

Problems put skaters on thin ice

by Diana Waltmann
Lack of communication between parents and executive of the Acton Figure Skating Club is threatening the already troubled organization.

In a letter sent to the Acton Free Press (see Our Readers Write), a group of about 17 mothers have accused the club of "lack of enthusiasm" for preschoolers.

They signed the letter "mothers who paid good money for nothing. Public Skating is cheaper."

The problem arose says Karen Cross, whose son was in the preschooler's class last season, when the annual club carnival approached.

"We were told the kids would be tested for the (beginners) badge when we registered," she stated. "They spent the last five weeks practising for the carnival. A group of us approached the pro after the dress rehearsal (Thursday, March 27), and asked when our kids would be tested."

"The pro said none of them were ready," she said.

Cross said she agreed many of the kids weren't ready to be passed, her own son included, but others who have spent two years in the class are as good as the junior students.

"Our kids didn't have a chance to fail," said Mrs. Cross. "What do you tell a little boy or girl who's been looking forward to a badge?"

For a beginners badge a student must be able to skate the length of the rink without falling, bend over and touch their toes, glide and stop. Stopping is the most difficult manoeuvre.

"Our complaint is we weren't told and we weren't tested," Mrs. Cross said.

Shella Wilson, vice-president of the club said the preschoolers were tested towards the end of January, as is club policy. But apparently she said, the parents thought their children would be tested again.

hold a test," she said.

"However," she continued, "I said I would look into it. I talked to the executives and the pros—and the pros felt none of them were ready. We decided to hold another test was not club policy; they weren't ready and they hadn't practised what they would have been tested on for the past few weeks."

"Besides, more kids would move up to junior next year and be tested after three or four weeks, if they're capable of passing at the time."

"If not, they'll work on it with the pros." Mrs. Wilson said the executive realized parents felt their children were not given a chance to fail but added club policy is only those who are ready to pass can be tested.

That policy is not written in the club's constitution but it is uniform through the different age groups.

"We expected this," said Mrs. Wilson, "it's just a misunderstanding on the parents' part. Unfortunately none of them said they would

like their kids tested one more time until it was too late." She added if the club was approached earlier, the test would have most likely been held.

"We realized the carnival is essential," said Mrs. Cross, "but so are 30 preschoolers especially with registration fees and all their relatives attending the carnival."

Mrs. Cross said she won't be registering her son next fall because she is moving away from Acton, but the letter states many mothers are reluctant to sign up their children as well. That could take a hefty chunk out of the club's budget.

The figure skating club has already experienced financial difficulties this year. They sent letters to area businesses asking for donations.

Mrs. Wilson said parents should approach the executive with problems during the general meetings.

Mrs. Cross said, "We feel our children should have a chance to try."



And you should have seen the one that got away... John Cavlovic made his fishing buddies turn green at the gills with his 27 inch rainbow trout, caught in the middle of a snow squall on Georgian Bay near Owen Sound last week.

