

Pool?

Never on Sunday!

Hilton Hills billiard players can't go to the pool room on Sundays, council decided Monday night.

Overruling a committee recommendation which okayed the opening of billiard halls from 1.30 to 10 p.m. on Sundays, council voted no pool on Sundays.

Councillor Russell Miller said he had asked if there were any complaints in Acton about the operation of pool rooms, and had found none.

Councillor Ern Hyde said there had been problems in the past. "I realize this is a new owner in Georgetown, and should be given a chance." He suggested there should be a report from police on the operation before any changes are made.

Mayor Tom Hill said the new owners had experience in handling the public. "I like to play pool, but pool rooms on Sunday don't sit well with me," said Armstrong, as he emphasized he was not condemning the owners.

Councillor Roy Booth said he felt it was the type of establishment that should be open on Sundays.

"If pool rooms are open Sundays I'll be there," commented Mayor Tom Hill. "I love the game of pool."

Councillor Pat McKenzie opposed the closing pointing out many people go to the arena on Sunday and wondered why there was a difference.

Armstrong said he was not condemning anyone, and realized there was Sunday sport, "if this is a sport," but repeated this was his opinion.

Only councillors Harry Levy and Pat McKenzie opposed the Sunday ban on pool.

Councillor Roy Booth made it clear the by-law would cover both Acton and Georgetown.



KRIS LINDVIK, 19, a Sheridan College student, sped to victory in the 19-29 age group to earn a Schlitz Gold Cup in the sixth annual Schlitz-NASTAR finals, the recreational ski racing championships. The championships were held March 29-30 at Sun Valley, Idaho. A total of 78 skiers from all over the country competed in the event and she not only edged out nine others in her age group but topped all 48 women who competed.

Kris Lindvik tops U.S. competition

The young Acton skier recently selected to represent the northeastern zone of the U.S.A. in the Schlitz-NASTAR finals held at Sun Valley, Idaho, won acclaim last weekend when she made a clear sweep of the women's 19-29 group and was later proclaimed as overall champion of women contenders.

Kris Lindvik, of R.R. 2, Acton, topped skiing contenders from five zones in the U.S. including northeast, middle Atlantic and southeast, mid-west, and Rocky mountains or Pacific. She had won the right to enter the competitions as a Canadian because of her final scores in races held at the Smuggler's Notch ski area in Vermont when, for fun, she had entered the NASTAR competitions during a Sheridan College team training session.

The Acton skier was selected to qualify for the event as one of 30 women finalists who, together with 30 men finalists were taken from over 70,000 participants. NASTAR entrants, 19 years of age and older, are grouped by sex, age, and the region of the U.S. in which they participated. Kris's racing area was in the northeast zone and she was one of two chosen as that zone's women representatives for her particular 19 to 29 age group.

Altogether there are four groupings in which skiers participate with two of each sex selected from groups 19 to 29, 30 to 39, 40 to 49, and 50 and over.

Verification The selection of Kris as finalist in the weekend racing event was not completely verified until Tuesday of last week when confirmation was received by phone. Her two-day racing schedule included two races on Friday morning and one for the afternoon.

Poor weather conditions slowed down the planned progress of the competitions however and, according to the Acton girl, some Friday runs had to be postponed until later Saturday.

For Kris, competitors in the NASTAR races are over. Rules are, that once proclaimed a winner, skiers are never again allowed to compete in the NASTAR competitions. The young sportsman can see the merit in a turnover of new champions every year and is modestly pleased at having attained recognition as a Canadian performer in the American event.

A weekend of exciting skiing at Sun Valley, plus a Schlitz Gold Cup were her rewards as an outstanding skiing athlete. To Kris, who will be returning to her studies in the social sciences at Sheridan College, "it was wonderful."

Councillor Len Cox said the works committee is not set up to sell lots, and asked the question be reconsidered.

"It obviously needs it", retorted Levy.

The item was referred to committee of the whole.

"The committee will need the wisdom of Solomon," commented Sykes.

