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SUPRISE: The only golfing stop in the GTA for the Canadian Tour 2009 was the Greystone Golf Club in Halton Hills on Dublin Line. The Jane Rogers Championship was part sponsored by the Town of Halton Hills, it was considered by organizers and players the best and toughest stop on the tour. The spectacular layout saw a Canadian, Ryan Yip of Calgary win after a three way playoff. Over 150 professionals from around the world competed in this event and it was an Acton man, Greystone Superintendent Adam Trenton, who oversaw the superb conditioning of the course. Golfers from around the world took part including this foursome of David Jackson, Spokane, WA; Matt Johnson, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Marc Bourgeois, Moncton, NB; and Alex Coe of LaQuinte, California. - Jack Carpenter photo

Golf tournament funds earmarked for permanent outdoor skate pad

By Frances Niblock

Profits raised at this year's annual Three Musketeers golf tournament are earmarked for a proposed permanent outdoor skate pad in Acton, in honour of the late Raymond Getty, an Acton teen who was killed by a bullet to the chest in an accidental shooting in 2002.

In past years, organizers of the tournament, the family and friends of the three Musketeers, Acton teens - Rory Dick, Mark Everson and Travis Toth

- who were killed in a car/train crash south of Acton in 2000, have donated proceeds from the event to the Acton skateboard park named in honour of the three boys, to Acton's Off The Wall youth drop-in centre and to Acton high school.

After hearing that the former Acton Kinsmen and now the Men of Heritage Acton also wanted to help develop a permanent cement pad, one of the golf tournament organizers, Kathy Everson, said they decided to join forces.

"I heard that the Kinsmen

were thinking about helping build an outdoor rink in Raymond Getty's name, but then the Kinsmen folded and the idea got put on the back burner," Everson said on Friday, adding that the plan was revived when some of the former Kinsmen became members of Men of Heritage Acton, a group that was raising funds for the old Town Hall restoration and other projects.

Longer life
"We thought that if there was a permanent cement pad then the ice rink that the Town builds each year on the McKenzie-Smith Bennett School site would last longer. It can be used for hockey and skating in the winter and things like basketball and ball hockey in the summer," Everson said.

She said they approached the Town with the plan and began preliminary talks to help develop something for teens in Acton.

Terry Alyman, the Town's Director of Recreation and Parks said at the conceptual level, the Town is behind the whole notion of a project that would bring a larger size concrete pad to Acton, following on the previous momentum from the Heritage Men of Acton.

Alyman said a concrete pad would make it much

easier to build and maintain an outdoor ice rink in Acton, and the Town's strategic plan calls for a multi-purpose pad for hard surface sports including basketball, lacrosse and ball hockey.

Alyman said they are still in the site selection phase, trying to come up with a Town-owned location that meets a list of criteria. He said it is too soon to talk about costs, except that he suspects the project would need a public fundraising component like the campaign for the skateboard park which saw the committee raise \$110,000.

"So, at this point in time we're dealing with a conceptual plan that meets community goals and the strategic action plan goals and we have willing partners who are prepared to commit some specific fundraising efforts behind it and we're trying to find a site. All of that is at the very preliminary stages and has not made it's way to Council for discussion yet," Alyman said.

Ash idea
Jason Ash, a former Acton Kinsmen and now a member of Men of Heritage Acton, said the idea for a permanent cement pad first came up about five years ago but there wasn't

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