



Aiming high

Mike Stanley, a member of John Jones' racing team appears to be aiming for the Goodyear blimp rising high above the Sleepy Hollow Golf Course last week. Stanley and other crew members, race car drivers and officials took time from preparing for last weekend's Molson Indy race to play a round at the Stouffville golf club in the race's annual tournament.



Getting ready

From left, Tom Aird, Mayor Fran Sainsbury, Diane Oad, the Multiple Sclerosis person of the year, and Marg Britton are gearing up for some great golf action coming to Stouffville next month. While the Molson Indy held its tourney at Sleepy Hollow last weekend, these

officials for the MS Golf Tournament were scouting the location for the August 21 event. The tourney will be played out at the Maples of Ballantrae Golf and Country Club.

Photo/MATT NICHOLS

Stouffville Stingers dropped in tourney

The Stouffville Stingers Intermediate Girls Softball team went softly this weekend, as they made an early exit from the Ontario Regional Tournament they hosted at Strathroy. The competition, which was won by North Bay, ran from Friday through Sunday, with the championship match Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m.

Ottawa settled for second spot. The top four teams qualify for the Ontario Intermediate Finals in early August at Strathroy. The Stingers, already weakened by the absence of coach Cliff Dunkeld, who was attending a provincial women's tournament, were also forced to play without pitcher Denise Davies, who was married on Saturday.

The Schell Lumber-George Ross Photo Club was shelled 9-0 by Kingston Friday night. But they re-emerged Saturday, avenging a one-sided defeat to East Gwillimbury in a tournament the previous weekend by edging them 3-2 in extra innings.

Alison Ashton drove home Debbie Gold with the winning run in the ninth inning, and the Stouffville defence came up big to preserve the victory. Kim McConnell was effective on the pitching rubber.

But the Stingers were eliminated later on in the day when they fell to Belleville 4-2.

Carol Watson makes tireless contribution

It has long been my contention that the only difference between a full time employee, and a community volunteer, is that the former gets paid for what they do, while the latter does not.

Funny thing, however, how it's the unpaid person who always ends up holding the short end of the stick.

Yet the volunteers, either out of

dedication or ignorance, continue to show up to coach sports teams, head up committees, or sit on community association executives.

In the case of Stouffville's Carol Watson, she faithfully records all the runs, hits, and errors of the Betz Pools Men's softball team, or whoever else needs an official scorer.

And that is in addition to her other baseball related assignments, such as allocating diamond space for town-teams looking for a little practice time. Carol is responsible for deciding if a hard hit ground ball that takes a bad hop and bounces off the knee cap of a lunging shortstop should be ruled a hit or an error.

And no matter what she decides, there's always going to be someone who feels he was cheated.

Every ball, strike, hit, putout, error, walk, and run must be recorded, despite the fact they will, in all likelihood, never be referred to again, once the game is over.

But records are records, and everything must be official.

And she can always be counted upon to travel with the Betz team when they travel out of town for a weekend tournament, even though that can mean giving up some relaxation time around her family swimming pool.



Sport notes

Bruce Stapley

Such is the price of dedication. Or when no one else can be found, as was the case this past weekend with the Stouffville Stingers Ladies Intermediate softball team's regional tournament.

As is my custom, I made my round of phone calls Sunday night, chasing up weekend baseball tournament results from the various Stouffville teams.

No one, it turned out, was able to inform me of just who had done what in the ladies tourney, and I was beginning to get more than a little exasperated.

Finally, one of my sources sug-

gested I call Carol. It turned out the scorekeeping workhorse had been pressed into service due to the fact everyone else was either out of town, or otherwise involved.

Sure enough, Carol had all the game sheets and the overall results.

Somehow, Carol even finds time to come out to the park and play a little ball herself, as part of the Town's Monday Night Ladies League.

So while she may never aspire to the title of Sports Personality of the Year, Carol Watson is certainly making her contribution to amateur sport in Stouffville.

Mites nearing title

The Stouffville Mites Buttermakers softball team took a giant step towards the provincial title last week, taking a best-of-three series against Unionville in convincing style.

The little Butters earned a berth in the Ontario Mite B finals by thumping Unionville 30-2 Monday, then returning home to wrap up the set with a 23-2 rout Wednesday at the Town Park.

Stouffville will now play the winner of the Dunnville-Simcoe series the first weekend in August to decide the provincial champion.

Pitcher Kevin Hackert racked up 14 strikeouts in Monday's win, with Jeff Hassard leading the offense with four runs batted in.

Billy Wray knocked a home run and Robbie Spytz scored four times. Brad Johnston, Hackert, Wray and Hassard all scored three times.

Wray and Hackert combined for 15 strikeouts Wednesday and the Butters' bats counted six runs in each of the fifth and sixth innings to put the game out of reach.

Wray scored five runs, with Hassard and Hackert crossing the plate four times apiece.

Spytz had two doubles, while scoring a trio of runs.

Dan Tardella drove in four runs and Brett Boyd three as the Buttermakers seemed to be able to score at will, while holding the opposition at bay with what has become a feared pitching staff.

Club looks for leader

The Stouffville Figure Skating Club is seeking an individual to head up its Power Skating program this September.

The position, which had been a volunteer assignment in the past, will involve remuneration this year.

The Club will continue to rely on the volunteer services of Pee Wee and Bantam level rep team players to assist in the program.

According to club president Anne Pride, the person they are looking for should live in the Stouffville area, and have skills in skating and teaching youngsters, as well as an overall enthusiasm and a general knowledge of the techniques of power skating leading into hockey skills.

The date for this year's program has been set for September 18-29. Lessons will be from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Interested applicants for the instructor's position should call Anne Pride at 640-3361 (Res.) or 294-9557 (Bus.).

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