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Brooklin Concretes To be "Cemented" Into Hall of Fame




BROOKLIN "CONCRETES"
1966 O.A.S.A. Intermediate "C" Champions

Back Row - Doug Scott - John Hill - Bill Harper (Coach) - Vern Ferguson (Captain) - Irvin Gibson (Business Manager) - Larry Batherson - Glen Till
Don Ferguson - Jack Bond (Team Executive)

Front Row - Elmo Gibson - Ron Jones - Bruce Mitchell - Tom Simpson - Chuck Johnston - Garnet Warriner

Absent - Bill Cornish - Bev Graham



BROOKLIN "CONCRETES"
1964 O.A.S.A. Intermediate "C" Champions

Back Row - Bob McCoy (Sponsor) - Murray Jones - Bob Campbell - Tom Simpson - Bill Cornish - "Dib" Little (Coach) - Bruce Mitchell (Manager)
Bob Petch - John Hill - Irvin Gibson (Business Manager) - Jack Bond (League Representative)

Front Row - Ron Jones - Elmo Gibson - Glen Till - Dave Wright (Bat Boy) - Garnet Warriner - Don Ferguson - Vern Ferguson (Captain)
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Brooklin’s Softball Champs Entering Hall of Fame

By Jennifer Hudgins

Start with a sunny Thanksgiving Sunday. Add a fire truck with siren wailing. Throw in victorious players. Mix with townsfolk rejoicing, even passing the hat for donations. The result is a recipe for a special memory that has lasted over half a century for that was the day in 1966 when the Brooklin Concretes softball team won its second provincial title.

As a result, on April 24, the Brooklin Concretes team will be inducted into the Whitby Sports Hall of Fame as part of its class of 2020. The induction was spurred by the efforts of Nan Mitchell who headed a research team to advocate for the induction. The ceremony was to take place last year, however it was postponed due to the pandemic. She is the daughter of Bruce Mitchell who played on the team with his brother Don, the father of Whitby’s current mayor.

The Concretes were born in 1963 when the Guy Stevenson Motors and Mt. Zion teams combined since both teams were losing their players for different reasons. Almost instantly, they went from playing against each other to becoming teammates. The combination produced a powerhouse team that captured the All Ontario Intermediate C Championships in 1964 and 1966.

One day, a reunion

Four of the ten remaining Concrete players have shared their memories via pre-recorded videos. They will miss not getting together for the event but plan to have a reunion when it is safe to do so.

Shortstop John Hill was a Mt. Zion player who joined the Concretes. He remembers what it was like to come together for the first time with their new coach “Dib” Little who had previously coached senior teams in Oshawa.

At their first practice, Little told the players how to wear their uniforms and keep them clean and tidy. No player was allowed on the field without a proper uniform. He also had the team run on and off the diamond between innings to show opposing teams they meant business. Hill says the newly formed team seemed like one big family.

Elmo Gibson, a Brooklin resident for 81 years, knows full well what it’s like to be in constant game mode with a group of athletic guys. He started with the Guy Stevenson team in 1957 and stayed with the Concretes until they disbanded in 1968. Over his career, he played shortstop, centerfield, second and third base.



(Left to right)
Elmo Gibson, John Hill, Garnet Warriner

The Kingston Pen game

For him, one particular memory stands out more from the rest. One day in 1966, the Concretes played inmates at the Kingston Penitentiary. During the game, Gibson unexpectedly ran into a former Brooklin school friend who was serving time. it didn’t affect his game though. The Concretes won 11-3.

Garnet Warriner, an outfielder, replaced his blue and gold Port Perry jersey with a Concretes one in 1962. He recalls how strange it felt at first, playing with a team he had once tried to beat, but the guys welcomed him right away. Warriner credits their successes to their coach Bill Harper, a powerhouse batter with high expectations, encouraged them to give their all at every game.

Pitcher Doug Scott recalls how fortunate the Concretes were to be sponsored by Brooklin Concrete Bob McCoy. He followed them from game to game and made sure the team had everything they needed, providing the players with uniforms and equipment. After their last win, McCoy gave each player a tailored green sports jacket with the OASA (Ontario Amateur Softball Association) crest as a symbol of their accomplishments.

Scott will give the Induction ceremony acceptance speech next month. He can’t think of a more fitting ending to the players’ stories than to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

The Gala event will be held at the Royal Ashburn Golf Club and will be a live stream event beginning at 7:00 pm. The festivities will combine some live-feed presentations with pre-recorded video segments to celebrate the accomplishments of the honourees.

For more information, visit <https://www.whitbysportshalloffame.com>.

