

# Brown's W.I. Euchre, charity luncheon

In the small community known as Browns Corners, just south of St. Marys, a small miracle has occurred in April for over twenty years.

The members of Browns Women's Institute present their annual Euchre Charity Luncheon much to the pleasure and gratitude of many local citizens. The luncheons were initiated in memory of member Ruth Brooks and donations were given to the Canadian Cancer Society in her honor.

Although the Cancer Society remains as a recipient, other charities which have been supported include the following: Osteoporosis Society, Parkinson's Foundation, Multiple Sclerosis, Huntington's Society, Schizophrenic Association, Alzheimers Society, Heart and Stroke Foundation and the Arthritis Society.

The 2002 luncheon which took place on April 20 saw the receipts divided between Gene Cell Therapy Research (Jesse's Journey) and the Canadian Cancer Society.

Patrons who attend the annual event, which has raised almost \$10,000 for

charities since its inception, are treated to a delicious homecooked meal featuring ham, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, jello, rolls, cabbage salad and tasty desserts.

Door prizes are donated by the chosen charities, the Browns Women's Institute Branch and its members. Winners of the door prizes were Win McMurray, Florence Heard, Doug Kennedy, Rose Jacques, Mabel Jones, Helen Pielt, Joyce Burgess, Lorene Kittmer, Bell Oliver, Ina Pickel, Faye Sager, Don Newman, Ray Facey, Edna Wiseman, Jean Houghton, Reta Jeffrey, Rolly Horst, Betty Barons, Lawrence Mitchell, Eric Facey, Robert Burgess, Grace Henderson and Evelyn Haves.

Euchre prize winners were Ladies high Connie Kittmer, Men's high Lorne Mills, lone hands - Sarah Davidson (mother of John Davidson) and Dorothy Greason.

By sponsoring this annual event, the members of the Browns Women's Institute are able to make a difference and support their motto For Home and Country.



John and Sarah Davidson, centre, on behalf of Jesse's Journey accepted a cheque for \$402 from Browns Women's Institute vice-president Sue Day, left, and president Carol Miller. A donation of \$402 was also made to the Oxford County Cancer Society. The annual charity euchre luncheon was held April 20 at the Browns Corners School.

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## Keith Beavers to swim for Canada at Commonwealth Games

### Son of DCVI grads Don and Arlene Beavers

ORANGEVILLE - Keith Beavers is headed to the Commonwealth Games in Manchester, England, July 25 to Aug. 4.

Beavers, who lives north of Orangeville in the township of Mono Centre, secured a spot on the Canadian swim team following the Canadian swimming championships held at the Pan-Am pool in Winnipeg, March 19-24.

Beavers, who just turned 19, clocked a personal best time to win a silver medal in the 200-metre backstroke. He also won bronze medals in the 200 and 400-metre individual medley.

Beavers and his Canadian teammates will be competing against the top swimmers from Australia, Great Britain and South Africa in the Commonwealth Games.

"We had a meeting before we left Winnipeg," Beavers said in the March 29 edition of the Orangeville Banner. "The team goal is to win 10 gold medals and 25 medals overall. I think we can do it. Traditionally, Canada has done really well."

#### Olympics ultimate goal

His ultimate goal, of course, is to compete in the 2004 Summer Olympics in Greece.

"I'm always thinking about that," Beavers said in the Banner article. Keep your eye on the prize. That's the goal, to get faster and faster. I'm definitely on track (for the Olympics)."

Currently in his first year at University of Waterloo, Beavers trains at the K.W. National Training Centre and represents the region of Waterloo Swim Club.

Unfortunately, Keith's sister Lindsay Beavers, 21, was unable to compete to defend her title as women's 800-metre freestyle Canadian champion as she is recovering from an injury.

Keith is the son of DCVI grads Don and Arlene (Sheldon) Beavers, grandson of Betty Barons, of St. Marys, and grandson of Clayton and Phyllis Sheldon, of RR2 St. Marys.



Browns WI held its annual Euchre Charity Luncheon April 20. Half of the proceeds raised were donated to the Oxford County Cancer Society. In this photo representing the Cancer Society, from left, Pat Kelly, Zora Keddie and Sharyn Fisher accept the donation of \$402 from Institute Co-President Carol Miller and Vice-President Sue Day.