

Sports

BASEBALL | SAFE!



Lisa Fehlauer photo

Nine-year-old Brett Fehlauer slides into home base as the tying run in a round-robin playoff game between the Green and Red baseball teams (Mosquito level) June 20 at Fairfield Island Sports Park.

Track and Field club brings home plenty of medals

Chilliwack Track and Field Club athletes put in strong performances at this weekend's Langley Pacific Invitational meet.

Ron Wichman, led the way, claiming first in the Masters' 3,000-metre run.

Tasha Willing, in the 13-year-old girls category, also put in a strong showing, claiming first place in the shot put, adding silver in the hammer throw and grabbing fourth in the discus.

Ryan Higuchi, in the 14-year-old boys, finished in fourth place in the long jump, while Afton Servatius (13-year-old girls) claimed fourth place in the 100- and



Jock scraps

200-metre sprints.

Delaney Belknap finished with bronze in the 1,200-metre run and added a fifth place finish in the 800-metre run.

Rowan Hamilton, meanwhile, showed his strength in the 11-year-old boys class with a first-place finish in the shot put, a silver in the javelin throw, and a sixth place finish in the long jump.

And in the nine-year-old boys category, Kailen Herrin

finished sixth in the 1,000 metres and eighth in the 100-metre sprint.

Other Chilliwack Track and Field Club athletes at the meet included Taylor Read, Michaela Read, and Caitlin Geary.

Local lacrosse players added to elite summer roster

Two Chilliwack lacrosse players have made the summer roster of an elite program.

Defender Shane Leyen was named to the Burnaby Mountain Selects' senior squad while midfielder Brodie Porter was chosen for the Selects' junior lacrosse team.

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ADVERTISING FEATURE

SUVS NOW RANK AMONG THE SAFEST VEHICLES

Recently we wrote about the latest crop of fuel-efficient 'small cars' having earned the most "Top Safety Pick" ratings since the US-based Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) began testing small cars in the late 1990's. Lately there's been more good news from the IIHS: "Dying in a crash has become much less likely than it used to be ... in all types of passenger vehicles."

Based on research computing driver death rates for all models with at least 100,000 registered vehicle years during 2006-09—a registered year consisting of either one vehicle registered for one year or two vehicles for six months each, this latest IIHS 'Status Report' noted two "broad trends." One is a large decline in the overall death rate to 48 per million registered vehicle years for 2005-08 models—down from 79 for 2001-04 models, which in turn was down from 87 for 1999-2002 models and 110 for 1989-1993.

The other change is the dramatic development in the relative risk associated with different types of vehicles with SUVs leading the way. From the highest driver death rates, SUVs now rank among the safest vehicles—indeed, "on balance safer than cars because their bigger size and weight provide greater protection in a crash."

Anne McCartt, the IIHS's senior vice president for research thanks the early introduction of Electronic Stability Control (ESC) as a standard feature in SUVs: "The rollover risk in SUVs used to outweigh their size/weight advantage, but that's no longer the case, thanks to ESC." The IIHS report cites the statistics: "Among 2002 models,

ESC was standard on 28% of cars and 10% of SUVs and wasn't available even as an option on pickups".

By the 2008 model year, it was standard on 65% of cars, 96% of SUVs, and 11% of pickups. ESC's role is evident when looking at death rates by crash type. The rate of rollover deaths — 13 per million — is less than half of what it was for 1999-2002 models, and SUVs now have lower than average rollover death rates. Pickups, few of which had ESC by 2008, have a much higher rollover death rate of 21.

When a vehicle strays from the intended travel path or begins to spin out, ESC automatically brakes individual wheels or reduces throttle to keep the vehicle under control. First introduced by Mercedes Benz in 1994, ESC systems are now mandated by Australian, Canadian, European Union and US regulations in all models starting in 2012. These regulations specify the components and capabilities of ESC and require vehicles to meet performance requirements in dynamic testing.

A concern is whether mandated standards for ESC will discourage efforts to make the feature even more effective. But this seems unlikely. The non-uniform reductions in loss from the introduction of ESC in 48 different SUV models is currently being studied partly for the purpose of determining "if it's possible to enhance current ESC technology beyond what US regulations require," said David Zuby, the chief research officer of the Highway Loss Data Institute, an affiliate of the IIHS.

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City of Chilliwack

PROPERTY TAX NOTICES REMINDER

Please be advised that, even during a postal disruption, property owners are still responsible for ensuring property tax payments and Home Owner Grants are received by the City of Chilliwack on or before July 4, 2011. Late payments and Home Owner Grants received after midnight July 4, 2011 are subject to a 5% penalty and a second penalty of 5% if received after Aug 2, 2011.

For your convenience, the City tax office will be open from 8:00 – 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday from June 27 to July 4, except July 1, 2011. Payment may also be made through Internet banking or at most Financial Institutions up to and including July 4 or through automated bank machines until June 24. A drop box is available at the front door of the City Hall after hours.

Home owners who live on their property should be sure to claim the Home Owner's Grant by completing the Home Owner Grant application on the front bottom portion of the tax notice on or before July 4, 2011.

Home owner grants may also be claimed online at: www.chilliwack.com

If you bought property in 2011 but didn't receive a tax notice, please confirm that the 2011 taxes are paid. **If you did not receive a notice, please contact our office immediately.** Provincial legislation requires payment of taxes by July 4, 2011 with or without a notice.

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