

A RACE TO THE FINISH: Whitchurch Highland Public School runner Brad Herchal (second from far left in black), leads a pack of runners that took part in the atom boys' 800-metre run, during Tuesday's York Region Elementary Athletic Association regional track and field meet at Stouffville District Secondary School. Herchal eventually finished second in the race. *Photo by STEVE SOMERVILLE*

Mite girls come up short in consolation title game

The Williamson Bartley Boys mite girls' softball selects fell a field goal short in their consolation final with Mississauga at a tournament played at the Town Park on June 7.

The host squad, which won two and lost one in preliminary play, fell 22-19 in the game to decide the consolation champion. Amanda Sellers clubbed a home run for Stouffville in the final, which featured strong team play by the Bartley Boys brigade.

The Stouffville girls started off the day with an impressive 13-9 victory over Maryville. Krista Agur and Katie Root provided solid pitching,

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with home runs coming off the bats of Cassandra Sparks and Amber Muir.

Sparks combined with catcher Katie Fretz to keep the base paths free of opposition runners in an 11-2 Stouffville win over Bloordale in game two. Alanna Lloyd, Alisha Carnrite and Allison Lloyd helped clinch the win with their hitting and base running.

Stouffville finally fell 6-3 to Whitby in their third outing despite impressive efforts by Kate Devine, Anna Whitebread and Jessie Harris.

The mite girls are coached by Lori Sellers and Maureen Fretz.

Squirt and novice girls set to play ball in weekend tourney

Eighteen teams from across the Greater Toronto Area will take over the diamonds at Stouffville's Memorial Park this weekend.

The squads will be coming to town to take part in a squirt-novice rep level softball tournament.

The team members will be busy lining diamonds and selling food throughout the weekend.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Softball Association's own novice girls' rep team will be competing in the novice division.

The squirt division is made up exclusively of out-of-town teams.

The 10 novice teams and eight squirt crews begin preliminary round play Saturday morning, with the action continuing on through the championship games early Sunday afternoon.

The tournament is being run as a fundraiser by the Stouffville bantam girls' rep softball team.

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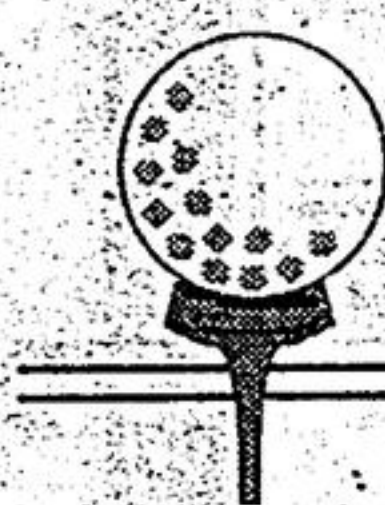
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There is nothing wrong with this method although it can be better.

The length of the shot, how much fringe area or rough there is to carry, the pin position and the slope of the green should determine what club to use to hit the most effective shot.

*Always try to land the ball on the putting surface and let it roll to the hole.

Try to use a swing much like your putting stroke no matter which club you're using for the shot.

If the pin is real close to the front, a sand wedge would be the best club to lob the ball on.

If the pin is in the middle, probably an 8 iron would be a good club to utilize.

If the pin is at the back, maybe a 6 iron is the route to take.

Try to land the ball about one third of the distance to the hole on all these shots and let it run to the hole.

If the fringe area is smooth and the grass is short you can never go too far wrong with your putter.

-Tom Aird is the head pro at the Maples of Ballantrae Lodge and Golf Club.

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