

Booth chairs meeting

Representatives invited to meet on proposed ice rate increase

by Gord Murray
Representatives of 12 Halton Hills ice using groups, including five from Georgetown who appeared before council recently and five from Acton who met with councillor Ed Wood and Glen Gray last Thursday to protest the ice rental rates planned for this fall will be invited to a meeting with councillors and recreation department officials soon.
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join him as council voices at the meeting. Roy Booth, ward three, Harry four councillors who will be invited to a meeting with councillors and recreation department officials soon.
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hand for the meeting, said he hopes it can be called in the next two weeks, but that will be up to the chairman, Booth. Gray said he expects all three arena managers will also be in attendance.
Asked if the meeting will be open to the public, Gray said, that too will be up to chairman Booth. Representatives of Georgetown Figure Skating Club, Acton Figure Skating Club, Georgetown Minor

Hockey Support Group, Georgetown District Minor Hockey Association, Acton League House Hockey, Waterloo-Wellington Minor Hockey (Acton), Georgetown Raiders, Georgetown Gemini, Acton Sabres, Georgetown Industrial Hockey League, Acton Industrial Hockey League and Georgetown Non-Contact Hockey League will be invited by letter. Each group will be allowed just one

representative at the meeting.
Gray said he hopes others using the ice at the three arenas, who feel they are major ice users and may have been overlooked, contact him so they can be included.
On May 7, Rori Snow, head of the Georgetown Figure Skating Club, spoke strongly before council against the ice rate increases which range from \$8 to \$10 an hour and for major teams also 10 per cent of their

gate, on behalf of Raiders, Gemini, rep hockey, house league hockey and his own group. The gallery was packed with fans.
Snow told the councillors the new rates, passed quietly by council in March, are far too high, can't be afforded and could mean the end of one or more groups.
He argued the ice rental increases will add only a little money to town coffers to help reduce the deficit of \$165,000

but will have a tremendous impact on the various ice sports groups. Heads of different minor ice sports organizations have warned parents they face huge registration fee increases next year if the rates aren't lowered.
Snow questioned why ice sports are expected to predominantly pay their own way while most municipal services are supported by tax dollars. He recalled how ice

sports groups went to bat, along with service clubs, to raise the necessary funds to repair Georgetown Memorial Arena a few years ago and allow the building to be reopened, at no cost to ratepayers.
While he wasn't advocating making other groups, such as ball and soccer, pay for rental of fields and buildings, he noted they aren't faced with paying hefty rental fees like ice sports.
Councillors balked at

Snow's call for the previous rate hike motion to be rescinded but did agree with Gray's suggestion that all concerned sit down and discuss the rates so some middle ground can be found.
The issue has been simmering since council passed the new rates in March and groups have planned their fight carefully.
Some councillors have voiced the opinion the rates are comparable to

those in other communities but a survey by this newspaper of other Halton municipalities showed they are comparable only if one ignores the sizeable grants given to minor sports in Oakville, Burlington and Milton. Also, in those towns the municipality doesn't take 10 per cent of major team's gates.
At least one minor hockey official has already suggested the town increase its grants.

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Over 100 points

Acton finds track and field talents at Halton County Championships

Three first place finishes and 20 qualifiers for the Halton and Peel Track and Field Championships show a definite improvement in the Acton High School

track and field program. Although final points were not available at press time, Acton was assured of going over the 100 point mark for the first time since they

entered the Halton competition. Behind first place performances of Meredith McLaren, Ted Nadhazl and Don Weaver the Acton team could, when all points have been tabulated, finish as high as seventh according to Acton coach and vice-principal Lyn McLaren. Athletic supervisor Bruce Andrews believes the Acton team has finished ninth one previous occasion but never with a total of over 100 points. There were 15 schools competing.

Meridith McLaren, former Georgetown high school student, who is

attending Acton on a total immersion course continued to do the things she did well in Georgetown copping first place in the senior girls 100 metre hurdles in a new Halton record of 15.9 seconds.

Acton's other two first place finishes came at the pole vault pit where junior Ted Nadhazl topped the field jumping 3.14 metres or 10.13 feet. Nadhazl just failed in an attempt to break the meet record of 3.19.

Don Weaver was the other first place winner for the Redmen jumping 2.80 metres (nine feet) claiming the red ribbon

in the midget pole vault. Weaver had only one other competitor to face in the event, that being teammate Chad Crooks. According to coach McLaren, Weaver would have had a good shot at the title no matter how many had competed. Weaver's jump of 2.80 metres was only .11 metres away from the Halton record.

Other top performances for the Redmen included a strong second place finish by the junior boys' 4 x 100 metre relay team. Coach McLaren was overwhelmed by the performances of Neville Porter, Steve Springle, Rob Lentzky, and Dave Williamson as they beat their personal best time by 1.7 seconds finishing only seven-tenths behind the winners from White Oaks. A time equal to their best previous run would have set them in fifth spot.

Gord Springle placed a strong third in midget boys' 100 metre hurdles in a time of 16.3 seconds well ahead on the fourth place finisher. Springle is a first year midget and McLaren is expecting strong placings in the future. Other third place finishes included Linda Osso's long jump of 4.33 metre and a 9.26 metre throw in the shot put. Larry Kurtz gave the senior boys' team their only points of competition, placing third in pole vault with a jump of 2.90 metres (9 feet 4 inches). Kurtz was the only senior boy from Acton at the meet.