Close Esquering dump March 30

Hilton Regional Council will be asked to authorize the closing of the Esquering landfill site that has been operating on lands owned by Acton Limestone Quarries (Indusmin) for some time.

The Regional Public Works Committee recommended that action be taken after hearing a report from Director of Public Works, Bob Baillie.

Baillie told the committee the site would have had to be closed May 15. He noted, however, the operator, Langille had decided to sell all of his equipment and leave the province as of March 30.

Because of Mr. Langille's decision to leave and the need to close in a short time anyway, the committee agreed to close March 30 instead of May 15. If the recommendation carries, the garbage will be rerouted to Acton or Georgetown sanitary landfill sites. About 90 tons of garbage had been handled at that site each week.

Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur expressed concern about the imminent closing of the Nassagaweya sanitary landfill site. The site is certified by the province until April 30.

Baillie said discussions the Ministry of the Environment led him to believe no extension would be granted for that dump. MacArthur asked Baillie to approach the province with a view to expressing the problems in the Nassagaweya area and seeking an extension.

She said the Nassagaweya Council, if it had still existed, would have arranged an alternate site so people in the township wouldn't be inconvenienced. She said the creation of the region shouldn't mean people should have to be inconvenienced.

Erin township council briefs

At their regular meeting April 1, Erin Township Council passed a resolution accepting the street lighting in phase two of Hillsburgh subdivision, after the cost of \$1,043.56 had been paid to Ontario Hydro.

were informed by Ray Kennedy that work had been completed on the roads of Phase two. Reeve Lloyd Lang told Council the township could now take over care of the roads.

received notification from Hilton Hills that Russ Miller had been appointed to the Ballinafad Community Centre.

read an auditors report of the roads stating there was an overexpenditure of \$13,096.49.

received a bill for \$835 as the township's share of printing the Official Plan, and another for \$450, the cost of 100 copies ordered.

read a copy of Credit Valley Conservation Authority's letter to the Hon. L. Bernier regarding Premier's Concrete Company's application for a gravel pit. The letter objected to the 304 acres being used as such under their proposed plan.

Noway were asked by the Concerned Citizens Association for notification of any rezoning applications. Reeve Lang commented there was no way the township was obliged to notify anyone of such applications.

Clerk Elmer McKinnon was instructed to advise the Association they will be sent notifications in accordance with the act.

were requested by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to give an indication of support to oppose the application of Bell Telephone for a rate increase.

Council did not discuss the matter at the time.

Hydro line met with a delegation of four residents, questioning the route of the proposed hydro line. Reeve Lang pointed out township's policy had been not to try to juggle the lines from one property to another. He then read a letter from Hydro stating property evaluation on the Fourth Line route would be completed by April 11.

Deputy reeve Donald Matheson stated he would like it to be on record that council was aware of the irregular boundary lines and of the fact that the proposed line would leave some property land-locked. He added "Council could maybe press for the property owner to have the privilege of choice between leasing or selling to Ontario Hydro.

were informed the 1974 Credit Valley Conservation Authority levy would be \$5,244.

Turned down were asked by Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt for permission to build a second house for themselves on the 100 acre farm they wished to buy. The original house would be used for hired help on their proposed horse farm.

Reeve Lang stated that council interpreted the bylaw concerned to apply to fulltime farmers who lived on the land and worked on it full time.

After Mrs. DeWitt accused council of standing in the way of people who wanted to do something productive, Deputy-reeve Matheson pointed out the bylaw was written to encourage production of farm produce.

Plots cost \$90 in both areas

The price of burial plots in all areas of Hilton Hills has been set, but who will sell them is still in doubt.

Hilton Hills council, Monday night, set the price of single plots at \$90 and double plots at \$175 for town residents.

The cost to non-residents will be \$112.50 for a single plot and \$218.75 for a double plot.

The finance committee recommended the sale of lots through the treasury department and the works committee recommended that Acton cemetery plots be sold through undertaker Bruce Shoemaker.

