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KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL: David Freedman (centre), watches the flight of his ball go down the fairway as partners (from left) Earl Rothery, Jochen Schleese and John Banbury also take notice during action in the annual Stouffville Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament at the Maples of Ballantrac on Thursday.

Photo by SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Fastball peewees get off to an impressive opening

The Stouffville peewee boys' fastball team has taken the competition by storm in rep play so far this season.

The peewees won four of their first five games, taking their opening three contests before being given a 20-0 setback by Willowdale on May 22.

The Stouffville crew started off with a 14-5 triumph over Woodbridge May 14, then blanked Bramalea 12-0 the following day. The peewees romped over Markham 21-1

May 19, then got back on track after their long defeat by downing Newmarket 5-1 Sunday.

In their win over Newmarket, pitcher Rod Assinck struck out six batters in a stellar outing. John Ferguson stood out offensively with a home run and two RBI's, while contributing on defence as well.

The peewees, who play their home games Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. on the main diamond, include several members of past Ontario Amateur Softball Association

championship teams.

The mix of first- and second-year peewees includes Robert Anderson, Assinck, Ben Bellissimo, Dale Boadway, Ben Crawford, Gregg Dalgarno, Nicky Dambrosio, Ferguson, Lucas Hunter, Jordan Marshall, Scott McDougall, Corey Rice, Brandon Tardella and Shane Timms.

Coaching is handled by Ted Assinck, Clark Hunter, Bill Anderson, Reno Dambrosio and Mike Boadway.

Sue makes Good of homer

The coming of the good weather has brought with it the return of the adult fun softball leagues.

While the May 19 and 20 season openers for the Monday Night Men's Lob Ball and Tuesday Night Ladies Fun Leagues were somewhat frigid, the oldsters were equal to the challenge.

Sue Good rapped a home run to help Pizza Pizza down Fullerton's Place 17-12.

Rhonda Barrett socked a triple as Canguard prevailed 15-10 over White Rodgers.

Fairgate Homes started the season with a decisive 14-3 win over Colley, Borland and

Vale.

In men's league play, long time Nads coach and league mainstay Jim Brazier was called upon to make some calls from his player-umpire position as catcher that caused Darryl Sellers to question Jim's eyesight.

But as always, the 63-year-old senior statesman of the venerable old guys league was more than able to defend himself, and a good giggle was had by all. Brazier's squad jumped out of the gate, winning its first two games, no small thanks to some clutch hitting from a former leadoff hitter.

Spartans aim for York Region ball titles

Both Stouffville District Secondary School ball teams were scheduled to take to the diamond on Monday, with each squad looking ahead towards the regional finals later this week.

The Spartans boys' fastball team was favored to cruise past Holy Trinity Catholic High School in the York Region Athletic Association semi-finals at the town park, while the girls' slo-pitch team was even odds to handle Newmarket in a game to decide first place.

The boys went undefeated during the regular season, and is looking to make it three consecutive YRAA titles. The winner of Monday's game will travel to Newmarket for the YRAA final Thursday at noon.

Should the girls win their game they will advance to Wednesday's semi-finals and championship game at Memorial Park starting at 1:30 p.m. The loser will compete in a four-team wildcard mini tournament at Milliken Park today.

Business as usual at bowling centre



Sports Notes

Bruce Stapley

Local keglers can take heart.

Thanks to the efforts of local bowling supporter John White, they'll once more be able to head down to the Stouffville Bowling Centre and indulge their five-pin busting passion.

As of Monday, the pint-sized Main St. bowling establishment has been taken over by the area real estate agent.

The centre, which has been closed in recent months, had been leased and run for the past few years by the local five-pin bowling association.

But problems arose, and when the lease ran out, White decided to step in and keep the place from being converted to another doughnut shop or who knows what.

White, who has bowled in the Monday Night Men's league since 1992, plans to set up his real estate office in the back of the centre, then set about the task of refurbishing the facility between showing prospective purchasers through houses for

sale.

"I'm going to go in and clean it up," he told me recently. "I'll give it a paint job and resurface the lanes. It's important to keep it open. It's been closed too often."

White will run a one-man operation at first, with assistance from his two teenaged children and from his friends. He plans to open the lanes in time for summer.

"It will give the kids something to do. We'll have birthday parties and run summer specials."

WILL RESTORE LEAGUES

White said he will work towards restoring the leagues in time for the return of the fall bowling season.

"The leagues have suffered. I want to try to build them back up again."

White hopes to take on full time help in the fall.

He said John Tait will continue to run the Youth Bowling Council (YBC) program come fall, and that he's committed to providing Tait with as many bowlers as he can.

White feels the small bowling centre definitely has something to contribute to the town's recreation roster.

"I think this is going to be good for the town. After all, not everybody plays hockey."



CLASS IS NOW IN SESSION: Spirit of Stouffville assistant coach Brandon Pridham (far left), offers some words of wisdom to players that took to the Rec Centre ice on Saturday to take part in the Spirit of Stouffville's tryout camp.

Photo by CHERYL JOHNSON