

Fletcher's Fields hosting youth rugby program

In an effort to introduce more youngsters to the game of rugby, the Toronto Saracens will initiate a program in June for boys and girls between the ages of four to nine at Fletcher's Fields.

The program at the Markham pitch is slated to run from eight to 12 sessions and begin at 10 a.m. on the days of rugby contests.

SKILLS TAUGHT

An emphasis will be placed on co-ordination, hand-eye skills, familiarization with a rugby ball, team play, good sportsmanship and developing a love for a new sport.

Registration fees are \$25 per youngster.

Fletcher's Fields is located on Woodbine Avenue and 19th Avenue.

For further information, call Keith Labbett at 416-787-7923 or Mike Patterson at 906-642-9528 or e-mail: mini rugby@torontosaracens.com

Streit is first Canadian golfer to enter World Golf Hall of Fame

Unionville resident one of four inductees

Marlene Streit has graced the fairways for more than five decades.

She's been named Canada's female athlete of the year on four different occasions and was twice the recipient of the Lou Marsh Trophy Winner as Canada's athlete of the year.

She's also the only golfer to win the Canadian, British, Australian and U.S. ladies' amateur titles and has claimed a major title in six decades.

Just recently, the Unionville golfer and former Stouffville resident had another honour bestowed upon her storied career on the links as she became the first Canadian to be inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame.

A member of the York Downs Golf and Country Club, the 70-year-old Streit was one of four inductees that also included Tom Kite, Isao Aoki and Charlie Sifford.

Streit was voted into the veterans category.

In earning her latest citation, Streit was caught a bit off guard.

And to be the first Canadian to be among the 104 inductees including those this year was extra

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special, she said.

"I'm very proud and totally overwhelmed and surprised to be inducted," she said Thursday at a press conference in Savannah, Ga. honouring the four inductees. "I've played golf all of my life for the love of the game. This is huge for Canada."

Streit's nomination came about through a letter of recommendation from Stephen Ross, Royal Canadian Golf Association executive director.

Not wishing to take credit for her induction, Ross was elated when Streit was selected among 37



MARLENE STREIT: Former Stouffville resident to be officially honoured Nov. 15 in St. Augustine, Fla.

names that were on the original ballot.

Streit's accomplishments and contributions to the game in Canada, particularly in the women's game, he said, speak for itself.

"Marlene's contributions to golf around the world and particularly golf in Canada is immeasurable,"

Ross said. "I can think of no other person that is more deserving than her to be the first Canadian inducted in the World Golf Hall of Fame."

A member of the Order of Canada, Streit's name is all over Canadian golf record books, amassing 11 amateur and four senior national women's titles.

Last year, she captured her fourth United States Golf Association Senior Women's Amateur title in Texas and was the oldest competitor to do so at 69 years of age.

Prior to that victory, the Cereals, Alta native won her sixth Ontario Senior Ladies Amateur Championship in Port Hope.

When Streit isn't playing the game, she lends a helping hand to aspiring female teenage golfers. One of her annual contributions is in staging the Ruth Ellerh Cup, an event pitting the top Canadian players against a group from Tennessee.

The official induction into the World Golf Hall of Fame is Nov. 15 at World Golf Village in St.

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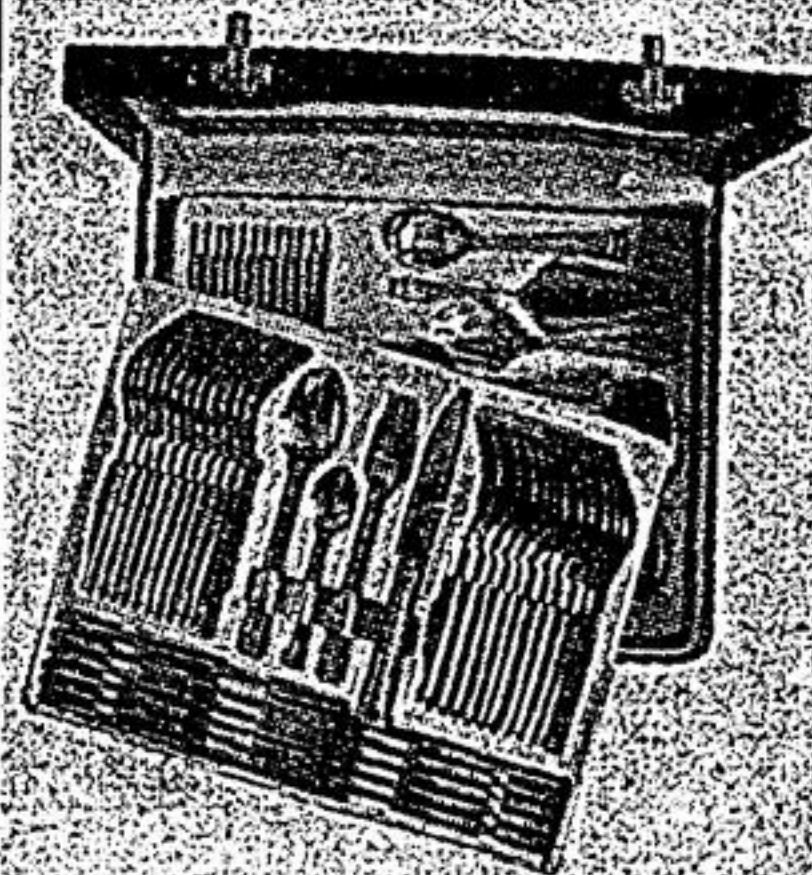


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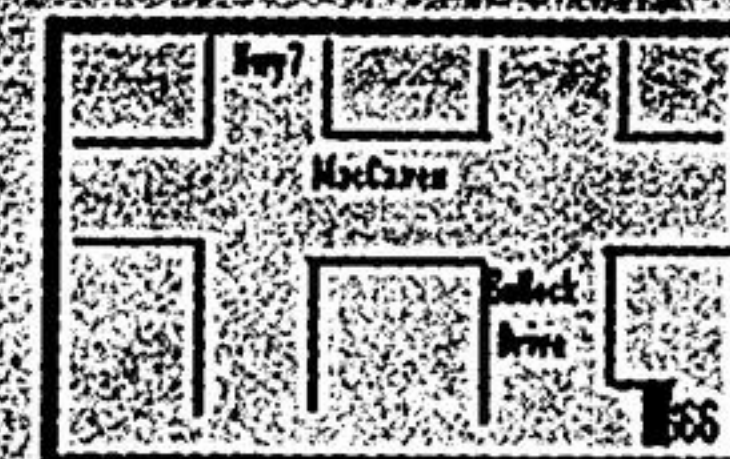
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