

# Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

**BEAT BITS** . . . Lacrosse registration for boys 10-16 will be at the community centre Saturday and again on Wednesday evening next week . . . **Station Hotel's** Intercountry team, Acton's only representative in the league this season, hopes to start the home season on Friday, June 3 under the arcs. Nucleus of the Innkeepers will be holdovers from last year's team but they'll be adding some players to strengthen the squad. Hardest position to fill at the moment is pitching. Good pitchers are few and far between and Ed Phillips says "we don't want to go too far to get them . . ."

**Merv Marshall** is again tending the nets for Oshawa Green Gaels in the Jr. A lacrosse circuit. Picked as the outstanding player in the Minto Cup finals, Merv has also been twine-tending for Whitty Seniors in early exhibitions. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Marshall, Roseford Terrace . . . **Stanley Cup bets** are commonplace but few can match the payoff seen in New Hamburg after the most recent series. Cy Shantz, clad in his pyjamas, cooked steaks over a barbecue at high noon and served them to Emerson Jutzi who needless to say had picked Montreal Canadiens to cop the cup. Scene of the payoff was a safety island on the main drag . . . **Acton Open** golf tournament is definitely set for Hornby Towers course on Saturday, June 18. Tee-off is from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Tickets can be obtained only at the Sports Corner. You can arrange your own foursome or go and take pot luck . . . **This scribbler** was part of a foursome at the Halton Heights Country Club Saturday, scene of last year's Acton Open. The greens and fairways were in excellent condition but it didn't help my scores. George Ware, his first time out, was the only one to break a hundred but the rest of us were close. Henry Harbers, a novice on his third outing, almost stroked an ace on the 155 yard seventh hole. His drive bounced over the cup and rolled a scant yard behind. Henry made it a birdie. Par is three . . .

**MORE BEAT BITS** . . . Ladies who want to shed some suet will have the opportunity at the slim and trim classes to be held at the Y Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting June 30. Recreation director Howard Pearce agreed to start the course when requests from the ladies continued to mount. Apparently the inactivity of the winter months has told on some of the girls hereabouts and a bathing suit figure can't be had just for the asking. Classes will exercise to music, incidentally . . . **Rec. director** Pearce is embroiled in the sports and recreation program in Acton to the point where it's a seven day concern. Who was it said there's nothing doing in small towns? They should try living in one . . . **Aside to the duffers** at the Bagdmore office: Guess who's been practicing for the annual challenge between the duet from this family journal and the brace from Beardmore's . . . **One of the fund-raising** projects planned by the Acton ladies' softball league is an appearance, in July by the Queen and Her Maids, a female equivalent of the King and His Court. The team consists of four sisters managed by their father. Home base is in California, a place called Rolling Hills. Rosie Baird, the pitching sister, had 670 strikes in 71 games, certainly a challenge to Ed Feigner, the King of the court. This female Feigner has a choice of 14 different deliveries and can throw strikes 90% of the time when blindfolded, kind of an inborn radar machine. Another unusual wrinkle is a \$5 bill offered after a game to anyone who can hit one of three pitches by Queen Rosie . . .

**AND MORE BEAT BITS** . . . **Acton Wildcats**, anxious to be self-sufficient, are planning a car wash in the near future to buy equipment for the team . . . **Charlie Thomson**, who's been on the retired list for the past couple of years, decided he'd try a bit of roller skating at the community centre recently in case he forgot how. "Haven't been on the wheels for 40 years or more," said Charlie, "but I didn't fall". Hope we're all as agile as that when we're crowding 70 . . . **One of the silliest** controversies currently raising hackles in western Ontario has to be one between Lucknow and Kincardine over the birthplace of Paul Henderson of the Detroit Red Wings. Henderson lives in Goderich in the off-season but both Lucknow and Kincardine claim him as a native son. Kincardine claimants point to the birth announcement which lists him as being born in Kincardine hospital. Lucknow tub thumpers say he was born on a sleigh on his way to hospital. They could of course settle the argument by asking Henderson but the resultant publicity for both places might just be playing a small (?) part.



**ACTON LANES** were honored Friday night during the Major League bowling banquet when they received the championship trophy. Front row left to right are Hartley Deforest, captain Don Deforest and Carl Deforest. Second row left to right are Don Deforest, John Dunn and Ken Huffard; back row George Longstreet and Jim Bullough.

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## First Skate Saturday Line up for roller rink

Roller skating at the arena opened to a line-up and 110 pairs of skates were rented within 40 minutes. The innovation brought 135 to the community centre Saturday evening for the initial program which the recreation committee hopes will be successful and provide a summer attraction in the arena.

There will be roller skating Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, with dances following the Saturday program. Roy Goodwin rents out skates and operates the booth, and business in both sections was booming Saturday.

About 30 paid admission to watch the roller rink.

For most of the teenagers, it

was the first try at the new sport. Some of them found when they had their boots laced they were able to stand up, but couldn't take a step! It took a little instruction to get them rolling as far as the stairs, with a second lesson on how to maneuver down the short flight. Once out on the ice — whoops, the cement — they were on their own and seemed to catch on quickly. Laughing helped.