Councillor Harry Levy claimed the sale of plots by the undertaker would cost the town \$15 a trip. He said the works committee could indicate on a plan the location of the plots.

Councillor Russell Miller said the finance committee also suggested the plots be sold in order, to cut the cost of showing them to people.

Councillor Ern Hyde said he understood the \$15 went to the undertaker only upon the sale of the plot, not every time a trip is made.

Councillor Len Cox said the works committee is not set up to sell lots, and asked the question be reconsidered.

"It obviously needs it", retorted Levy.

The item was referred to committee of the whole.

"The committee will need the wisdom of Solomon," commented Sykes.

Verification The selection of Kris as finalist in the weekend racing event was not completely verified until Tuesday of last week when confirmation was received by phone. Her two-day racing schedule included two races on Friday morning and one for the afternoon.

Poor weather conditions slowed down the planned progress of the competitions however and, according to the Acton girl, some Friday runs had to be postponed until later Saturday.

For Kris, competitors in the NASTAR races are over. Rules are, that once proclaimed a winner, skiers are never again allowed to compete in the NASTAR competitions. The young sportsman can see the merit in a turnover of new champions every year and is modestly pleased at having attained recognition as a Canadian performer in the American event.

A weekend of exciting skiing at Sun Valley, plus a Schlitz Gold Cup were her rewards as an outstanding skiing athlete. To Kris, who will be returning to her studies in the social sciences at Sheridan College, "it was wonderful."

Councillor Len Cox said the works committee is not set up to sell lots, and asked the question be reconsidered.

"It obviously needs it", retorted Levy.

The item was referred to committee of the whole.

"The committee will need the wisdom of Solomon," commented Sykes.

Verification The selection of Kris as finalist in the weekend racing event was not completely verified until Tuesday of last week when confirmation was received by phone. Her two-day racing schedule included two races on Friday morning and one for the afternoon.

Cut pupil-teacher ratio in elementary schools

About 27 teachers will be added to the elementary school system in Acton. That action comes about as a change in the teacher-pupil ratio which has a direct bearing on class size. The move was made by Halton Board of Education to ease an ever-increasing load on the teaching staff.

White members supported a resolution by vice-chairman Judy Alexander to reduce the ratio at the elementary level, a similar motion sponsored by chairman Bill Priestner applying to the secondary school level (high schools) was defeated on a 10-7 vote.

The issue has been a controversial one in Halton and generally throughout Ontario. In her recommendation Mrs. Alexander noted the reduction of the ratio from 25.1 to one down to 24.5 to one would ease some of the very basic problems in elementary schools of all sizes.

Greater expectations She explained teachers were being asked to fulfill greater expectations now with regard to individualization, co-operative planning, team teaching and other innovations.

Mrs. Alexander noted the median class size in elementary schools had climbed from 20.7 in 1970 to 29.7 in 1974.

The resolution has the effect of hiring an additional 27 teachers at the elementary level at an estimated cost of \$270,000 or an additional nine dollars per pupil per year.

Mrs. Alexander noted the extra staff would provide a little more flexibility for principals to meet the special needs in the school. She noted the choice of where to apply the additional help will be up to principals.

"One school might reduce class size in the primary division, another might obtain remedial help or a full time librarian," she suggested.

In advancing his argument for cutting the ratio at the secondary level, Priestner said the cost would be less than \$7 per pupil or less than .05 mills. "The effect on staff morale would be significant at little increase in cost."

Guidelines established The Halton Board has used as a guideline ratios of 18.5 to one in the conventional high schools and 13.5 to one in the special education classes.

That averages out to 18.01 to one. Priestner was asking that average be dropped to 17.75 to one.

While the guideline in Halton's policy sets the current ratio at 18.01 to one, the actual ratio in practice now is 17.93.

In simple terms that means the class size in Halton schools is less than what policy calls for right now. This has occurred through misjudgment of enrolment and subsequent over-staffing. As a result of the board action, class sizes will go up this year if enrolment predictions are accurate.

