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SPORTS

Moddejonge spikes provincial volleyball award

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Jane Moddejonge was surely born with springs in her feet for, despite the fact she stands only 5-foot-4 inches tall, she's considered one of the top female volleyball players in Ontario.

However, her involvement in the game isn't restricted to spiking a ball, setting or serving up points.

She's also been busy off the hardwood court.

The Stouffville resident was recently honoured with an award, naming her as an outstanding contributor to women's volleyball in Ontario.

The presentation, hosted by the Ontario Volleyball Association board of directors, was held in Toronto.

Moddejonge looks on the award as "a great honour."

The former Jane Walker grew up on a volleyball court, playing with teams from Hunter's Glen and Charles Gordon Public Schools in Scarborough and later at Uxbridge Secondary School.

At Uxbridge, she was voted the school's outstanding female volleyball player five years in a row.

Following graduation, she played in a volleyball league at Aurora. She also participated in tournaments across Ontario.

For 10 years, she performed with a club team out of Pickering in the Ontario Volleyball Association.

In 1997, the OVA requested she serve as a player/volunteer in a 32-team league that runs from mid-October to mid-May. In addition to playing, she arranges the playing facilities and officials.

Due to rental fees, teams have been forced out of the greater Toronto area, she says, and this has reduced player participation. She notes operating a team costs between \$1,500 and \$2,000 a year. Most players are ex-university students, with some coming from national and provincial levels.

"I love the sport," Moddejonge says. "I intend to keep playing as long as I have the legs."

Following retirement from active participation, she hopes to remain in the sport by doing some coaching.



JANE MODDEJONGE: Earns outstanding contributor award from Ontario Volleyball Association.



Surveying the situation

Unionville resident Brennen Leslie, 7, eyes his next putt on the first hole during action in Sunday's Canadian Junior Golf Association's Junior Linksters event at Rolling Hills Golf Club in Gormley. Looking on in the background is Leslie's caddy-father, Steve. Hanish Nagrani of Welland won the eight-and-under division event with an even par 31 in the nine-hole competition. Leslie finished in a tie for 14th place.

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Aging outdoor pool still a hit with swimmers

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Stouffville's much-debated outdoor pool has a new lease on life.

The facility, constructed in 1957 and donated to the town by Art Latcham, opens officially on Friday, in time for Strawberry Festival Weekend.

Saturday is a free swim day, thanks to sponsorship by the Stouffville Missionary Church.

Micole Ongman, Whitchurch-Stouffville's community programmer, says the outdoor pool suits a cross-section of adults and children who prefer fresh-air swims.

But sooner or later, she admits, the town must come to grips with maintenance costs that are exceptionally high for a facility its age.

Hours of operation for the general public are 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Sunday, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays and 6 to 8 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays.

Pool supervisors, all returnees from last year, include Yorick Tong, Sara Aprile, Laura Volpe and Leanne Cushing.

Staff members, serving as instructors and lifeguards are Grace Volpe, Ryan Bolton, Shauna Comstock, Mike Gentles, Nicole Aldcroft, Nicole Sooley, Erin Knights, Fiona O'Rourke, Nick Halliwushka, Rebecca Lawes, James Gaston, Steve Downs, Victoria Soda, Joel Knights, Eric Eastman, Taylor Loughheed, Jessica Aprile, Shannon Smyth, Jason Collins, Alexis Muir, Dawn Mossop, Courtney Kreen, Kendra Jacobs, Katie Metauro, Bonnie Nepriy, Heather Henry, Sara Tully, Matt Dermody, Courtney Jacobs and Matt Jones.

Staff members alternate between the indoor and outdoor sites.

Stouffville edged in Owen Sound tournament final

The Stouffville Mennos advanced to the final of last weekend's Whitey's Showdown Tournament in Owen Sound, before being edged 2-1 by the Kitchener-Waterloo Pride.

The Mennos took a 1-0 lead on a homer by Chris Burholder.

But the Pride tied the game in the second and scored the game-winning run in the fifth inning.

In reaching the final, the Mennos were forced to win four straight games on Sunday including decisions over Niagara-on-the-Lake 7-4, the

Toronto Reds 7-3, Hickson Reds 1-0 and the Pride 4-1 to force the deciding game in the double elimination event.

In first-day action on Saturday, the Mennos blanked Warton 4-0, but lost their first game to the Pride 9-8.

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