

This Coach's Corner short on rough stuff

Henry Brunton thinks golf 24/7. At the same time, the 39-year-old Stouffville resident feels there are other golfers who might be on the same wavelength as him.

Or some may have an idea or thought on the subject that crops up at the spur of the moment they wish to convey to him.

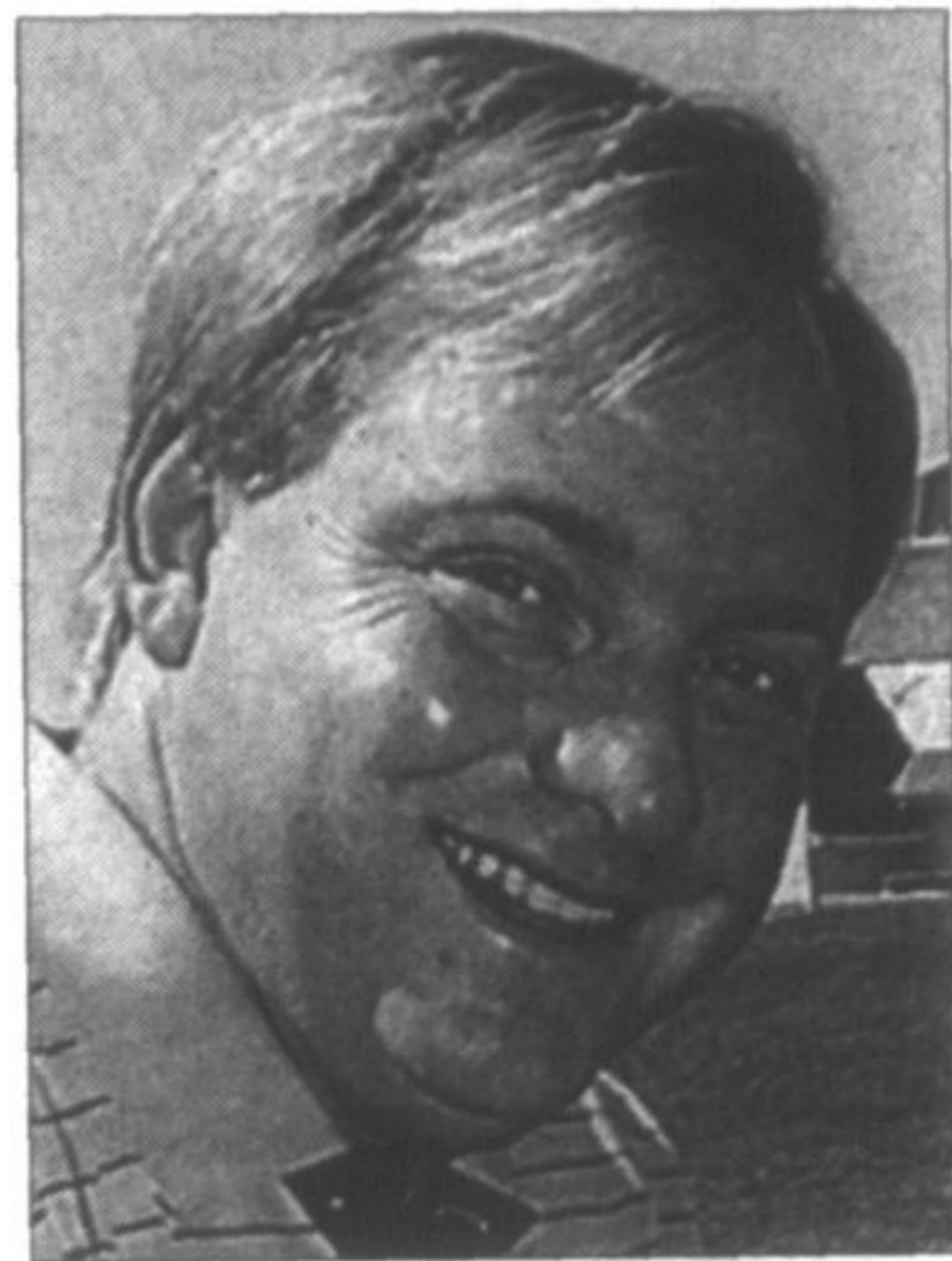
As a means of interacting with Brunton, who also serves as the national men's golf team coach and was recognized by GOLF Magazine in 2005 as a Top 100 Instructor - the first Canadian to be included in the U.S. publication's biennial acknowledgement of teaching excellence - Brunton recently unveiled a blog on his www.henrybrunton.com website.

