

New rec programs in the works

By BRUCE STAPLEY, activities being offered by the Town's Recreation Department this week outlining the slate of activities being offered by the Town's Recreation Department this coming season. And, as with everything else he's set out to do since taking over as Recreation Director,

Peter Arnott feels he's succeeded in broadening the scope of activities available to the citizens of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

"There's been a demand," says Peter, who works out of the Recreation Office. "People want a variety of recreational programs. We're constantly going to experiment to see what people want and enjoy doing."

Towards this end, Arnott is offering an eight-week instructional ski program at the Dagmar Ski Resort, beginning in January.

The fee of \$270 will include bussing from the Rec Complex to the resort, a six-hour pass, and a weekly one-hour lesson.

Karate programs will be offered for both youths and adults. The sessions will emphasize development of the body and the mind, with activities to promote flexibility, strength, balance, coordination, as well as building self-confidence and self-understanding.

Another new concept will see the opening of a teen drop-in centre, to be held once a month at the Rec Complex. It will consist of a free skate from 8:30 to 10 p.m., with hot chocolate and music being provided.

There will also be a program for aspiring young gymnasts, using a variety of floor equipment apparatus to develop physical abilities and gymnastic skills.

The program will be held at Summitview School, and will be open to those eight to fourteen years of age.

The Recreation Department will continue to offer many of the programs that have been so well received in previous years. "Tumblin' Tots and Tykes", a program designed to enhance children's body awareness and gross motor skills, will again be offered.

There will also be an instructional judo course available for children from six to nine years.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Library will offer a variety of fall and winter programs for preschoolers and adults alike, including pre-school French, a babysitting course, a Halloween Hoot and a Christmas Theatre.

The Latcham Gallery will host exhibitions featuring the works of Jane Buyers (mixed media sculptures and drawings), and Ian Wallace, author-illustrator of "Chin Chang and the Dragon's Dance."

And, as usual, there will be the whole slate of athletic programs, including adult volleyball, old timer hockey, co-ed basketball, adult skating, adult badminton, amateur hockey, and underwater diving.

Those interested in organizing a club, hobby, group or activity, and who would like assistance starting the program, are invited to contact the Rec Office at 640-6527.

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Trade show big draw on weekend

By KATE GILDERDALE. Stouffville's Rec. Centre attracted large crowds last week for the 1988 Trade Show presented by the Chamber of Commerce.

There were free draws, fashion shows and wandering clowns, and above the noise of the crowd the periodic sound of bursting balloons. The show provided not only a host of information, but

also a great meeting place for neighbors and friends.

The exhibit that really caught my eye was in the centre aisle. Four separate booths featuring local retailers were linked under a large banner proclaiming "The Shops of Stouffville Village." Ancheril's Fine Shoes, Thomas' Coffees, Teas and Delicacies, The Village Men's Shop and Freckles were all represented.

The Villager showed a selection of Syd Silver Formals and Gary Fisher, resplendent in tuxedo and tails, was on hand to offer information.

Next door at Thomas', people were invited to sample some of the store's delicacies. At Freckles, Sandy and Dave Stronach were busy with customers and those who had just come to browse.

The Trade Show is an excellent showcase for local business, providing a one-stop source of information for residents.

Home tour

Town and country homes in the Stouffville area will be featured in the Latcham Gallery Tour of Homes coming up later this month.

The event is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 15 from 1 to 5 p.m. Participants can choose their own route to the seven houses on the tour.

Houses include:

- Lebovic Home on McCowan Rd. built in a country style mansion with elegant interior decorated in a European styling.

- Fisher Home, 260 Main St. West, home of Stouffville Postmaster Gary Fisher.

- Fraser Home at 54 Albert St. featuring high ceilings and pine trim.

- Heaton Home, 58 Mill St., a charming board and batten house which has layered gardens around a raised deck and lap pool.

- Lewis Home, 60 Mill St., with a large collection of baskets, tins, plate and hanging dried roses.

- Duggan Home, 55 Church St. North, with its old-fashioned front porch, exquisite detail and twin-arched bay windows.

- Brown Home, Durham Rd. 30, located on top of a hill overlooking lakes and valleys, it's an ultra-modern house hung from steel beams.

Tour participants are also invited to visit the Latcham Gallery, located in the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library, and enjoy refreshments between 2-4 p.m. served by the Friends of Latcham Gallery.

Tickets at \$10 each are available in advance at the library. Call Deen Glover at 640-2395 for more information.

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