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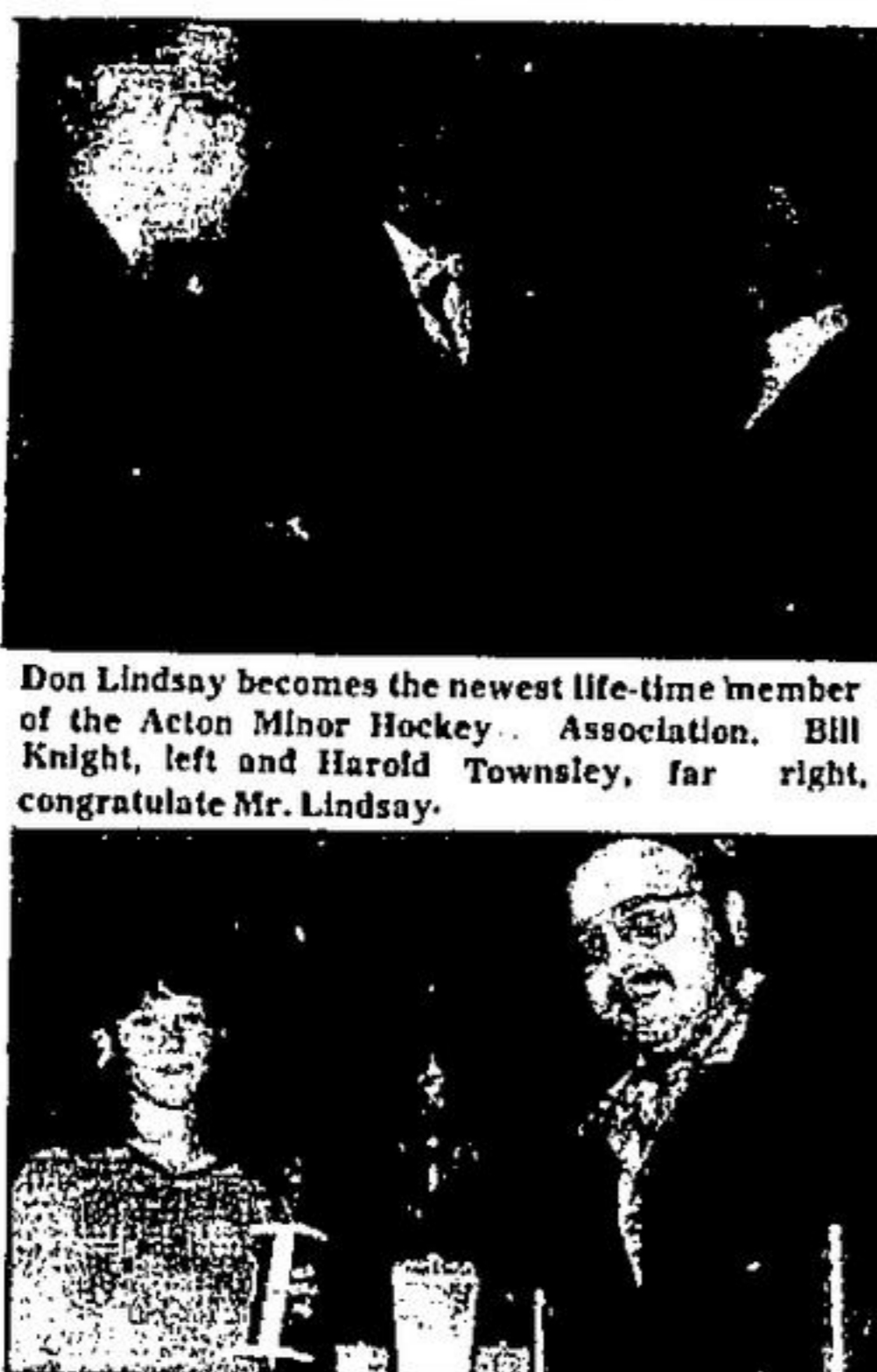
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Second Section



Bill Knight presents Craig Colton with the MIP trophy for the minor peewees during Saturday's awards night at the Legion.



Ron McKnight presents a trophy he donated to Rob Murray of the Minor Atom Hockey Moms for Most Improved Player.



Fiona Hodgson gets a hug from Lady Byng winner Randy Van Fleet of the Acton Free Press Juveniles, during Saturday's award ceremonies.

Hamilton marathon

Local lady finishes first

An Acton woman who runs for "the fun of it", she was the first woman to cross the finish line Sunday in the Hamilton marathon.

Audrey McCabe, of RRI Acton, was the first out of an estimated 40 women and 147 out of 476 runners overall who started the race. She ran the 42.195 kilometres (26 miles, 385 yards), in three hours and 29 minutes and 14 seconds.

Miss McCabe, who is a counsellor at Britannia Secondary School in Mississauga and who also teaches a course in family studies, is a member of the Credit Valley Marathon Club. She also coaches cross-country track at the school.

She said she has been jogging for many years and as a result is conscious of physical fitness. Running, she says, is just one of the ways of keeping fit.

The Hamilton marathon, also known as the

Boston Alternative, was the second competition she has entered. She finished the Toronto Labatts run last October in 3:33:00.

"I was so surprised to come in first," Miss McCabe said. "It was a total surprise for a 44 year old woman."

"But I do this for the personal satisfaction, not for winning." She was awarded the woman's Open Trophy which entitles her to two weeks use of an International Harvester Scout.

She doesn't attribute her victory to her speed or endurance. She says only a small field entered with a lot of runners not participating because it means training over the cold winter. Lots of women who dropped out were ahead of her.

