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PUTTING AROUND: Steve Spang (far left), tries to lend a helping foot in guiding Mayor Wayne Emmerson's (centre) putt into the hole in the fourth annual Mayor's Golf Tournament at the Maples of Ballantrae Golf Course on Thursday. Also helping the mayor are Bill Hassard (second from right) and flagholder Ken May. The event, which was also staged at Sleepy Hollow Golf Course, helps raise money in support of the Mayor's Youth Program.

Photo by STEVE SOMERVILLE

Two local teams win Buttermakers crown

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Two Stouffville-based teams tasted victory at the 19th Annual Williamson Leasing Buttermakers Slow-Pitch Tournament held over the weekend at the Town Park in Stouffville.

Kerry's Fat Boys, a squad which has played together for approximately 16 years, claimed the Men's Recreational title by defeating Houston Ford in one of four championship games that took place on Sunday afternoon.

Both teams gave something back to the community following the game.

Kerry's Fat Boys donated \$200 of its prize money to the Mayor's Youth Foundation.

Houston Ford, which was also comprised of local players, kicked in \$160 of its winnings.

Kerry's Fat Boys defeated the Sharks on Sunday morning to advance to the

Men's Recreational final, while Houston Ford drove over Young Guns on its way to the final.

The Royals, another Stouffville entry, were crowned champs of the Men's D Division by virtue of a win over the Fathers.

The Royals dumped 'I Don't Know Yet' in the semi-final contest earlier in the day to advance to the final. The Fathers earned their birth with a victory over the Tigers.

The Men's Open title went to Naked Octopus. They dumped the Dog Pound in the semi-final game before beating the Paramedics in the finals. The Paramedics earned a spot in the finals with a win over the Hurricanes.

In the Mixed Co-ed Division, Stouffville's Tool Time was defeated by I.O.U. in the championship game.

Thirty-eight teams competed in the three-day event. A total of \$3,200 in prize money was awarded.

The Maples is a Premier acquisition

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Bruce Stapley

It would appear the chain is the thing in the golf course business as the Millennium approaches.

The Premier Golf Corporation is looking to do their own version of what the ClubLink Corporation has

done as the new Thornhill-based Premier group sets to acquire 18 Southern Ontario courses. The Maples of Ballantrae on Hwy. 48 is to be one of the first to be taken over, with present owner and Stouffville resident Mike Wade set to transfer ownership of the course Aug. 4.

The United States division of the Premier outfit is also in the process of acquiring six courses in the Myrtle Beach, South Carolina area.

Mac Lewis, Premier's chief operating officer for its Canadian division, said the corporation is committed to public golf. Premier courses will offer pre-paid annual dues without the hefty up front membership fee.

"We're currently in the formation stage," said Lewis, who said the company would eventually add courses from other provinces to its Ontario stable.

The Maples is the first Greater Toronto Area property for Premier. Lewis, former owner of Carrying Place in King Twp., and a former manager of the Aurora Highlands course, said the company formula calls for the acquisition of successful, well-run properties in populated areas.

While Lewis said the status quo would remain in effect "for now anyway" at the Maples as far as staff is concerned, he said that while the course is thriving, "there's always room for improvement." The company intends to continue with the motel and restaurant portion of the facility.

Lewis said that unlike ClubLink, which offers a program where golfers can enjoy privileges at all 22 of its courses, there would be no interchange program with Premier properties.

CYCLE FAIR SET FOR AUG. 3

Moto cross enthusiasts and people who love classic motorcycles, vintage cars and monster trucks will want to be at Uxbridge's Elgin Park (the Civic Holiday) on Aug. 3 for the fifth annual Cyclefair.

Upwards of 15,000 people are expected to come flocking as the 400-acre site comes alive with the sights and sounds of bikes and other vehicles of all shapes and sizes.

Cyclefair, which features the Outback Motocross Event, has grown to the point where it is now one of the biggest motorcycle attractions in Canada.

"It's now known in Ontario, Canada and the United States," said promoter Terry Barrett. "I'm getting calls from California and from all over the north eastern U.S."

The Pro Class motocross event features an impressive \$5,000 prize purse this year. This should draw some of the country's top riders, suggested Barrett.

The Outback will consist of 12 classes of riders from the five-year-old pee-wees through pro class. Barrett estimates there will be 300 riders in total.

The day is to include such crowd pleasers as the Radical Jump Contest, which sees riders perform tricks while executing a finish line jump that takes them 20 feet in the air for distances up to 80 feet.

There will also be monster truck demos and rides, a Classic Car Show and Shine, a Motorcycle Show and Shine, Trials Competition, Stadium Trials Competition, and an indoor/outdoor market place including parts, displays, leather fashions and accessories.

Barrie's CKVR television station is sending a crew to the park to put together a half-hour special on the event.

MORE MAINTENANCE REQUIRED

Long time Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer Club (WSSC) member and charter president Alfons Rubbens thinks there should be more maintenance forthcoming on fields used by the club.

Rubbens, who is coaching the York Attack under-13 rep girls' team in the Central Girls Soccer League, feels user fees paid by WSSC players should be going towards more than cutting the grass at the Rec Centre and Novopharm fields.

He suggests the fields here in badly in need of leveling, proper lining and other improvements.

Rubbens, who was having trouble lining up practice time for his Attack squad, was recently offered the use of a patch of grass on the Magna site on Woodbine Ave. and the Bethesda Sideroad.

"It's lovely and level; they cut it for us and they're going to put up goal posts," he said.

He suggested there should be more of that kind of service on fields here in town.

Boyd swings a hot bat as Rebels melt Waxers

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Evan Boyd belted a home run, scored four runs, and drove in a pair of runs as the Claremont Rebels crushed the host Markham Waxers 11-4 in Oshawa Men's Fastball League action on Monday night at Centennial Park.

The Rebels were clinging to a 3-2 lead before exploding for five runs in the fifth

inning. The Rebels registered two more runs in the sixth and another in the seventh to apply the finishing touches.

Cliff Herbert also had an impressive night at the plate for the Rebels as he collected three hits in as many trips to the



EVAN BOYD

plate. John Pollard also went three-for-three on the night while Jim Close went two-for-three.

Paul Koert once again stood tall on the mound for the Rebels.

The left-hander tossed six strong innings, allowing just three runs and three hits while striking out 12 and issuing just two bases on balls.

Cam Western absorbed the loss for the

Waxers. The victory improves the Rebels' win-loss record to 7-4.

With 14 points on the season, the Rebels are just one point behind Port Perry.

The Rebels won't take to the diamond again until July 14.

They were originally scheduled to play a pair of games against Oshawa next week, but the Oshawa squad pulled out of the league earlier in the season.