Virtual tickets are available at \$25 through the website or by contacting **Stacy Novack at 905-668-1798** or **Amy Knowles at 416-436-5036**.

Teams were given a designation based on their hometown population. The Concretes were an Intermediate C centre and so competed against centres of similar sizes. Playoffs were divided into zones with each zone’s winner competing against one another until there was a team in each of southern and northern Ontario to duke it out for the Provincial title.

Breaking the run

The Concretes had a “three-peat” of Southern Ontario Intermediate C Championships in 1964, 1965 and 1966 and went on to play Capreol in the all Ontarios each year. The Capreols were a powerhouse, having won eight provincial titles between 1957 and 1969 and reaching the championship series 10 straight years during that run. But, in 1964 and 1966, the Brooklin Concretes knocked them off their pedestal.



Brooklin Bafflers: by Liz Lowe

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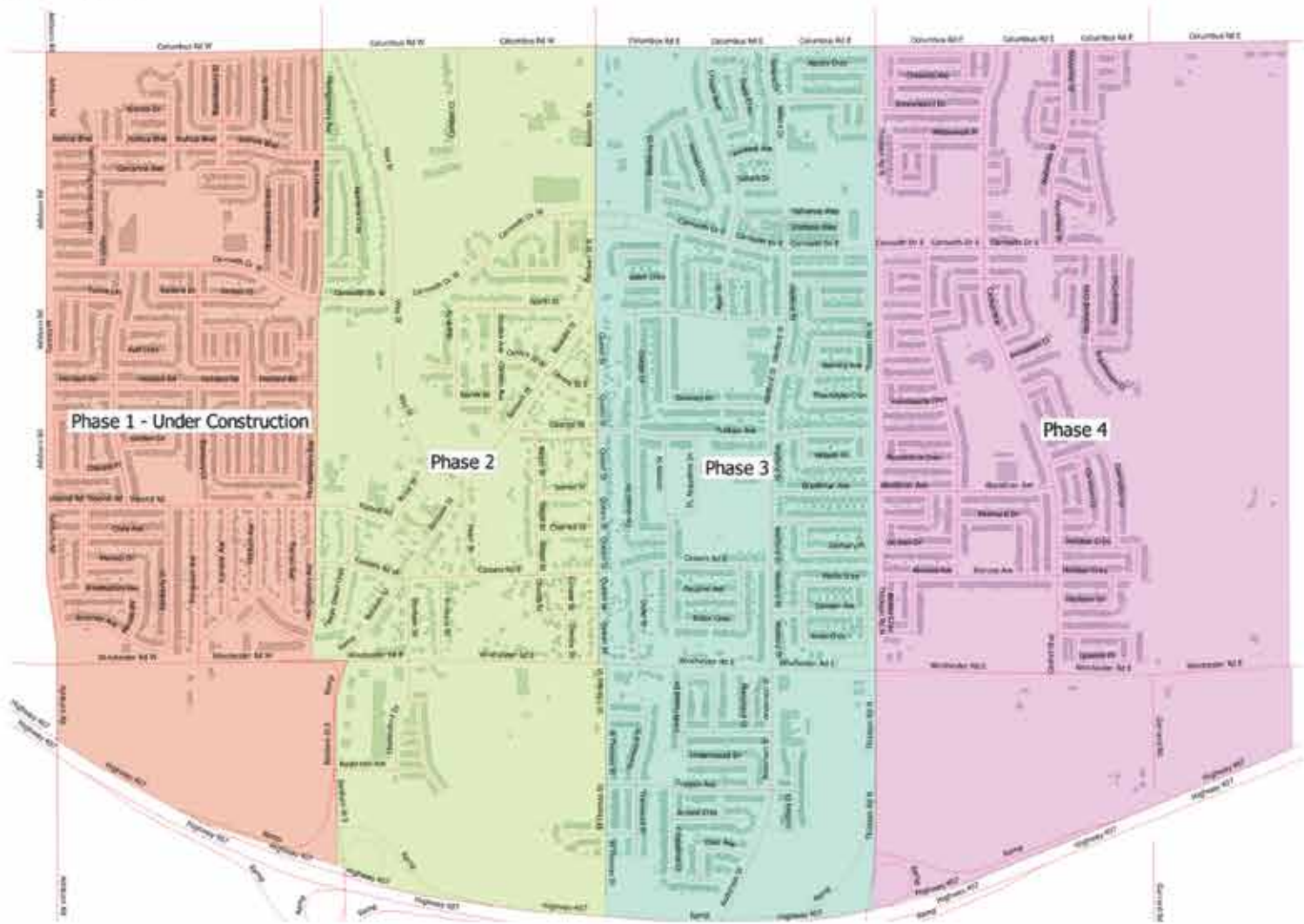
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Spring Fair Postponed Till 2022

Covid has stopped the Brooklin Spring Fair in its tracks for the second straight year.