Miss McCabe added she would probably enter another marathon, that is, if her sore muscles ever recover.

Patrick three times a winner in ladies' curling club awards

Susan Patrick's three rinks were the big winners in the Ladies Curling Club.

She skipped three championship rinks, picking up the awards for Thursday Night Social first draw, Thursday Night Social Second draw and the Ladies Competitive division, during their annual awards night banquet Thursday at the Curling Club.

Ann Ridley's rink of Marg Brundie, Bonnie Walker, and Mary Towgood were winners of the Wednesday afternoon first draw picking up the S.E. McLaughlin Associated Ltd.

Runners-up for the award are Kris Bruce, Jan Hayter, Heather Ferguson and Sue Buchanan.

The Ben Rachlin trophy for the Wednesday afternoon second draw was awarded to Marilyn McArthur, Marg Brundie and Donna Neely.

They squeezed out Donna Cripps, Alexie O'Neill

and Mary Jane Lee.

Evelyn Cadenhead, Karen Archibald, Jean Lumbers and Mary Towgood came second to Patrick's. Thursday night social first draw rink of Marg Chapman, Mary-Margaret Laing and Mary Jane Lee. They captured the Bud's Hobby Centre trophy for finishing in top spot.

Patrick's rink of Pat O'Meara, Lynn Franklin and Raymonde Pouliot took home the Paul Nielsen Clothing trophy for the second draw.

They beat out Anne Ridley, Mary Smith, Mary Jane Lee and Lori Hinz.

Marion Wilson, Marg Aitken, and Chris Schumacher aided Patrick on their way to the Gordon B. Dawe Real Estate trophy for the Ladies Competitive division.

AMHA awards night:

Everyone's a winner

"Everyone is a winner" in the Acton Minor Hockey Association or so they kept saying Saturday evening during the annual awards night banquet and dance at the Royal Canadian Legion.

Every player participating in allstar hockey received a trophy or a plaque to commemorate the 1979-80 season.

A special award was given to Don Lindsay, who along with Bill Knight and Harold Townsley, became a life member of the Association. Bill Knight introduced Mr. Lindsay, saying he's a player brought up through Acton's minor system, bruiser a few bodies while on the midget team.

He has also spent four years on the executive. When accepting the award Mr. Lindsay urged all residents to get involved in the minor hockey association. "It's the biggest pleasure you'll ever have", he said.

Bruce Cargill, president of the Association, sin-

gled out the players on the juvenile team. He said the Association didn't think the team would be a success, since many Ontario leagues have had problems with juvenile teams.

But Cargill conceded the Acton Free Press Juveniles proved everyone wrong and added representatives of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) said the Waterloo-Wellington runs the most successful juvenile league in Ontario.

Since the Waterloo-Wellington league has folded, there is some question as to where the juvenile team will compete next season, but vice-president Herb Dodds assured players they would find them a place to play. He also added the OMHA was lobbying with the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA) to up the eligibility age to 19. It is presently 18.

The Hockey Moms were also singled out for praise by the executive during the dinner, which they prepared. The Moms organized the awards

