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ALL REVVED UP AND READY TO GO: Stouffville resident Peter Gibbons, defending GASCAR Super Series Eastern Champion, held an open house last Friday at his Gibbons Motorsports garage to display the various vehicles he will be driving in this season on the GASCAR and NASCAR circuit. Here, Gibbons stands next to one of his vehicles, which is sponsored by Canadian Tire Motorsports.

Photo by SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Cyclists converge on Dagmar hills

Cross-country cycling is in full bloom at the Dagmar Ski Resort.

Dagmar owner Gabor Marton said upwards of 100 cyclists came out to open the season on May 2.

Riders have the choice of various courses ranging from a gentle tour through the bush through a more arduous circuit complete with hills and demanding terrain.

Adam Ruppel, the Uxbridge area resident and competitive cyclist who operates Chico Racing, has marked out the trails. The choices are laid out to the riders before they begin so they can pick the pace that's right for them. The cyclists go through at their own pace, individually or in groups.

The course is open Saturdays, Sundays and holidays through October 10, with a cost of \$5 or \$3 for junior cyclists under the age of 12. It's the fifth year for the program and Gabor is convinced it's a winner.

There's also a mini-series of mountain bike races every Wednesday night at the Dagmar site. Over 120 riders showed up for last Wednesday's inaugural race of the season. The charge is \$6. In addition, several major Ontario championship mountain bike races are to be held at the resort this season.

SKI SEASON A SUCCESS

As for the 1997-98 ski season, Gabor was waxing his usual positive self. Even though it was an unusually mild winter, he said it was a terrific year for the resort and for skiers.

"It was excellent, despite El Niño," he told me. "It was mild, so more people came out. We



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Bruce Stapley

had the snow. It was cold enough to make it at night."

This, from the man who insists he has never lost money since establishing the ski centre several years after coming to Canada as a refugee from Hungary during that country's ill-fated revolution against Soviet communism in 1956.

IT'S TIME TO PLAY BALL!

The home nights have been set for the Whitchurch-Stouffville Softball Association (WSSA) rep teams.

First the girls

The squirts, who are being coached by Mike Burns, will play at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays on diamond three.

Paul Sasaki's novice squad takes to the field Wednesday's at 6:30 p.m. as well, on diamond two.

There are two midget teams, with Mary Deveaux's squad playing Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. on diamond two. Dave Miller's midget outfit is on diamond two Thursdays at 8:30 p.m.

The mite boys, under the direction of coach Ron Wilson, play Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. on diamond two. The squirts, with Lori Doner coaching, are on diamond one Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Ted Assinck's peewees are on diamond one Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Ken Wood's bantams are on diamond two at 8:30 p.m. Ken Wood and John Alston are combining to coach the midgets, who play at home Thursday at 8:30 p.m. on the main diamond.

Most of the rep squads make their home debuts next week.

Rebels to begin season in Aurora

Frank Hendy's Claremont Rebels take to the field tonight in Aurora to kick off the 1998 Oshawa City and District Fastball League season.

The Rebels, who open at home Wednesday night, are a little thin in the pitching department heading into the new season.

As of Sunday, Hendy's squad had just one hurler, although that one pitcher is Scott Evans.

A Stouffville minor fastball product who has distinguished himself here in Canada and in the United States this decade, Evans has agreed to play in most of the Rebels' games this year.

Tim Evans, the Rebel's primary pitcher for the past several seasons, will not be playing this year.

The Rebels will also have to contend with the fact that two of their key players, Rob and Tom Watson, won't be

available for Wednesday night home games.

The Watson brothers are playing with the Scarborough Thunder, a senior men's outfit.

Former Stouffville Merchants junior Bob Ferguson is also with the Thunder.

Evans has signed on with a senior men's tournament team in Lincolnville, Nebraska, for the 1998 season. The team won a tourney in California the May 2 weekend.

Evans has agreed to play in roughly 10 tournaments with the Nebraska squad.

MENNOS TO DEBUT ON WEDNESDAY

Howard Burkholder's new Stouffville Mennos men's fastball team is scheduled to open its first Oshawa City league season in Port Perry on Wednesday night.

A busy time for track and field

May and June is field day time as Stouffville District Secondary School sets to host an array of elementary and secondary school track and field meets.

While Stouffville District Secondary School athletes were to compete at the two-day York Region Athletic Association Track and Field Championships on Monday and today at York University, the Stouffville school is scheduled to host the inaugural Glad Park Public School meet at the community track

on Thursday.

The Stouffville Christian School is to hold their annual meet on May 19 at the local track, with the YRAA Elementary Relay Meet taking place in Stouffville the following day.

Stouffville District Secondary School is to host the Ballantrae Public School track meet on May 25. Orchard Park Public School takes to the track the next day for that school's meet. Summitview Public School holds their meet at the town track May 28.

The Stouffville track is to be the site of the York Region Elementary Special Needs meet on June 3.

The Area East Senior and Intermediate Elementary School track meets take place at the track June 8 and 9 respectively, with the York Region Secondary Special Needs meet on June 11.

Publication seeks oldtimers hockey news

Attention oldtimers hockey buffs: Wendy Gallagher, editor-in-chief of Peterborough This Week, a Metroland publication, wrote to say her paper has purchased the Oldtimers' Hockey News.

The publication, which has been around since the 1970's, includes stories, photos and features on oldtimers' hockey tournaments across Ontario, as well as Canada, the United States, and overseas.

Gallagher would appreciate any information pertaining to local tournaments so they can help promote it.

Give Bruce Stapley a call if your team or organization is scheduling a tournament over the next year or so and he will forward any information to Gallagher so that it can be published.

Gallagher is quite happy to include reports of any tourneys so we'll try to send copies of Tribune stories on these competitions so they can appear for all to see.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

LLOYD HAMM



Lloyd was named the inaugural winner of the new Jim Wagg Memorial Cup. The award will go to the Stouffville Amateur Hockey League coach who best displays the qualities of leadership and positive attitude. Lloyd coached the Senators in the Over 40 Division.

Congratulations Lloyd!

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