Tracy Hanson, President of the Brooklin Agricultural Society which runs the annual event, made the announcement on March 16. This would have been the Fair's 110th year, which means its return in 2022 will be the 111th version.

"That won't stop us from having some virtual Fair fun," Han-

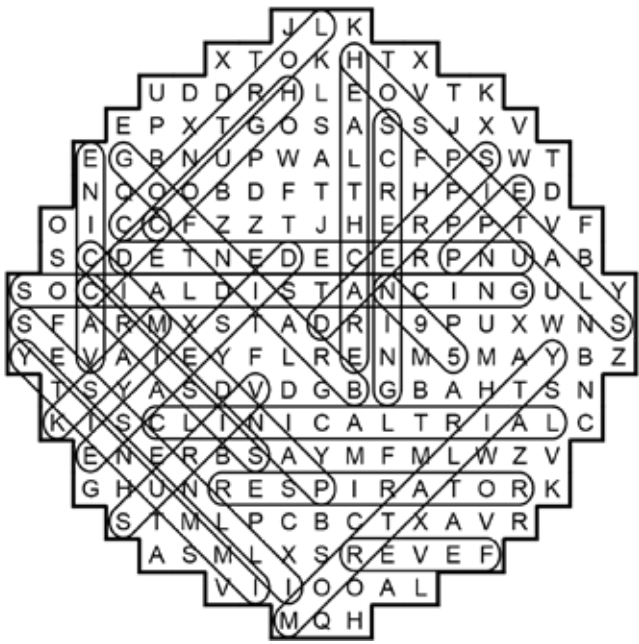
son noted in the Society's press release. "We've got scavenger hunts, virtual contests and competitions, Fair food, and more."

There was never a discussion, she noted, of postponing the Fair to later in the summer or fall. "It takes most of a year to plan," she said. "So even a later date wouldn't have given enough time."

Other Ontario fairs which are normally slated for the late sum-

mer or fall, such as Norwood's which is in October and is the last of the weekly series, might have enough time to run, given what could occur over the coming months with vaccinations. However, for Brooklin, it just couldn't happen.

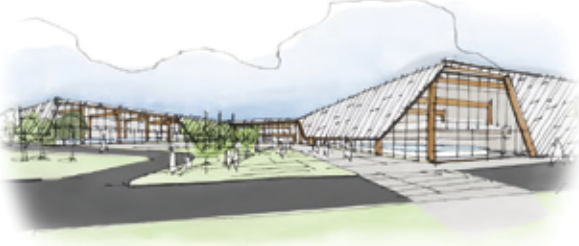
Hanson urges Fair fans to check out its site at **brooklin-springfair.com** soon when virtual events will be posted.



Designing a New Whitby Sports Complex



Concept #1* | Terraced Courts



Concept #2* | Active Plaza



Concept #3* | Bridge

The Town is working to design a new Whitby Sports Complex to help meet both the immediate and future recreational needs of our growing community.

The new complex will be located on the west side of Baldwin Street South, south of the intersection of Highway 407.

The vision for the complex: to create a multi-purpose gathering space for inclusive sport and community programming – a place for residents of all ages and abilities to connect, play and get active.

Complete a survey on three proposed designs by April 2 at connectwhitby.ca/sportscomplex

*Renderings are conceptual and not an exact representation of the materials or spaces depicted. The design and materiality will change and evolve as the project progresses.



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Help Keep Our School Zones Safe

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Mayor's Community Development Fund Applications Due March 31

Local community and non-profit organizations are invited to apply for the Town's Development Fund Grant (up to \$25,000). Applications for the Mayor's Community Development Fund are due March 31, 2021. Apply online today at whitby.ca/communityfunds

Holiday Closures

Town Hall and Garden Street Branch in-person and phone services will close at 4:30 p.m. on April 1 and will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on April 6. The Iroquois Park Sports Centre will also be closed on April 2 and April 5 and the Civic Recreation Complex Health Club will be closed on April 2, 4 and 5.

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Holiday Waste Collection Schedule

Waste collection for Friday, April 2 and the week of April 5 to April 9 will be bumped one day forward from your regular collection day. Please ensure your waste is set out by 7:00 a.m.

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Plant-Based Eating by Sheree Nicholson



When Teens Go Vegan

Teens represent one of the fastest-growing groups of those switching to a plant-based lifestyle. It's possibly because of their concerns over animal rights and the environment.

