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Two local courses join ClubLink chain



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Bruce Stapley

Two more Whitchurch-Stouffville golf courses have been added to the fast-growing ClubLink Corporation roster.

The Firefighters Gormley Green and Rolling Hills clubs are among the five new clubs acquired over the winter by ClubLink, which already includes the Emerald Hills Golf Club and Cherry Downs to the east of town. Also included in the giant company's 22-course lineup are Richmond Hill's Diamond Back club, the King Valley club, and the Aurora Highlands facility.

The company is currently building what will eventually be the crown jewel in its tiara, the 45-hole Rattle Snake Point facility in Milton.

The cutting edge project is being designed by renowned gold course architect Thomas McBroom.

Area resident Bruce Simmonds is ClubLink president.

REESOR'S UNIVERSITY SEASON COMES TO AN END
Former Stouffville Clipper Jason Reesor's University of Guelph Gryphons hockey team was ousted by the University of Trois Rivières in the recent Queen's Cup semi-finals in Waterloo.

The top two teams at the Queen's Cup event go on to contest the CIAU championship.

The defending CIAU champion Gryphons swept the University of Toronto squad three straight, to win their division, then fell 6-2 to the Trois Rivières crew in a one-game semi-final.

For Reesor, a 21-year-old centre, it was his second full season with the Guelph team. He started out by playing the second half of the 1995-96 season with the squad.

Jason is to play on a pick-up team consisting of several other former Clippers in an open tournament in Haliburton over the upcoming Easter weekend.

BADMINTON TITLES AT STAKE

Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) is holding its annual Lunch Time Badminton League championship finals April 7 in the school gym.

The school was to hold its annual Jump Rope For Heart fundraiser Friday afternoon. The 35 or so SDSS students testing their rope skipping

endurance levels were expected to be joined by a special guest or two, with the skipping bunny a definite possibility.

STUDENTS HOLD COURT
SDSS midget boys' basketball team standout Ben Belissimo collected 15 points at the annual York Region Athletic Association (YRAA) All-Star Game last Saturday in Thornhill.

The school's Jim Apolonatos played in the junior All-Star game.

SDSS veteran basketball coach Jim Fletcher's son Jay, who attends Port Perry H.S., had 14 points, including four three pointers, to help his East team to victory in the recent Durham Board senior basketball All Star Game.

The younger had 28 points in the Port squad's double overtime semi-final loss to the eventual regional champion St. Roberts C.H.S. team in last month's playoffs.

HOUSELEAGUE HOCKEY TITLES AT STAKE

It's playoff championship time as the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association houseleague takes over the Rec Centre this weekend. The action runs all day Saturday with the atom, tyke, novice, peewee and hockey school finals. The midget/bantam/juvenile finals are set for Sunday beginning at 7 p.m. on pad A.

This year's championships are being held in memory of the late Jim Wagg, a long-time coach and supporter of minor hockey in Stouffville. Jim's wife, Jeanette, is to be on hand for part of the award ceremonies.

A big hand to Anne Salvagna, houseleague convenor, for a job well done this season.

MERCHANTS WIN OHA JR. A CROWN

The Milton Merchants have captured the Provincial Junior A Hockey League playoff championship. The West Conference Merchants swept the East Conference titlist Trenton Sting four straight in the recent championship finals. The Sting captured the East crown by defeating the surprise Phillips Division champion Couchiching Terriers.

The Terriers barely qualified for the playoffs, ousting the Lindsay Muskies in a one-game showdown when the two teams finished the regular season tied for fourth place.

The Terriers upset the first-place Collingwood Blues and the defending conference champion Newmarket Hurricanes to take the divisional crown.



TIME TO BREAK THE ICE: Mountain-biking competitors, who took part in last weekend's Ice Breaker competition, including P.C. Vince Langdon of the Metropolitan Toronto Police Force (white shirt, centre), gathered at the starting line just prior to the start of the race which took place just outside of Goodwood.

Photo by CHERYL JOHNSON

Major atom selects claim York-Simcoe tier two title

The Stouffville major atom selects are York-Simcoe Hockey League Tier 2 champions.

The Stouffville squad edged East Gwillimbury 4-3 in Sharon on March 26 to sweep their best-of-three finals series in two straight games.

The Stouffville outfit won the opener 5-3 two nights previous at the Rec Centre.

Daniel Campitelli and David Salvagna each picked up a goal and an assist to lead the way in the clincher.

Cash Nicastro, Daniel Campitelli and Ryan

Laduca also scored.

Other assists went to Greg Boyd, Nikolas Ristic, Brendan Wetheral and Michael Short.

Brian O'Rourke and Jeff Sutcliffe were outstanding between the pipes.

The selects, who placed seventh in their IJL team league in the regular season, came to life in the playoffs. They swept Richmond Hill in two straight games in the semi-finals to earn a berth in the championship series with East Gwillimbury.

Minor peewees trail series final

The Smalley Christmas Trees/Stouffville Legion minor peewee Clippers were looking to play catch up after falling behind three points to one in the first two games of their six-point York-Simcoe Hockey league championships series with Keswick.

The Clippers were edged 3-2 in the first game of the closely contested final, then held their Keswick opponents to a 2-2 tie in game two.

The series has been characterized by excellent goal-keeping on both sides, with Stouffville's Kyle Martin and Michael McManus shining for the Clippers.

Offensively Brian Taylor has led the team with two goals and an assist, with Jesse Maillet scoring a pair of markers as well. Nick Hawkins has two assists, and Alex Bollo one.

Norman Fretz, Dana MacDonald, Taylor Loughheed, Blake Maynard, Jordan Smalley, Steven Relf, Chris Flanagan, Mark Carruthers, Geoff Campbell and Mark Sutcliffe have also made solid contributions.

The Clippers followed up a first-place regular season finish by placing first overall in the eight-team round-robin playoff elimination. Their overall season record to date is 32 wins, 20 losses and 13 ties.

MAJOR ATOMS DOWNED IN TOURNAMENT FINAL

The Greyfield Construction-Metro Waste major atom Clippers were shut down in their recent York-Simcoe playoff series with Innisfil.

but advanced all the way to the finals in the Welland Little NHL tournament.

The gritty Clippers couldn't contain their big strong Innisfil opponents in the York-Simcoe playoffs, bowing out in three games.

The Stouffville squad employed an impressive checking game to manage a 3-3 tie in the opener.

Innisfil prevailed 8-2 in game two, then clinched the set with a 2-0 triumph in game three.

Brian Hillar was outstanding in net, keeping the scores close.

Scoring for Stouffville were Gabe Barnett (three goals, one assist), Cam MacKenzie (one goal, one assist), Justin Lyons (two assists), Brad Steckley (one goal), Len Spiteri, Luke Dawson, Scott Robinson and Brandon Wild (one assist each).

The Clippers put it all together in Welland, downing London 4-2 in their opener, then following up a 3-2 loss to Pelham with wins of 4-1 over Grimsby and 5-4 over Beamsville, to advance to the finals. The title tilt was a classic penalty free game that saw the Clippers bested 6-3 by Port Credit.

Point-getters were Josh Spang (four goals, three assists), Todd Nesbitt (three goals, four assists), Barnett (four goals, one assist), Robinson (two goals, two assists), Lyons, Dawson, and Lee Maxwell (one goal, three assists each), Spiteri (three assists), Brandon Wild (two goals), Jon Wonch (two assists), and Steckley (one assist).