twilight rates are \$6.50 after 5 p.m. For more information call 294-0621.

To enhance the difficulty of the small 18-hole, 3,397-yard par-59 executive course, **WINDMILLS GOLF COURSE** has 10 water-dominating holes to challenge the golfer.

Along with the executive links, there is also a nine-hole, 3,157-yard Island layout with a par 36. And water comes into play on five of those holes.

Fees for the executive course are \$10 on weekdays and \$12 on weekends. The Island fees are \$12 on weekdays and \$16 on weekends.

Memberships are \$650 for singles, \$850 for couples and \$150 for Juniors accompanied by an adult member.



Coaxing it in

There are few things to compare with the agony of a missed putt. Here, Don Wood tries his best to coax the ball in, but to no avail. The miss may have been agony for him, but partner Alec Brown apparently

could stand it. Action took place in last year's Markham-Stouffville Hospital Fund tournament at Sleepy Hollow Golf and Country Club.

— Sjoerd Witteveen

but according to management "that's understandable after the winter."

The 18-hole, 6,400-yard par-72 facility has six water-dominating holes.

To play on the course, which includes four par-five holes, it will cost \$14 on weekdays, \$18 on weekends and a twilight rate of \$12. That's a \$1 hike across-the-board from 1985.

Three-hour lessons will be given Thursday and Friday for \$60. Call 294-4457 for more information.

EMERALD HILLS GOLF LTD. plans to build a new club house that will be complete by the Spring '87.

The 18-hole, 6,366-yard par-72 layout is located on Warden Ave. 1 km. north of Bloomington Rd.

Fees are \$18 on weekdays, \$23 on weekends. There is also a twilight weekday rate of \$12 after 4 p.m. and

par-73, 6,400-yard yellow course and a par-70, 5,300-yard red course.

Weekday fees are \$13 and on weekends its \$16. Full membership is \$600 and for women its \$440.

A weekday membership will cost \$375. Rolling Hills is on Warden Ave. just north of the Stouffville Side Road. For more information call 888-1953.

Regular users of the **BUTTONWOOD GOLF CLUB** will be saddened to learn that the local course has given in to progress.

Residential buildings now occupy what was once an 18-hole, 3,860-yard par-60 layout in Buttonville. Rest in Peace.

Semi-private

FOXBRIDGE GOLF CLUB formerly known as Fox Head has built two new greens and two tees on its north layout which is a nine hole, 2,500 yard par 36.

There is also a nine-hole, 2,800-yard par-36 south link. Weekday fees are \$8 while on weekends it's \$10 (which enables the golfer to play all day).

Men's membership is \$275, women's is \$250. Seniors enroll for \$200 and juniors for \$100 (under 21 years of age).

According to Manager John Lavis, the condition of the course is "great... just super. They're nice and dry and you won't have to worry about getting your feet wet."

Foxbridge is on Hwy 47 just east of Uxbridge. For more information phone 852-7962.

Golfers of **JOHN EVELYN GOLF CENTRE** will be pleased to learn that only the weekend rate has increased, and that hike is only \$1.

Weekday rates on the 18-hole, 6,362-yard par-72 layout remain at \$10, while weekend rates are now \$14.

According to Roland Evelyn (son of John) the weekend fee increased "because weekends are busier, and we're trying to build-up weekday business."

John Evelyn is also the site of a nine-hole, 1,720-yard par-31 executive layout. The fee for that course is still \$6 anytime (unchanged in two years).

A full membership will cost \$450 while a weekday enrolment is \$285. Juniors can play for \$135.

The 18-hole layout features 8 holes involving water, while the executive layout has one hole over water.

The course is located on the 10th Line, 7 km. north of Hwy 7 in Markham. For further information call 640-1233.

MAPLES OF BALLANTRAE is another local club improving its facilities by building a lodge.

According to co-manager Tom Airo, the lodge (set for completion by the end of the year) will feature a lounge, dining room, restaurant and accommodations.

Located on Hwy 48 just south of Ballantrae, it has an 18-hole, 6,350-yard par-72 course with water coming into play on 12 holes.

Fees are \$13 on weekdays (\$8 after 3 p.m.) and \$16 on weekends (\$10 after 3 p.m.). Senior and juniors play for \$10 on weekdays.

Memberships are \$600 (full), \$375 (weekdays), \$300 (Seniors over 60) and \$150 (Juniors). Airo will also be conducting lessons for \$15 per hour. For more information call 640-4882.

CHERRY DOWNS GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB located 20 km east of Markham in the Village of Brougham features two layouts: an 18-hole, 6,486-yard par-72 course and a nine-hole, 1,575-yard par-28 executive course.

Weekday fee on the 18-hole layout is \$15, while on weekends its \$18 (\$10 after 4 p.m.).

A single membership costs \$750, a husband and wife membership is \$1350 and on weekdays its \$450. An enrolment on the nine-hole course is \$200 and for juniors it \$100.