

# Esqueuing stiffens racing by-law but will permit Sunday sports

As a result of several complaints from ratepayers about violations of the township's racing by-law, Esqueuing Council has instructed township solicitor Terrance Baines to prepare a new by-law regulating hours of racing at the Golden Horseshoe Dragway.

At the same time, they have instructed Mr. Baines to have necessary by-laws prepared under the Lord's Day Act to permit Sunday Sports in the township.

**New by-law**  
The new racing by-law will restrict racing from Monday to Saturday during the months of June, July and August to the hours between three and 11.30 p.m. During the months of September and October, racing will be restricted to Fridays and Saturdays from three until 11.30 p.m. and Sundays and statutory holidays from 1.30 to 7.30 p.m. In addition, no engines are to start for tuning or practice of any nature before 12.30 p.m. on any Sunday.

Dragway owner Carl Bristow attended Monday night's meeting at council's invitation and admitted violating the racing by-law on three occasions, Saturday, August 29, Wednesday, September 2 and Sunday, September 20.

**Explains violations**  
Oil spillages on the strip caused racing to continue past the 11.30 deadline on August 29 and racing continued 18 minutes past the 7 o'clock deadline on September 20, he said.

Regarding racing on Wednesday September 2, Mr. Bristow echoed deputy-reeve Tom Hill's sentiment at last week's meeting that the ban on Wednesday night racing was not to take effect until after Labor Day weekend. The deputy-reeve once again said that was council's intent, but they failed to spell it out in the by-law.

Reeve George Currie also admitted council's negligence in failing to pass a by-law in compliance with the Lord's Day Act, which says Sunday sports events must not begin before 1.30 p.m.

**Bristow volunteers**  
Mr. Bristow volunteered to move the starting time of Sunday racing from 1 back to 1.30 immediately, even before the new by-law is officially passed.

"We've wasted far too much time on this drag strip and neglected other township business," the reeve said. "The by-law will be revamped, then you can kick if you want," he told Mr. Bristow.

"I've kicked very little to this council," Mr. Bristow replied.

**Marshall comments**  
Concerned about complaints he has received about the dragway, councillor Ken Marshall had this comment.

"I supported getting that strip there. As far as I'm concerned if a fellow makes a bargain I like to see him stick to it. If not, I'll work to see Mr. Bristow's license rescinded."

Deputy-reeve Hill supported councillor Marshall's statement and asked Mr. Bristow if the dragway's loudspeaker could be toned down.

Promising to co-operate with council, Mr. Bristow replied. "We sure can turn it down."

Councillor Russell Miller pointed out noise from the cars carries over the loudspeaker. Turning off the speaker, when cars pull up for the start of a race would cut down on noise considerably, he predicted.

**No trouble on holidays**  
Asked by Councillor Miller how racing on statutory holidays was working out, Mr. Bristow replied. "We've run on two statutory holidays and have had no trouble."

Mr. Bristow said he knew nothing about racing at the dragway on Sunday, August 2, one of the dates ratepayer Ellis Taylor claimed extra noise occurred.

"We didn't even run August 2," Mr. Bristow told council. "The gates were locked up tightly." "You weren't running regularly, but there were cars on that strip and noise coming from it," Mr. Taylor maintained.

Mr. Bristow told council if he was able to get some OPP officers to come up to the dragway, as he had previously tried to do, they would attest to the hours of operation.

**Parking by-law**  
Dragway critic Peter Bowman reminded council that trees at the Sixth Line end of the dragway are still a shambles, as a result of spectators climbing for a free view.

Clerk-treasurer Delmar French informed council the Department of Highways has a type of by-law drawn up, which would restrict parking on the Sixth Line. The by-law must first be approved by the Department of Transport and "No Parking" signs must be erected every 500 feet.

When Mr. Bowman asked the reeve if the township intended to prosecute Mr. Bristow for violations, the reeve told him to "come back two weeks from tonight."

"Mr. Reeve, why can't you fine him?" Mr. Bowman asked. "If you can't enforce by-laws, I don't think you can even collect my taxes," he concluded.



ACTON FALL FAIR vice-president Bert Hinton presented the H. H. Hinton Trophy to Eleanor Moorehead of Fergus, who placed first in the old time fiddlers' competition.—(Staff Photo)

## Fergus woman Fair fiddle champ

Eleanor Moorehead of Fergus, one of two female contestants was declared winner of the old time fiddlers' contest, an added feature of this year's Acton Fall Fair.

Mrs. Moorehead earned first prize money of \$50 plus the H. H. Hinton trophy. Donor Bert Hinton made the presentation, immediately after the contest.

**Runners-up**  
Fifteen year old Johnny Givens of Burford walked off with second prize money of \$30 and 17 year old Karen O'Rourke of R. R. 1 Acton captured third place and \$20. Miss O'Rourke was crowned Fiddle Queen at the Canadian National Open Old Time Fiddlers' Contest in Shelburne, last year.

Each of the eight contestants was required to play a waltz, a jig and a reel or hornpipe within a three minute time limit.

**Guest judge**  
North American Fiddle Champion Graham Townsend was special guest judge. Life member R. L. Davidson introduced contestants by number and ladies from the Golden Age Club sat on stage garbed in old fashioned dresses.

Miss Acton Fair Anita Thibodeau, Halton Furrow Queen Mary Pickett and Norma Leslie, Ultimate Shorthorn Lassie Queen

for Ontario were also special guests at the contest.  
A large crowd watched the competition with great interest and Fair directors hope to stage it again next year.

## Y's Men will collect to defeat arthritis

Door bells all over Acton will be ringing September 28 and 29 when volunteers from Acton Y's Men's club call at home in the community to raise money for the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism society's fund-raising campaign, September is "Arthritis month".

The Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism society, now in its 21st year, spearheads a nationwide attack on arthritis including: research and professional education, rheumatic diseases units, public information and direct patient care.

The house-to-house appeal will climax the current drive for \$300 to meet the branch's share of the society's province-wide research objective of \$386,306.

"The aim of this neighborhood appeal", explained campaign chairman Pat McGreener, "is to give every citizen of Acton an opportunity to join the fight against this baffling disease. It is no respecter of persons, anyone is susceptible, even children. There are few families in which some member has not suffered its effects to a greater or lesser degree."

Mr. McGreener is hopeful citizens of the community who are interested in this worthwhile cause will contact him to offer their services in a volunteer capacity. He can be reached by telephone at 853-1633.

**MAN INJURED**  
A young Milton man suffered brush burns to the back and lacerations to the hand and arm in a one-car accident on Highway 25 just south of Acton Sunday morning. Paul H. Hutchison of 443 Mountview Dr., Milton, aged 21, was treated at Milton District Hospital. His car received \$2,000 damage.

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Grade 2 Melanie Sears, Erin, honors first class 100 per cent.  
Grade 2 Michele Mumby, Georgetown, honors first class 97 per cent.  
Grade 3 Susan Mumby, Georgetown honors first class 100 per cent.  
Grade 3 Susan Shoemaker, Acton, honors first class 100 per cent.  
Grade 3 Diane Bousfield, Acton, honors first class 96 per cent.  
Grade 5 Jean Marshall, Erin, honors first class 85 per cent.  
Grade 5 John Martin, Aiton, second class honor 75 per cent.

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