



SPECIAL DELIVERY: Stouffville pitcher Cassie Sparks unleashes this offering to a Whitby batter during preliminary round action in last weekend's Stouffville Mite Girls' Select Softball Tournament, at the Town Park diamond. Whitby won this game 6-3. Photo by STEVE SOMERVILLE

Attempting to get into the swim of things

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Bruce Stapley

They'll be gathering in the Rec Centre's upstairs lounge tonight to look into the what, where, why and how of the proposed indoor pool.

Second pool committee chair Sue Harmsen said the 7:30 p.m. meeting, which is to be preceded at 7 p.m. by an informal stand up and share ideas session, is strictly for exploring all options available.

The bottom line, she said, is that there has been interest expressed for some time now in building the thing, so this is a chance for supporters to come forth with ideas, suggestions, and a list of what's essential if such a project is to be undertaken. It's not a forum to debate whether or not the facility is or is not needed. That's what council meetings are for, and there will be plenty of time to express contrary opinions before the thing gets the official go ahead, if indeed it does.

For Sue, it's important to make it quite clear that she and her committee are not yet to the point where they are prepared to start passing opinions such

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as what should become of the \$500,000 which has been offered towards the pool by local developer Gino Testa. She insists there is nothing to be gained at this point from debating things that are still to be determined. Rather, the committee is simply looking for input to help council make its decision as to whether to proceed or not.

"The biggest thing now is to have this public meeting to see just what people want," she told me earlier this week.

Call it a fact finding meeting, a feasibility study, or what have you.

After all, that's how the second ice pad got its start, and while the road was long and winding, the process that was followed proved to be the right one.

So head on down to the Rec Centre tonight if you have anything to contribute to this committee of volunteers who are looking to make this a better community in which to live.

SECOND PAD COMMITTEE SEEKS SUPPORT

Speaking of the second pad, the fundraising committee is looking for support as it enters the home stretch in its pledge of \$100,000 towards the recently completed rink. Commemorative,

personalized bricks are still available, and should be a must for every family using the ice surfaces for hockey, figure skating or whatever. Contact the Rec Centre (640-6527), Sue Harmsen (642-2989) or Andy Cartwright (640-6796).

The committee plans to hold a putting contest at the Mayor's Series Golf Tourney scheduled for July 17 at the Maples of Ballantrae, with proceeds going towards the second pad.

HOCKEY MOMS WANTED

Calling all hockey moms, curious as to how it feels to be on the business side of the boards! Ice time has been all but confirmed for women with limited experience wielding a hockey stick to try their hand at the great Canadian game this fall. Anne Salvagna, a local sports volunteer and athlete with considerable skills, will attempt to tutor this band of hockey wannabees, turning them into two self-respecting teams.

Anne hopes to attract as many as 30 moms for the late Sunday night slot. Response is strong so far, and there are still some openings. The only prerequisite is that the players must be entry level. Hot shots will be sent packing.

The idea is to allow moms normally confined to sitting nervously watching their kids from the stands to get out there and find out just how much fun the game really is.

Rebels fail to capitalize on chances in loss to Markham

The Claremont Rebels couldn't capitalize on their chances, as they suffered only their second loss of the season Monday on the road.

The Rebels were edged 2-1 by the Markham Waxers, in the return match of a home-and-home set.

The Rebels struck early Monday as Dale Jones walked in the

first inning, moved up on an error, then scored on a single by Tim Evans. The Rebels had runners on base in the third, fourth and sixth innings, but couldn't bring them around. The biggest threat came in the sixth frame when Jim Chilvers and Evans stroked back to back singles to lead off the inning, but were left stranded as the next three Claremont batters were retired.

Markham was held at bay by Rebels starting pitcher Tim Evans for the first three inning before picking up both their runs on three singles in the fourth. Chilvers pitched two shutout innings in relief for the Rebels.

The Claremont outfit is off to Oshawa to play the Oshawa Blues on Monday.



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