On the track both the Acton junior and senior girls 4 x 100 metre relays placed third. The junior girls of Corrina Morreau, Karen Legitt, Debbie Clark and Jane Trueman finished the race in 53.2 seconds, 1.3 seconds behind winning Nelson. The senior girls ran what

could not be considered their best race as Karen Chapman, Meridith McLaren, Sharon Cook and Sharon McGregor had trouble passing the baton. The girls had previously won the Rebel relays and could be tough at the Halton-Peel meet, according to McLaren.

Other Halton-Peel qualifiers included John Lobello with a 5.18 metre fourth place midget long jump, Chris March who placed sixth in midget javelin with a 12.27 metre midget toss, Deb Clark who earned fourth spot in the midget girls 100 metres with a run of 13.6 seconds and Corrina Morreau who ran to a fourth place finish in the junior girls 200 metres in a time of 27.8.

Acton's 20 qualifiers are now busy preparing for tomorrow's (Thursday) Halton and Peel Championships which will be held at Etobicoke's Centennial

Stadium. Qualifiers of that meet will travel to a regional meet in St. Catharines in hopes of reaching the Ontario championships.

Ted Nadhazl relaxes after winning the junior boys' pole vault title at the Halton Championships. Nadhazl cleared ten feet three inches but failed in attempt to break the Halton record.



Acton High School student Meredith McLaren set a new Halton County Track and Field Championship record at Etobicoke's Centennial Stadium Friday as she ran the senior girls 100 metre hurdles in 15.9 seconds. It was one of three first place finishes for Acton.



Kim Larkin concentrates on the shot put at the Halton championships. Miss Larkin placed 15 in the shot with a throw of 6.56 metres.

Minor lacrosse set for challenge

Acton Minor Lacrosse is set to go. After some speculation as to where the locals would play this year the executive of the Association has announced that they will enter their teams in the West Central Lacrosse Association.

Acton will field two teams for the coming season. A pee-wee team will be handled by Bob Turkosz and Larry Porte while a bantam squad will play under the leadership of George

Artem and Howard Dwyer. The peewees will meet stiff opposition in the likes of Burlington, Brantford, St. Catharines, Hamilton and four Mississauga based teams.

The bantams will meet Malton, Erindale, Clark-

son, Cawthra, Brantford, and Mississauga in their league play. All teams entered in the league are 'A' and 'B', classification according to Bob Turkosz with the exception of Acton who will compete as a 'D' team come play-off time.

Jogging club meet May 24

Operation ACTION, is spearheading a drive to launch a jogging club in Halton Hills and will hold public meetings next Thursday in Georgetown and Acton.

At their recent successful jogging clinic with Abby Hoffman ACTION was able to get 25 of the approximately 100 people in attendance to sign a petition urging a jogging clinic.

Heather Leslie of ACTION said the purpose of the meetings on May 24, at Cedarvale in Georgetown and the Library in Acton, is to elect an executive, draft a constitution and see what the jogger of Halton Hills would like to see a club do.

Ms. Leslie said early morning, noon hour and after work running sessions could be arranged. That way a person would know there would be a time each day when they could run with someone of roughly equal ability, doing about the same distance and have some companionship. The key is companionship, she said, adding it would make the sport more fun.

Social activities for joggers is another area the club could look at.

Ms. Leslie noted the ACTION's role in the venture is to try and pull the idea together and then let the members take over the running of the club.



Up and ... Acton High School's Larry Kurtz goes over the pole vault bar on his way to a third place finish in the senior event Kurtz cleared nine feet four inches to qualify for the Halton-Peel Meet tomorrow (Thursday). A total of 20 Acton athletes qualified.

New rivals planned for local Jr. B clubs

Georgetown Gemini, Acton Sabres and Milton Flyers could be hosting Junior "B" clubs from Bramalea, Grimsby, Hamilton and Dundas next season.

Gemini president Bob Girdwood reported this week there was a meeting of the members of last year's Central Junior "B" in Milton on Thursday and their recommendations have been forwarded to the OHA.

At the annual OHA meeting late last month the governing body proposed a number of new league alignments which would alter the Central Junior "B" and requested comments. Girdwood noted a final decision by the OHA is expected by May 15.

Girdwood said 10 of 12 teams from last season supported a plan which would see Acton, Brampton, Bramalea, Dixie, Georgetown, and Streetsville in one six team division while Burlington, Dundas, Grimsby, Hamilton, Milton and Oakville would be in the

other group. This plan would see Oak Ridges, Orillia, Barrie and Thornhill join a Toronto based league. Teams which didn't support the new six team divisions were Barrie and Orillia. They preferred last year's 12 team loop. They didn't mind the travelling, Girdwood said, and liked the competition. They were wary of the competition they'd face in the Toronto area circuit.

Girdwood said the two divisions of six teams received support only on the condition that there be a full interlocking schedule with the two divisions becoming separate only during playoffs. If the OHA doesn't go for a full interlocking schedule then the members would like to see the old 12 club loop remain intact.

The plan most members favored would see Milton, Georgetown and Acton playing Grimsby as often as they play old rivals like Dixie.

Merchants win pair in G'town industrial

Chrysler 4-1 Sunday in Georgetown Rexway evened the count in the top of the second but the Merchants came right back to regain the lead. A Steve Marshall single, Dick Spear triple and Don Richard single brought two more runs to the Merchants and scored on

Merchants jumped into an early 2-0 lead as Steve Marshall walked and scored and Don Richard singled and scored on

Merchants posted a 9-7 win over Rexway Towing in their home opener last Thursday at Prospect Park and then nipped Georgetown

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