

Steinberg teams up for Ontario championship

Ivy Steinberg and her partner John Moore joined forces on the links to win the Golf Association of Ontario's Low Gross Senior Division of the Ontario Mixed Team Championships at Wooden Sticks Golf Club in Uxbridge last week.

A Cedar Valley resident and Granite Golf Club member, Steinberg and Moore, a resident of Toronto, combined for a solid three-under par 69 to win the division title.

For Steinberg, the mixed provincial title earned was her second.

In 2006, she was paired with Ryan Austin to win the Low Gross Open division.

Ballantrae ladies serve up league doubles' title

The Ballantrae Tennis Club's ladies' doubles team captured the Ladies Independent Tennis League championship after recently defeating the host Newmarket Community Tennis Club 3-1.

Members of the Ballantrae team include: playing coach Benita Vandenberg, co-captain Fia Caramanico, Sandra Sansom, Carmen Olariu, Margaret Paterson, Donna Smith, Jennifer Ireland, Angela Tucker, Deborah Lopatriello, Mary Walker, Margarita Landry, Eveline Knoop and club president Eileen Gayton.

The league consisted of teams from seven clubs covering an area from Richmond Hill to Tottenham.

The Ballantrae club is on Aurora Road behind the local community centre.

'TIS THE SEASON



STAFF PHOTO/SJOERD WITTEVEEN
Gert Brugger of the host Stouffville Lawn Bowling Club needed the warmth of several layers as play kicked off in the Barthau Jeweller's women's tournament Thursday. The club, which hosted the Ken Prentice - Dundee Wealth Management event Sept. 1, has two tournaments planned for next weekend.

Coach has hoop dreams for new Stouffville league

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Jim Fletcher doesn't lack enthusiasm.

Especially when he offers assistance to youngsters in enhancing their athletic skills.

The former long-time Stouffville District Secondary School physical education teacher hopes that gifted trait will continue to rub off on youngsters who might take to the basketball court under his direction at the Fletcher and Son Fundamental Sports Camps.

BOYS, GIRLS LOOPS

Working with his son Jay, a teacher/coach at Pickering College in Newmarket, and Ryan Hargrave, the elder Fletcher will conduct two fall leagues.

One will take place at Stouffville District Secondary School for boys and girls between the ages of six to nine on Tuesdays from Sept. 14 to Nov. 16 from 6 to 7 p.m.

That will be followed by a league for boys between the ages of 10 to 14 from 7 to 8 p.m.

The other league will be held at Harry Bowes Public School on Mondays from Sept. 13 to Nov. 22 for girls between the ages of six to nine from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Following that, a league for girls

between the ages of 10 to 14 will run from 7 to 8 p.m.

Fletcher revealed skill development will be a priority before participants take part in a house league format.

"We hope to start with four teams, have playoffs and give out awards," he added on how the house league will operate.

Citing a growth in demographics within the boundaries of Whitchurch-Stouffville along with an absence of youth basketball leagues in the area, Fletcher is excited with the prospects of his upcoming fall league.

"I think it has lots of potential. This will save them from driving to Markham," he said.

As well, Fletcher feels his program is one in which will enable youngsters to improve their skills.

'SERIOUS KIDS' WANTED

"I want kids who are serious about the game and not kids who are just thrown into camp," he said.

Following the fall league, Fletcher intends to run a winter league at the same sites from Nov. 29 to Jan. 24.

As a part of registration, players will receive a ball and uniform.

For further information, log on to: www.fletchsportcamps.com or call 905-985-3489.

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