

**We are lifting our voices in praise at
Stouffville United Church**



Join us for Oct. 26th for a Sunday of music
Worship at 10:30 am.
Community Concert at 7:30 pm.
Rev. Nancy Waterman
B.A., M. Div.

**Stouffville United Music
Community Concert featuring
Organist Andrei Straleiav**

**Without club players,
SDSS must be versatile**

BY MIKE HAYAKAWA
Staff Writer

When the Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans senior girls' basketball team began preparations for their York Region Athletic Association tier one season, head coach Sharon MacFarlane did not set goals for her charges.

There was no talk of winning the regional title. Nor was anything mentioned about finishing first in the five-team East Division that includes Markham District, St. Augustine, Richmond Green and St. Robert.

The only request MacFarlane made of her troops was that they perform with consistency.

If the Spartans can do that, she feels the number of victories should outnumber the setbacks.

"The last couple of years has been a struggle for our program. But I think we're a better team this year," MacFarlane said. "Sure we would like to make the playoffs. But I didn't set any goals for our team. I just want for us to play as consistent as we can."

Noting her club has never been blessed with

the large number of club players enjoyed by other schools, MacFarlane is relying on students who excel in other sports to carry the load.

She can go with a lineup of seven to eight players.

Among those expected to play an integral role are guards Nicole Kiatipis and Tracey Veletri, forwards Brittany Crago and Jessica Veletri along with post players Natalie Kondovski and Amanda Raguseo.

While the Spartans have played just one league game, an ugly 19-18 road loss to St. Augustine Sept. 29, MacFarlane hopes the unusually long gap before their second contest yesterday at Markham District served as a blessing.

The time off between games was put to good use in getting their offensive and defensive schemes in order.

So far, she likes the progress her club has made.

"They're a solid group of kids and they've been chomping at the bit between games to get their schedule going. I think we're as ready as we can be," she said.

**National baseball title
for Stouffville oldtimers**

Forget the autumn race to the World Series.

There are hometown national baseball champions.

Stouffville residents Bill Johnson and Ross Hill were members of an Oakville Golden A's team that won the 44 and over division in the 2008 Canadian National Oldtimers Baseball Federation Championship.

Their team successfully defended their title in Hamilton by defeating Spring Lakes, Alta., 6-0 in the title tilt.

The A's also defeated Spring Lakes in last year's final that was held in Red Deer, Alta., 3-0.

"It was nice to win last year because it was the first title for Ross and myself," said Johnson, 50, who patrols centre field while Hill, 51, plays left field and was their designated hitter. "But it's always nice to win it."

Even more satisfying to Johnson, though, is that the game he plays is baseball.

Being 50 years old, Johnson said it's often assumed that people who reach his age group tend to play a version of the game at a more relaxed pace.

"This wasn't slo-pitch or softball. Playing baseball makes you feel like you're a teenager where you're running the bases. That's what's great about it," he said.

In reaching the final in their nine-team competition, the A's played three seven-inning round-robin games and tied each against Spring Lakes 4-4, Barrie 3-3 and Dufferin-Simcoe 4-4.

The A's, however, advanced to the playoffs and it was here when things began to click as they routed Burlington 10-0 in a

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quarter-final and Dufferin-Simcoe 12-0 in the semifinals.

Johnson felt their club's depth, from a 21-player roster, was the key ingredient in winning the title.

As for next year, Johnson and Hill hope to be in Tracadie, N.B., where the A's intend to make it a three-peat.

- Mike Hayakawa

**WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE
SOCCER CLUB**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, October 23, 2008

7:30 p.m.

Stouffville High School

(801 Hoover Park Dr.)

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Sunday Oct. 19 @ 11am
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9:30 am - Sunday School
11 am - Morning Service
6:30 pm - Evening Service
Celebrating 175th Anniversary
Weekend of Oct. 24-26th
Starting with banquet at Fri 6:30 pm
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Speaker - October 26th - 11 am
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Parkview Village
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7:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, Oct. 14th
Growth Renewal Meeting
7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 19th
Teen Bible Study
9 a.m.
Come Sing With Us
9:45 a.m.
Service of Worship
Church School
10 a.m.
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October 19th, 2008

9:45 a.m.
160th Anniversary Service
Guest Speaker, Tom Hamilton
11:11 a.m.
Sunday School for All Ages

**THE ANGLICAN
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Sunday, October 19th
Services at 8 am & 10 am
Nursery & Church School at 10 am

Friday, October 17th

Floor Hockey at 7:00 pm
Saturday, Oct. 25th
Harvest Harmony featuring
Ontario Heartland Sweet Adeline
Chorus Barons of Barbershop
2 shows at 3:00 & 7:30
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