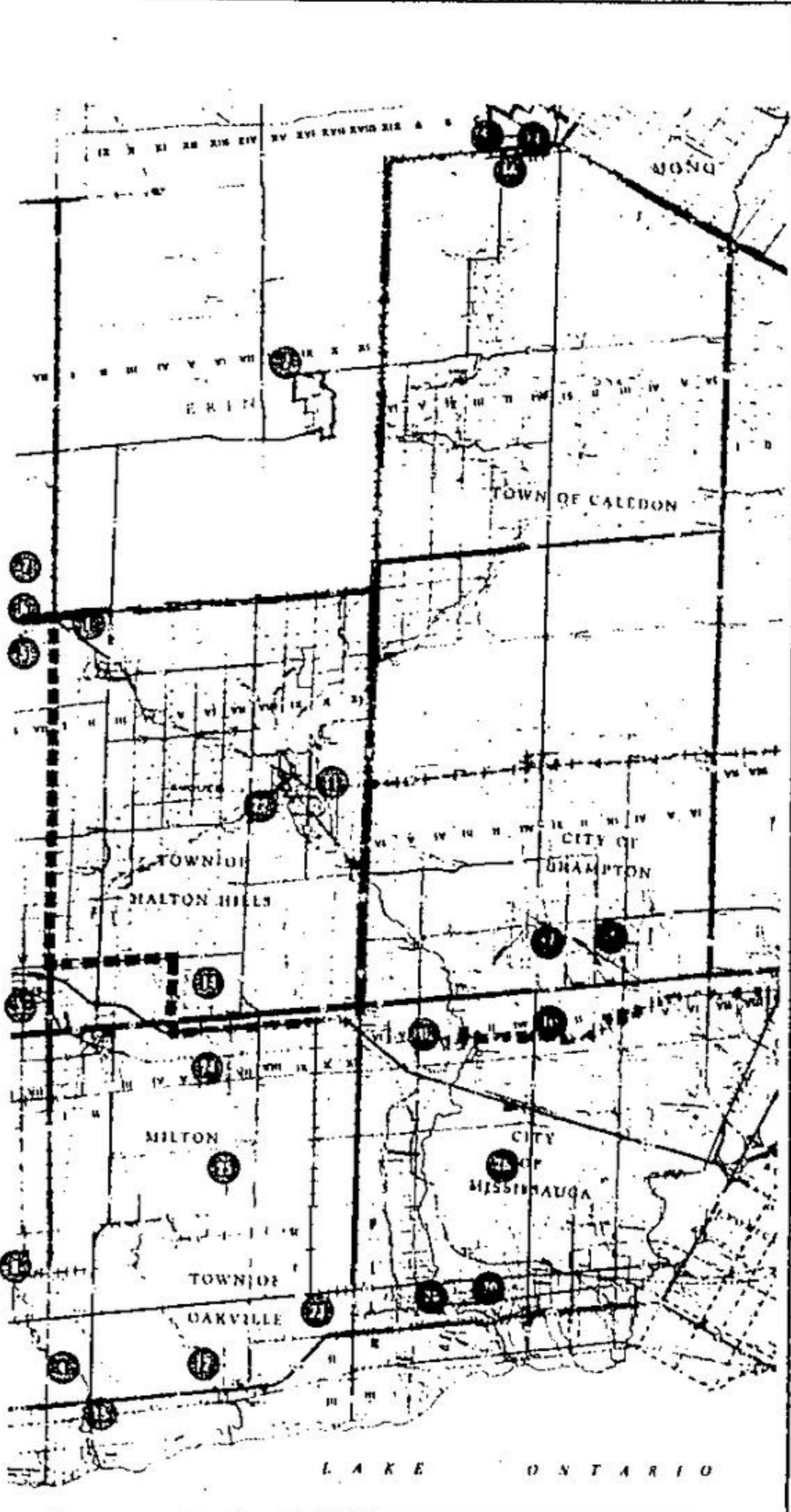
dinner and the dinner when the Swedish team visited Acton, as well as donating all the individual trophies and plaques.

The complete list of award winners are: Steve Robertson MIP, Rene Vankesteren, Lady Byng—novice; Rob Murray, MIP and Frank Katsiliris Lady Byng for minor atoms; Ron Robinson MIP and Peter Cargill, Lady Byng—major atoms; Craig Colton MIP, Brad Demone Lady Byng,—minor peewees; Brad O'Neil MIP and Mike Hudson, Lady Byng,—major peewees; Troy McNaught MIP, Randy Coverdale, Lady Byng,—minor bantams; Bruce Canary MIP, Mike Yalowica major bantam, Dell Mohammed MIP, and Tim Baker, Lady Byng,—midgets, Paul Campbell, MIP, Randy Van Fleet, Lady Byng—juveniles, Steel-workers, Atom W-W championship trophy.

Tourney planned

The Acton Open golfing tournament will be held at the Halton Heights Golf and Country Club Saturday, June 14.

It will be a 8 a.m. shotgun start. Tickets will be sold on a first come, first serve basis and are on sale now through until May 31.



Fore! The golfer's guide to the area's finest sandtraps

Over the summer months many local golfers like the challenge of different golf courses to test their abilities.

In Southern Ontario alone there are more than 200 courses with 26 of those within a short driving distance.