Patrolmen were Murray Harrison and Steven Dubois, who showed the rink-full of novices how to stop — another important lesson! They blew the whistle each time someone fell, so the others would slow down and be cautious.

Music was to popular rock and roll tunes, taped by Don Price. Skaters found the rhythm not always just right, and songs with just the right jumpy beat will be added. A favorite, surprisingly, was Goldfinger.

Brenda Aherrie took admissions. A section of the auditorium was devoted to changing into skates.

Quite a few stayed for the dance afterwards. There will be a band this Saturday.

Most of the skaters were teenagers with a few adults and very young children. Those who were not capable of getting fitted found they could take over the skates of people who were leaving.

There was no rowdiness or "rough house", but the police dropped in to check and will continue to keep an eye on the arena so the sport may be sure to grow in popularity and acceptance.

Of course there were falls, but no serious injuries.

At the end of the evening it was discovered a mistake had been made which will have to be corrected. All evening long the skaters had swirled counter-clockwise around the arena, as they see skate. But here there's a difference. The skates were noticeably worn on one side after two hours of use.

It was then that somebody remembered that on cement floors, the crowd must change direction regularly to keep the wear and tear on the skate wheels even.

On Tuesday about 45 went roller skating. Next time for it is tonight (Thursday).



**ROLLER SKATERS** had their ups and downs Saturday night during opening night at the arena. Some proved to be quite expert while others donned skates for the first time. Roy Goodwin, owner of Acton Sports Corner, rented out skates and is operating the arena booth.



**RECREATION DIRECTOR** Howard Pearce played the good Samaritan Saturday night during the opening night of roller skating at the arena. He is shown above lacing skate boots for Edna Goodridge as Brenda Browne watches how it's done. Total attendance for opening night was 135. Dancing in the auditorium at the Community Centre was enjoyed following roller skating.



### Wildcats prep for opener

Girls' softball will be a going concern in Acton over the summer season.

In addition to the new ladies' softball squad entered in the Grand Valley Softball League, recreation director Howard Pearce is forming a town league for the girls who turned out 45 strong for the first practice of the Wildcats, name picked out for the team. Since everyone can't be a Wildcat the town league will be for girls 20 years of age and under.

The league is still in the planning stages but Mr. Pearce stated there will definitely be one. In addition to the girls who turned out for the first workout there are numerous more anxious to play.

Meanwhile the Wildcats have been working out under the whip of Frank Spielvogel who hopes to have a contending team in the Grand Valley circuit. It looks like a four team league with entries from Fergus, Elora, and Hillsburg — as well as Acton.

Fifteen sweaters were donated to the team by one local firm. They are gold with black sleeves.

Efforts are being made to raise funds for the team to buy the equipment necessary to

start the season off. One of the first projects planned is a car wash.

"It's a new venture so we're going to have to get co-operation from parents of the girls and interested citizens to drive them to the games," said the recreation director, Frank Spielvogel, and Charlie Thomson, coach and manager respectively will have their hands full with their own duties.

Executive elected for the team consists of president Kay Chisholm, secretary Donna Landsborough and treasurer Joanne Landsborough.

### Boys register for boxla Sat.

Registration for boys' pee wee, bantam and midget lacrosse will be held at the community centre on Saturday, May 21 and again on Wednesday evening, May 25, recreation director Howard Pearce reported this week.

All boys from 10 to 16 years of age are welcome to register. A coaches' clinic will be held on May 28 and it's expected first games will start on May 30.

A co-ordinating executive of Barry Incoe and Johnny Krapke is starting things off with support from Larry Taillefer and John Gov Jr.

The committee hopes to arrange an exhibition Sr. B game here sometime in the near future between last year's Eastern Canadian Champion Fergus Thistles and Oshweken Warriors, the Indian team which plays out of Hagersville, to help raise funds.

The second game saw A Company with 1155, C Company with 949 and B Company with 942. In the third and final game, A Company continued to bowl hot and racked up 1033 for a total of 3212.

C Company finished up with 930 for a total of 2828 and B Company, last year's champions had 905 for their total of 2752.

While all of A Company did their share of capturing the title, the big guns were "Long

## A company tops annual bowl roll

A Company finally did it! For the first time since the Acton Firefighters inaugurated the annual roll for the bowling championship of the department, A Company emerged victorious.

Strangely enough, A Company, who in previous years could never threaten, made their win this year a big one. Rolling a team score of 1024 in the first game as against C Company's 949 and B Company's 905, the A boys were never headed or threatened.

Individual honors went to John Turkosz, 727, Lloyd McIntyre, 632, Don VanFleet, 607 and Leo Synott, 604. The singles of 217, 200 from Bern VanFleet didn't hurt A Company's chances.

C Company's top shooters were Ed McGillivray 655 and Will Duval 245, John Krapek 638, Jack Pink 208.

Norm Price 210, Mick Holmes 229-214 were best for company B.

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