Commenting on the issue, members of Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation expressed disappointment at the board's rejection of the suggestion.

One representative noted the suggestion had come to the board without any teacher pressure. While it wasn't directly stated, there were indications from some trustees that the subject will be reintroduced at a later date. The vote went 10-7 with two trustees absent.

Opposition to the Priestner motion centred around the idea that it was politically motivated and the educational value had not been outlined. Trustees expressed doubts about how much staff morale would be boosted if the motion passed.

In both resolutions staff morale was rated as a motivating factor. There have been suggestions from inside and outside that teacher morale isn't as high as it should be.

Board pressed to cut budget

Halton County Board of Education's Finance Committee remains under pressure from some trustees to affect reductions in the proposed budget of \$52,166,693. The budget as it stands represents an increase of 11.56 per cent or \$5,406,787.

Finance chairman Tom Watson of Acton told the board at a meeting Thursday that the general legislative grant structure for the year had not been announced and has caused a delay in the final presentation of the budget. He said he hoped to present a budget for final approval at the board's meeting April 11.

Watson said his committee met last week. He noted this was the first year the board had not set aside a sum towards the reserve fund.

He said the committee had deferred cuts until the grant structure was known. He indicated cuts might be made by curtailing maintenance, delaying selective capital projects, cutting back on some academic programs and transferring funds from the capital reserve fund.

Final presentation Burlington trustee Tony Goodyear said he'd await final presentation before presenting amendments. He had earlier called for cuts of five per cent.

Oakville trustee Dick Goodin claimed he had found over 50 places where the budget could and should be cut.

Can still join 4-H

By A. Mac Armstrong Hilton 4-H clubs have now been organized and enrolment is down in a few of the clubs. The first meeting of each club will be held during the month of April. Enrolment is still open for members wishing to join livestock, field crop, or tractor clubs.

YES WE CAN
\$2,000-\$50,000
2nd & 3rd Mortgages

We are now making loans on all types of properties in your area. Call direct collect and let's discuss it. Prompt investment Corp., 330 Bay St., Toronto, 366-9588 evgs. 731-8146. Low cost, any purpose, Ontario wide service.

CHATELAINE LIGHTING
240 York Road - Guelph - 824-0401

Multi Bright Ideas for all your Lighting Needs

EXTENSIVE SELECTION OF HOUSE FIXTURES

- Table Lamps
- Door Chimes
- Swag Lamps
- Vanity Cabinets
- Electric Heat (Baseboard and Portable)
- Central Vacuum Cleaning Systems
- Wiring Devices, Fixture Parts, etc.
- Ventilation (Hoods, Fans, etc.)

FREE PARKING
Open Daily 9:30 - 5:30; Thurs. & Fri. 'Til 9 p.m.
Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

H.S. HOLDEN
OPTOMETRIST
36 Cork St. East
GUELPH
Phone 822-7150

Swetman's Shoes
(formerly Benson's Shoes)
19 MILL ST. E. - ACTON - 853-0360
"The Friendly Family Shoe Store"

MARKET PLACE OPTICAL

SALE CONTINUES

10% to 50% ALL FRAMES

CONTACT LENSES \$99.99
(Reg. Price \$150.00 to \$200.00)

OPEN 6 DAYS PER WEEK
THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS 'TIL 9 p.m.

GEORGETOWN MARKET
PHONES: 877-3562 OR 877-7036 GEORGETOWN

BUNNY DAYS
APRIL 8-13

The perfect time to go shopping! See the latest Spring fashions, the newest gifts for every member of the family AND THE "WORLD'S GREATEST EGG DECORATING CONTEST ENTRIES"

What a lot of Easter - come share it with us!

SHOPPERS WORLD
BRAMPTON
HIGHWAY 10 AND STEELES AVENUE
OPEN 9:30 a.m. 'Til 9:30 p.m. daily - Sat. 'Til 8 p.m.

Shooping Centre Division of **RED DOLL**