They're experiencing enormous growth and development, so it's not a time to cut back on nutrients or calories. However, I can reassure you that vegan diets can be perfectly safe and healthy for them as long as they're well-planned. A vegan diet isn't just about giving up all animal foods since you must also consider what to eat in their place. This approach isn't going to be healthy if your teen eats only junk food or just vegetables.

It is though about eating whole foods, not over-processed packaged foods that happen to be vegan. Certain nutrients are essential for growing youths, so their diet needs to include plant-based sources.

Here's a list of critical nutrients for vegans (from the website <https://www.parents.com/recipes/scoop-on-food/is-a-vegan-diet-safe-for-teens-and-tweens>):

- Protein** - think beans and lentils, tofu, soy milk, and whole grains
- Calcium** - fortified non-dairy milk, almonds, and kale.
- Iron** - beans and nut butter.
- Vitamin B12** - fortified cereal and fortified non-dairy milk.

Be sure your child is getting enough calories from a wide variety of plant-based sources. While we all eat crap now and then, about 80% of their diet should be whole foods.

(Sometimes turning to a vegan diet may be a cover for an eating disorder. Teens might claim they are not eating meat or dairy as a way of

managing their weight. If you suspect an eating disorder, a professional who specializes in eating disorders needs to be consulted.)

Deciding to give up meat and going vegan can be a burden on the primary cook in the family. I suggest supporting them, letting them plan some of their menu items and, if need be, seeking a plant-based nutrition coach. My experience with teens is that it makes for better dynamics when they feel supported in their decisions. Many teens will float back and forth between being plant-based and eating a standard North American diet. This is normal. Parents of vegan children must be cautious to ensure they're eating a balanced diet and seek professional guidance where necessary.

Vegan diets can be perfectly safe but know about the key nutrients required for growth and development.

Here's an excellent breakfast smoothie with 10 grams of plant-based proteins from the "Oh She

Glows" blog:

Hidden Greens Chocolate Protein Smoothie

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 (375 mL) cups unsweetened almond milk
- 1 cup frozen organic kale
- 2 to 3 pitted large Medjool dates, to taste. Or substitute maple syrup.
- 2 tablespoons hulled hemp seed
- 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 large frozen banana
- Dash of cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon avocado (for thickening)
- Ice, if desired

Directions

Put all ingredients into a high-speed blender and blend until smooth. Adjust sweetness to taste. Note that kale and dates can be hard to blend in a regular blender.

Sheree's hack: Pre-soak dates and keep them in your freezer for recipes such as this.

Pitching-in and Organ Donations

Brooklin residents have been pitching-in to clean up community parks every April since 2002. We are taking a pause on those activities due to Covid. However, with April being Organ Donation Awareness month, residents are encouraged to support Green Shirt Day and register for tissue and organ donation. It only takes a couple of minutes online to register and you can save up to eight lives each.

Green Shirt Day is April 7 and is in remembrance of Logan Boulet whose selfless act of organ donation saved six lives following the shocking 2018 Humboldt Broncos hockey club bus crash in which 16 players and team staff were killed. For the sacrifice



of people like Logan and the bravery of frontline workers, this is a big thing you can safely do that takes little time and effort. To learn more about Green Shirt Day, visit <https://greenshirtday.ca>.

Meanwhile, let's dispel some myths about organ donation. Even if you have a "donor card" in your wallet, you may still not be registered as an organ donor. Since 2008, the Trillium Gift of Life Network has maintained a database of registered donors in Ontario. We encourage everyone to visit www.BeADonor.ca to ensure your decision is recorded and to learn more about organ donation myths and facts.

About 90% of Ontarians support organ donation, although only 35% of those eligible are registered. Whitby ranks 135th out of 170 Ontario communities for Donor Registration

Rate (at 39%) and we aim to break into the double digits.

Now that we all have some free time on our hands, let's pay tribute to heroes like Logan and our frontline workers by registering at www.BeADonor.ca. Then spread the word by showing your Green Shirts and donor cards on social media.

Youth Artists To Apply For Showcase

The Town's 2021 call for Art Attack applicants has begun.

Until Friday, April 16, Whitby youth ages 12 to 18 are invited to apply to be featured in Art Attack – an annual showcase of local youth artists held each year during National Youth Week.

This year's artwork submission categories include drawing and painting, sculpture, video and film, photography, graffiti, fashion and jewellery and spoken word (must be a video submission).

Works of art will be featured during this year's virtual Art Attack event being live streamed on Station Gallery's Facebook page on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 7 p.m. In addition to being showcased at the Art Attack event, all of the pieces will be exhibited at Station Gallery between May 4 and 22.

