

# Golf's Tee Party... Big night 'fore' Harry

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Springfield Country Club golf professional Harry Mattson Jr., will be the guest of honor tonight at the 36th annual Tee Party, this one at Twin Hills Country Club.

If you haven't already purchased a ticket you'd better print one or plan on sneaking in through the kitchen — it's a sellout.

The largest gathering is turning out to salute the popular Mattson, SCC pro for nearly two decades, at the affair that serves to kick off the Western Mass. golf season.

SCC members wanted to toast Mattson at his club but yielded under the weight of ticket requests, far exceeding the club's dining capacity. Capacity at Twin Hills is figured at 480 but 500 tickets have been sold.

"If we sell any more we might have to rent some tables and block off both ends of Wolf Swamp Road," said retired Franconia pro Henry Bontempo.

Bontempo is serving as honorary chairman once again and recalled the first Tee Party.

"It was in 1947, sponsored by Franconia Golf

Club," he said. "We honored Bob Toski at the Red Barn in Chicopee Falls and we had about 150 golfers there."

Toski was then regarded as a golfer with a brilliant future but he told the audience that the experience he had gained playing the tour made him feel qualified to teach.

"Later he won several tournaments and now, of course, he's made his reputation as an international teacher. But, he seemed to know way back then that he was going to focus on teaching," Bontempo said.

Mattson is acknowledged as one of the premier instructors in this area. His father was a golf professional and as teenagers Harry and brothers Ron and Jackie distinguished themselves as fine players and made the family name synonymous with the game.

Harry and Ron followed their father into pro golf while Jackie decided someone had to replace all those divots. Ron is now pro at Twin Hills while Jackie is superintendent at Wilbraham CC.

A pro-am scramble tournament is planned for this afternoon and that too is sold out, with a field of 23 teams.

Tonight TV personality Rollie Jacobs will serve as master of ceremonies while Atty. Dan Keyes will be the guest speaker. District Attorney Matthew Ryan was to share the speaking duties but most likely will not be able to attend due to a knee injury.

"Hell, with me speaking you don't need anyone else," Keyes said. Tee time is 6:30.

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Don Wilks, left, of Radio Station WAQY 102 hands a race t-shirt to Jim Sadowsky, area Michelob Light Distributor. This year's 5-mile WAQY race starts at 1 p.m. in downtown Springfield Sunday. Entries closed Tuesday.

## LOCAL SCENE

### Soccer action resumes Friday

SOCCER QUARTERFINALS are scheduled Friday night at Berkshire Industries Field, Westfield, in the U.S. Soccer Federation under 19 girls' National Boraxo Cup. Pioneer Furies will face Needham at 7 followed by East Bridgewater against Dedham. The semifinals are scheduled for Chelmsford. The state champion will qualify for the regional playoffs at Valley Forge, Pa.

PV OVER-25 HOCKEY playoff final series games are scheduled Sunday night at the Olympia in West Springfield. Moore's Delivery-Oval Track Designs plays Dunlop Florist at 6 in the B American Division; Blue Room faces Tabb's Sports Center at 7:10 in the A Division; Drywall Specialists take on Tower Communications in the B National Division at 8:20; and Moonman's Bears challenge Agawam Turners at 9:30 in the C Division.

HICKORY RIDGE will host the fifth annual New England Women's Intercollegiate Golf Championships Saturday and Sunday. Fifty golfers from 12 colleges will compete over the 36-hole route. Defending champion Merri Hudson of Princeton and Andrea Frances of Yale, winner of last weekend's Rutgers Invitational aided by a sizzling closing nine of 31, head the field.

HOCKEY SPORTSMANSHIP awards have been presented to five youngsters from Western Mass. by Bobby Orr, former Boston Bruins great, at ceremonies sponsored by Nabisco Brands, Inc., at the Hilton Inn in Natick. Among the 83 amateur players cited were Kurt Jones, Wilbraham, Kevin Roberts, West Springfield, and Brian Trede, Edward MacPhail and Tom Mazza, Springfield.

CHICOPEE AMBERJACK swim team will hold open registration next Monday through Friday between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. at Chicopee Comp. High School. Boys and girls, 5 to 17, are eligible.

VINIE CURTO of Boston, 10th-ranked world middleweight, defeated Holyoke's Pablo Rodriguez in a 10-round Tuesday night before over 2,000 fans in Cranston, R.I. Curto defeated Bob Patterson two weeks ago at the Springfield Civic Center.

THE CHICOPEE FALLS TIGERS of the Tri-County Baseball League will hold tryouts Saturday and Sun-

day at 1 p.m. at Lincoln Grove Park. Candidates should report to coach Dan Franczek.

STATE STREET BURGER King's entry in the Tri-County League will hold a closed tryout at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Blunt Park. Contact Floyd Narcisse (782-7667) or Randy Smith for information.

SPRINGFIELD AQUALINAS won both the junior and senior team titles in a championship meet last weekend at the Boys' Club. Anne-Marie Haire of Springfield, Lindsay Marshall and Amy Blumenthal of Longmeadow were the leaders in the junior figures. Allison Lund of Longmeadow was first in the senior figures and solos.

Meaghan Fitzgerald of Springfield was second in the junior solos.

NORTHAMPTON RECREATION Dept., will sponsor the Early Bird Slo-Pitch Softball Tournament, April 29-May 2 at Maines Field. Entries may call 586-6950 for information.

THE NEW ENGLAND Crusaders football team will be held tryouts Saturday and Sunday at Ceppa Field in Meriden, Conn. The Saturday session, for returning veterans, will start at 12. Sunday's tryout is open and will start at 11 a.m.

The Crusaders open their season in the Mid-East Football Conference with an exhibition contest on July 24.

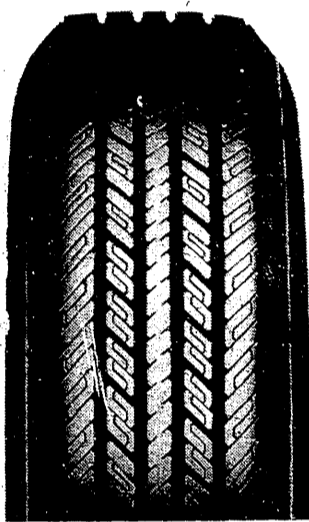
THE HOLYOKE YMCA will start a spring co-ed adult volleyball league on May 4. The league will run until the end of June. Team rosters are available by contacting Randy Smith at the Y.

THE SPRINGFIELD SHARKS Swim Club is holding signups May 3-7 at Marcus Kiley Junior High pool for the summer season. All boys and girls from kindergarten through high school are welcome.

WESTERN MASS DARTING Association is accepting applications for its 1982 summer league that will begin play May 4. For information, call 532-5436.

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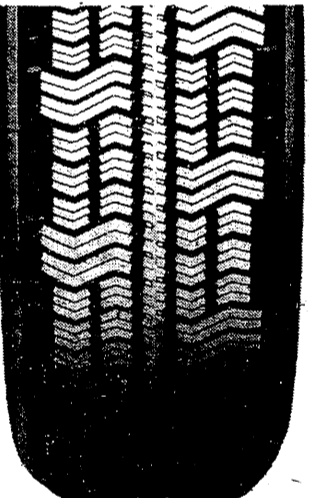
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