Editor's

Mail



Child being victimized

Dear Sir:

As concerned parents, we wish to bring to your attention an appalling situation that has developed regarding a young boy participating in the Markham Youth Soccer program. This is an eight-year-old boy who is an excellent soccer player for his age and is now, and in future years will be an asset to any Markham team.

The rules and regulations of the Markham Youth Soccer state that during the playing season, only

three weeks annual leave may be taken by a player. This boy went on holiday to Italy with his parents but when they were due to return, his mother became very sick and was unable to return. Consequently the boy, through no fault of his own, was away for longer than the allocated time. His father, being on a separate passport, returned alone and informed the club of the situation.

We must also point out that for low teammates. his particular league, there is no waiting list for children to play, as

Tribune for publicizing the show.

Hope to see everyone again next

Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum

Sincerely,

Karen Edwards,

Assistant Curator

and this boy's team has played 90 percent of its games without a full

On his return, the boy, still suffering from jet lag but keen to get back to his soccer, arrived at the field only to be told he was suspended. At this point, the coach or his parents had no written confirmation to that effect. Of course, the boy was devastated, as were the coaches, parents and his fel-

I know of at least one other instance where a team member has there has been in previous years, taken his annual leave as well as sick leave, and has still been allowed to rejoin his team.

We feel that this boy is being unnecessarily victimized for circumstances beyond his control. We must remember we are talking of seven-and eight-year-olds enjoying a game of soccer, not local power politics.

> Yours faithfully, Mr. & Mrs. John Leach Markham



Draw winner

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum Board, the Curator, Mary Hopkins and myself, I wish to thank all supporters of this year's Antique and Classic Car Show.

The loyal volunteers and visitors help ensure the event's success year after year.

At the Aug. 10 show, a draw was made for a Robert Bateman print entitled "Evening Grosbeaks". The winner was J.P. Mason of R.R. 2, Gormley.

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