Quick Facts

- Applications can be submitted between now and Friday, April 16 at whitby.ca/youthevents
- Works of art must be dropped off at Station Gallery (1450 Henry St, Whitby) between April 20 and 22, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- May 1 to 7 is National Youth Week.
- Art Attack is presented by the Whitby Youth Council in partnership with Station Gallery and is part of the Town's continued commitment as a Platinum Level Youth Friendly Community.

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Durham Region Vaccine Update

Yes, vaccinations could be going faster. But I'm hearing that overall our clinics are running smoothly and, as long as we have vaccines to administer, we're opening up appointments for those who have logged in to book.

The problem lies with those who cannot or don't know how to do it. In the BTC's last edition, Councillor Elizabeth Roy and I placed an ad offering help to those 80+ to book their vaccines. The response was as expected. Many seniors don't have computers, email addresses nor even smart phones. So they were in the unfortunate position of sitting on hold on the phone trying to get through to book an appointment. They were - and are - calling looking for help.

If you know a senior in this situation, reach out to see if you can help them book online. We need to keep this moving at a good pace and not leave

anyone behind. Many of these folks have been locked up for a year and are losing precious time in their twilight years.

Call library

For those without internet access, the Whitby Library will help seniors book their appointments. To get help, call the Library Reference Dept at **905-668-6531 x2020**. You will need an email address of a friend, relative or neighbour to confirm your appointment.

Or, as many have done, Councillor Roy or myself will help you either walk through the website over the phone or find someone to book this for you. Just reach out to either of us. Our ad is again on the paper's front page for this very reason.

Indeed, having to book online is a flawed approach for the age demographic. Tech is not something many are comfortable with. Even those with the internet are struggling and reaching out trying to book

their vaccinations. More appointments are opening all the time. We are here to help you if we can.

Use Durham site

I suspect that, as we get to the younger age groups, this will become less of an issue. The Durham site - **www.durham-vaccinebooking.ca** - is user friendly and so far has handled the influx without crashing, as far as I know. We are just limited on vaccines and so aren't booking far in advance unless we have them.

We're still in Phase 1 of the provincial framework. We are however booking the age group of 75+, which was supposed to be in Phase 2. The underlying health condition priority group category is also in Phase 2 but has yet to be announced through the province.

We also have several vaccination sites. The Durham site books clinics in Brock, Ajax, Clarington, Pickering, Scugog, Uxbridge and Whitby. The Oshtawa vaccine clinic is run by Lakeridge Health and you can connect to that link through the Durham site which will redirect

you. Currently all of these clinics are administering Moderna or Pfizer vaccines to Phase 1 and 75+ priority groups.

To add to the confusion: For 60-plus...

Areas outside of Durham at participating pharmacies have only AstraZeneca available for those turning 60 in 2021 but you will need to book those through the provincial website. **Ontario.ca/book-vaccine**.

I for one will be grateful when the time comes to roll up my sleeve, but for me that is Phase 3 because, fortunately, I have age and health on my side. I do ask those getting the vaccine to understand that it does not make you invincible. Like the flu shot, you can still contract COVID-19 although your symptoms should not be as devastating. You can, however, give it to someone else who hasn't yet been vaccinated who could become sick.

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"It's clear that the historic demand for housing experienced in the second half of last year has carried forward into the first quarter of this year with some similar themes, including the continued popularity of suburban low-rise properties. It's also evident that the supply of listings is not keeping up with demand, which could present an even larger problem once population growth picks up following widespread vaccinations later this year and into 2022," said TRREB President Lisa Patel.

While market conditions were tight throughout the GTA region in February, the detached, semidetached and townhouse market segments in suburban areas were the drivers of average price growth.

"In the absence of a marked uptick in inventory, the current relationship between demand and supply supports continued double-digit average home price growth this year. In addition, if we continue to see growth in condo sales outstrip growth in new condo listings in Toronto, renewed price growth in this market segment is a distinct possibility in the second half of the year," said TRREB Chief Market Analyst Jason Mercer. "The pandemic has not stunted GTA residents' appetite for owning a home. Once the economy opens further and immigration into the GTA resumes, there will be an even greater need for housing supply. Understandably, COVID-19 has been front and centre for policymakers. However, it will be important to build upon the proactive work already started by local and provincial governments to promote the development of a more diverse and affordable housing supply in our region," said TRREB CEO John DiMichele.

From my quick calculations the average home prices in Brooklin have increased significantly from September/October 2020 to January/February 2021... Townhouses increased by **\$166,161**; Bungalows increased by **\$42,160**; 1 car garage increased by **\$105,362**; 2 car garage increased by **\$105,970**! The number of homes currently on the market is **extremely low**!

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