Known as Coach's Corner, the blog creates an online community/forum where coaches, athletes, parents, serious golfers and golf fans can interact, share useful information and discuss topical issues related to the sport.

"I look forward to it," Brunton said. "It should be a lot of fun."

Brunton's decision to launch his blog stemmed from his passion for the game in which he conveys his thoughts on coaching and competing through a variety of ways including speaking presentations and authoring books such as *Journey to Excellence*, which hit the bookstands last fall.

The problem with these types of communications, he said, is the audi-



HENRY BRUNTON: Stouffville golf pro and author can help your game with his new blog.

ence can be limited at the time of the presentation. As well, it could take months to publish the information.

Thus, the decision to create his own blog.

"I'm announcing my new blog at www.henrybrunton.com which solves both problems by allowing me to pass along ideas about competing, coaching and training to an unlimited audience in real time," he said.

"I'm very excited about this new opportunity to talk about the things I've learned and experienced that could be helpful to you in reaching your potential as a golfer and competing at the highest levels."

Squirts remain perfect thanks to Savery's slam

The Stouffville Storm squirts maintained their unblemished York Durham Fastball League record after recording their seventh victory of the season with an 11-10 verdict over host Port Perry Wednesday.

Jackson Savery belted his third grand slam of the season and added a single and double to lead the offensive charge.

Daniel Wynn, Kevin Matthews and Jake Dilley each had two hits while Ryan Dunlop and Quintino Zarlenga had one each.

Daniel Wynn picked up the victory.

After a scheduled game yesterday against Port Perry, the Storm will play in Cobourg today.

Former SDSS teacher battles ALS with tourney

Andy Stoikos is on a mission. The former Stouffville District Secondary School teacher and coach of various Spartans varsity teams hopes there might be a cure in the near future for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis - otherwise known as ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease.

It was that dreaded illness that inflicted his father Chris Stoikos.

SPORTS BRIEFS

As a means of raising money towards science and patient services for ALS patients, Stoikos has conducted a charity golf tournament in memory of his father.

This year marks the 21st annual Chris Stoikos Memorial Foundation Golf Tournament, to be at Angus Glen Golf Club in neighbouring Unionville July 7. The event is a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start.

"We're embarking on our third decade in this fight (against ALS)," Stoikos said. "We hope to get continued support."

Last year, the tournament raised more than \$43,000, bringing the 20 year total to over \$235,000.

While the event has been sold out in the past, there's still some space available.

Sponsorship opportunities are also still available.

For further tournament information, contact Stoikos at: info@chrisstoikosmemorial.com or log on to: www.chrisstoikosmemorial.com

No fun during quick trip to Scarborough

The Stouffville Mennos had a short stay in Scarborough Tuesday.

Playing just five innings in a rescheduled Oshawa City and District Fastball League contest, the Mennos came out on the short end of an 8-1 mercy-shortened decision against the host and league-leading Scarborough Athletics.

The Mennos scored their lone run in the fifth inning on a run-scoring single by Dale Boadway.

Jay Nesbitt handled starting pitching duties for the Mennos and went five innings while yielding eight hits.

Grant Patterson, a national team pitcher, struck

out 10 batters to earn the win for the Athletics.

The loss dropped the Mennos' regular-season record to 3-6.

The Mennos and Athletics are scheduled to play at Memorial Park tonight at 8:30 p.m.

The Mennos were to host the Oshawa Pops Mid-gets in a makeup game from May 13 last Friday. However, Oshawa contacted the Mennos earlier in the day and indicated they could not field a team, leaving fans empty-handed in Memorial Park Friday night.

The Mennos are awaiting a league ruling to see if the game will be replayed or if Stouffville will win the game on a forfeit.

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