



Claremont Four Season's Golf and Country Club assistant manager Karen Carson takes her first swing of the year. The family owned course opens for business this weekend with an improved par five 13th hole.

## Intramural hockey to begin this fall at Stouffville High

By BLAINE KANEKO

The rumor of inter-school hockey at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School will remain just that — a rumor. The reality is SDSS will have a house league hockey program starting in the fall.

And although it may not carry the prestige of high school hockey, co-organizer Jamie Showers hopes it will be just as competitive without the physical play of higher level shinny.

"We want it competitive," admitted the Grade 11 student. "We don't want guys not skating back and not taking the game seriously. It will be run the same as the minor hockey, but it will probably be more fun."

What won't be in competition with minor hockey is the price. For \$50, players get at least 15 games of ice time; referees, timekeeper, sweaters and a shot at the much coveted school t-shirt.

The league will likely schedule ice Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

The rules are fairly simple: no contact, no slapshot, no centre line, change must be on-the-fly, three minor penalties result in a one game suspension, fight and the player is ejected from the league.

"We are going to try and make it like a little National Hockey League," Jamie said. "We are going to have statistics. Make it feel like the big leagues, but not as finely tuned."

The concept of house league hockey rather than an inter-school team was decided by SDSS phys-ed co-ordinator Dave Connell. He felt a school team would be comprised of mostly players from the local 'Clipper' teams.

It was Mr. Connell's opinion that students and teachers could participate at the recreational level while facilitating a competitive atmosphere for the more skilled players.

Such a league would give skaters of lesser talent an opportunity to experience the game playing side-by-side seasoned gamers.

The only players excluded from the league will be junior carded players.

"According to Mr. Connell, hockey will counterbalance the student/teacher relationship. Students will see teachers "in a more human light," rather than an authoritative figure.

Jamie along with co-ordinator Aaron McWilliams are in the process of taking a cen-

sus at the school to determine how many students are interested. They are hoping to form a six team league.

And the 6'2", 215 pound 16-year-old has no pretensions about why he is helping to undertake such a demanding task.

"We get leadership marks for co-ordinating the program," joked Jamie, who also plays on the local Midget rep team. "You need two leadership marks to get the phys-ed credit. So we are running it both terms. But I'm looking forward to it."

"Basically we want everyone to have fun. Nobody is out to hurt anyone. It will be a chance for player who aren't as polished to have fun. We want to promote good hockey and sportsmanship."

"We'll get it off the ground this year and next year it will get bigger and better," he concluded.



Lori-Anne Rosario, (foreground) and Wendy Pegg prepare themselves for their performance at this year's Ice Carnival to be held this weekend at the Stouffville-Whitchurch Recreation Centre.

## Above par course at Four Season's

By BLAINE KANEKO

Big is not always better and the Claremont Four Season's Golf and Country Club proves it.

The challenging 18 hole course located just south of Claremont on the 8th Concession and Brock Road is demanding enough to satisfy the most skilled golfer while providing an entertaining yet enjoyable day for the duffers.

The par five, 13th hole deserves special mention as the most difficult due to the large water hazard in mid-fairway and a green surrounded by sand.

And with plenty of trees, hills, valleys and enough water to make an aquaphobic nervous, the par 65 course provides loads of extras.

A driving range, putting green, whirlpool and two brand new tennis courts featuring a dura-grid surface are all part of the Four Season's ambience.

Not only is it one of the area's best kept secrets having been open for just four years, their year-old rustic clubhouse gives the appearance of an aristocratic facility while offering bourgeois green fees.

"We cater to everyone, but our course is more suited to the better golfer," said assistant manager Karen Carson. "It's a difficult course to play. Golfers can appreciate it."

What can be appreciated is the effort that has gone into constructing the course.

The family owned Four Season's has been seven years in the making. Owner Murray Carson and 18-year-old son Paul built the facility by themselves, although sister Karen admits it did help that Dad owned a construction business.

According to Karen, it was her father's dream ever since he was young to one day purchase the property to furnish a golf course.

What was formerly a nine hole course in the 1950s was left in disrepair until Murray bought the deed and transformed the area from a dowdy bog into the well groomed, meticulously cared for course it is today.

Narrow fairways, deep-set greens of Bent grass and a picturesque beauty distinguish the Four Season's from the competition.

In addition to her duties as assistant manager, Karen substitutes as pro shop attendant, secretary, chef, bartender and indoor/outdoor maintenance person.

She is currently in the process of developing a corporate package that would include golf cart, clubs and green fees.

The semi-private club offers a weekday membership of \$650 per year or a seven day-a-week after 4 p.m. membership at \$450. There is no membership initiation costs or minimum bar fee.

The public can play for a reasonable \$17 on weekdays, \$3 less after 4 p.m., and \$20 on weekends and holidays.

The Canadian Professional Golfers Association course professional is Reg Howell.

The Four Season's also houses a pretigious banquet centre and in the winter supports cross-country skiing.

"We are finally establishing ourselves. With a family business you have to work twice as hard. We want to make it work and prove ourselves."

## Rep baseball for Pee Wees

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Softball Association is holding a tryout for their girls Pee Wee Rep team April 18, at the Whitchurch Highlands School Gymnasium from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

The tryout is for girls 12 to 14 years old and born before January 1, 1975.

For more information contact coaches Paul Styles at 727-0444 or Jerry Sanford at 640-3004.

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**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

Laurie Strano, of the Markham Gymnastics Club earned a 1st place finish in the floor exercises of the Metro East Qualifier gymnastics meet with an 8.90 score, despite competing with an injury that kept her from further competition.

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## WSHA annual meeting

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Hockey Association is holding their annual meeting April 28 at 7 p.m. in the upper lounge of the Recreation Centre.

Any amendments to the organization's constitution must be sent to the secretary 15 days prior to the annual meeting. Letters should be addressed to Box 1360.

Persons wishing to coach in September should file an applica-

tion before the meeting or contact an executive member.

Since this is an election year, there are openings on the executive committee. It is a two year term. Applicants should express their intentions in writing before the meeting or contact an executive member.

Registration for the fall of 1988 will also begin April 28. Players must be registered before September 1, or face a late penalty of \$10.

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