Here is North Halton's Guide to Golf:

1. Acton Meadows is a 2,936 yard par 35 nine hole course located on the first line west of Acton. A semi-private course green fees are \$6 during the week and \$7 on weekends. 853-0631.
2. Erin Heights is a nine hole semi-private course located off Highway 24 in Erin. The Heights is a 3,050 yard par 36. 877-2286.
3. Halton Heights located North of Highway 401 on the Milton sixth line, is a nine hole, 2,375 par 35.
4. Richview is a long 6,907 yard 18 hole course with a par 72. Located in Oakville at Highway 25 between the Dundas Highway and the Queen Elizabeth. The semi-private course has green fees of \$9 Monday to Friday and \$10 on weekends. 827-1211.
5. Victoria Park on Victoria Road in Guelph, is a 39 hole course with 18 East and 18 West. A semi-private course, East has a par of 71 and measures 6,397 while West is a par 61 at 3,610. 824-9639.
6. Catten Club is one of the areas private clubs located at 190 College Street in Guelph. Catten is an 18 hole 6,243 yard par

7. 824-2650.
7. Guelph Golf is a nine hole private course located on Waverly Road in Guelph. The par for the nine is 35 with a 3,027 yardage. 824-2741.
8. Indian Wells located on Walkers Line in Milton is an 18 hole par 71 course. The private establishment is 6,465 yards. 335-2955.
9. Bolton Golf is semi-private course located three miles North of Bolton on Highway 50. The 18 hole par 72, 5,800 yards course has green fees of \$7 on weekdays and \$10 on the weekend. 857-2050.
10. Derrydale is a public course located at the North East corner of Highway 10 and Derry Road. It is an 18 hole course with a 4,800 yardage.
11. Georgetown Golf is a tough 6,073 course located on Sideroad 17 and the Tenth Line. The 18 hole par 71 is semi-private with green fees of \$7 during the week and \$10 on weekends. 877-6011.
12. Glen Abbey the permanent home of the Canadian Open after this years trip to Montreal Abbey is a semi-private course with a \$30 price tag every day. The 18 hole 6,549 par 72 is located on the North Service Road in Oakville. 884-1800.
13. Glen Eagle is another course in the Bolton area, located on Highway 50 North

14. Hornby Tower is a public course located North of the 401 at Hornby. A long 18 holes measures 7,600 yards with a par of 72. Green fees at the Tower are \$7 during the week and \$9 on weekends. 878-3421.
15. Lido Golf Centre is located at 2410 on the South Service Road in Oakville is semi-private with green fees set at \$7 from Monday to Friday. The 18 hole course measures 4,600 yards and carries a par 64.
16. Orangeville Golf is a semi-private course located two miles south of Orangeville. The nine hole course has a green fee tag of \$6 during the week and \$8 on weekends. Orangeville is a 3,000 yard par 35. 941-4727.
17. Peel Village is a public nine hole course located on the east side of Highway 10, two miles south of Highway 7. The course is a par 35 and is 3,065 yards in length.
18. Streetsville Glen is a semi-private course located on the east side of Mississauga Road. The 18 hole 6,520 yard par 72 has a green tag of \$8 on Monday to Friday and \$11 on weekends. 451-9324.
19. Brampton Golf is a private course lo-

20. Credit Valley is a privately run golf club located south of Highway 5 one mile west of Highway 10. Credit Valley is an 18 hole, par 72, 6,314 yard course. 275-2505.
21. Mississauga Golf is a private, 18 hole, 6,436 yard, par 72 located on the east side of Mississauga Road, north of the Queen Elizabeth Way. 278-5281.
22. North Halton Golf and Country Club is a private club located at the corner of Trafalgar Road and Maple Avenue in Halton Hills. The 18 hole course measures 6,374 yards and has a par of 72. 877-9901.
23. Oakville Golf is a nine hole private course located on the Sixth Line of Trafalgar. The course measures 3,105 yards and is a par 35. 845-8321.
24. Trafalgar Golf is a private club located at the Sixth Concession and Derry Road in Milton. The 18 hole, 6,505 yard course has a par of 71. 878-2363.
25. Wyldewood located on Trafalgar Road in Hornby is another private club with 18 holes. Wyldewood is a 6,214 yard par 70 course. 826-0240.
26. Hawthorne Valley is an all par three course, located on Highway 10 south of the 401 in Mississauga. The par 54 course is 2,500 yards in length.