

Lonely long-distance runner

Marathon man seeks company

by Diana Waltmann
Runners wanted.
Only those with plenty of sole need apply. No, I'm not talking about the shoes, but those wearing them to help Gordon Auty form Acton's first running club.

Auty has been running for three years and has built up to a marathon level. But he says he's looking for anyone at any stage to join his club.

He posted notices in several stores with his telephone number in case anyone wished to join, but so far has only two calls.

"While running I noticed several other people out, so I thought maybe we could get some together."

His plan is to meet on a Saturday or Sunday morning and go out on a fun run for a couple of miles.

Auty is already doing this with the Guelph Roadrunners, a running club that gets together once a month on Tuesday and sometimes Sunday. Each month they run a different program.

Distance he adds, has nothing to do with it.

Auty is a bit of an expert on distance. He said he started running three years ago to lose weight. He weighed 175 pounds when he started.

"I got hooked," he explains. "I got interested in running, my weight went down and my times got better."

Right now at 130 pounds as he builds for the Ottawa May 10, Auty says he is running 65 miles over seven days a week to prepare for the 26.25 mile run.

It will be his second marathon. His first was the Labatts last October. He weighed all of 120 pounds and finished the run in three hours and four minutes.

He's also ran the Burlington 15 miler, the half marathon in Peterborough, a winter run in Sudbury and the eight mile run in Waterloo.

He qualified for the Boston Marathon and sent in an application, but decided to go to Ottawa instead. The distance is the same, the fame isn't however.

After Ottawa, Auty says he hopes to compete in Sudbury on July 19 and either the Labatts or the Detroit Free Press marathon in October.

It's a gruelling pace for anyone but 47-year-old Auty says he likes it, and adds his family is supportive.

"You have to have an understanding wife and family," says Auty. "My family has become part of the marathon. They travel to the races with me."

Does that make running a little less

lonely?
"I guess running is lonely, but it is also a very private and individual thing. You have to condition yourself."
"On a twenty-mile run by myself I see a lot going on in the fields but I must concentrate. I must think. A group can't concentrate."
"Maybe that's the problem," Auty continued about the slow response to his ad-

vertisements "Running is a private thing." Auty stressed the fact distance is unimportant as is ability for membership in the proposed club. "I'm not trying to impress anyone with my distances. I just think it would be nice to get people out."
He added he was also hoping to attract all ages to the club, so he could perhaps coach three or four younger runners who show promise.

Auty says he's already talked to two with whom he can run, but added someone may hesitate because they aren't up to his level. Someone may not even want to attempt to reach his level.

But there's no reason says Auty, why they can't start out together; when one is finished his or her distance, Auty will just keep on running.
Contact him at 853-3323.

Annual merger rumor laid to rest Sabres planning general meeting

If the Georgetown Gemini want to discuss a merger with the Acton Sabres, the Club executive is willing to listen, says president Frank Allsop.

But that's about all. The annual Gem-Sabre merger rumor resurfaced again several weeks ago at the Gemini general meeting and in Georgetown newspaper reports.

But says Allsop, no one has contacted him from the Georgetown organization since. He added the executive discussed the latest rumors at their last meeting and decided they would listen to any suggestions but won't comment one way or the other until the Gems contact them.

Meanwhile the Sabre executive will be wrapping up their most successful season ever and preparing for a new one at their

annual meeting, tentatively planned for early next month.

Allsop says Jules Russiani, who coached the Sabres to a fifth-place finish this season, has indicated he'd like to return as did general manager Rob Jeffries.

The team won't be intact however, as the Sabres lose several big guns to overage, including team captain Pat Fung.

But says Allsop, with the new success of the Sabres and the fans' enthusiasm should draw a lot more Acton players to try out for the team.

"A lot of players could have made the team last year if they had tried," said Allsop. "But they probably thought it would be the same old Sabres in last place."

"I guess we shocked and surprised them at the same time."

Allsop said the executive feels 1980-81 has been a "fantastic year", and no wonder. A sharp increase in attendance and gate receipts from the playoffs has given the Club a more solid financial base.

The annual general meeting, open to the public, is tentatively scheduled for May 4.

You're invited

In an effort to show their appreciation for the "fantastic" fan support this year, the Acton Sabres junior B hockey Club is extending an invitation to the community to attend their annual awards night and dance.

Frank Allsop, president of the Sabres, said the Club would like fans to be present when the awards are given next Friday, April 24 at the Legion.

Eight awards are up for grabs, The McPhail Marshall trophy for rookie of the year, The Lady Gerth for best sportsmanship, the Fisher Memorial for attitude, sportsmanship and ability, the President's Cup for best defenceman, the James Gordon trophy for best team player, the Most Valuable Player trophy and the Most Improved Player trophy, as well as the William (Bill) Campbell Memorial trophy for most points accumulated. That one will go to star forward Glenn Murray.

The awards will be given out around 10 p.m. A dance follows.

Tickets are \$5 per couple, and are available either at the door or from any executive member.

Peel-Halton meet

AHS double chances

The ladies doubles team of Sandra Brundie and Andrea Jenkinson and the men's doubles team of Harold Koehler and Larry Ke have advanced to the Peel-Halton secondary school badminton championships, being held today (Wednesday) in Clarkson.

The two pairs placed in the top four in the Halton championships last Wednesday at AHS. Brundie and Jenkinson were third in the ladies doubles while Koehler and Ke were fourth in men's.

Also competing in the day long tournament but did not place were John Vuk in men's singles, Bob McClure and Dave

Entwistle in men's doubles, Jane Trueman and Colleen Crimless in ladies' doubles, Chris March and Lori Moreau and Rob Warrington and Janice Thornhill in mixed doubles.

Other top finishers from North Halton were Jeff Willows of Milton who finished second in men's singles, Stacey Hurly and Sherri Chaufman of Georgetown who finished second in ladies doubles and Mark Nelstorp and Louise Morwick of Georgetown who won the mixed doubles championship.

Peel-Halton are at Clarkson Secondary School.



Larry Ke ducks as teammate Harold Koehler smashes the birdie during Wednesday's Halton county secondary school badminton battle at AHS. Ke and Koehler placed fourth in the championship and advance to the Peel-Halton's today in Clarkson.

Aces grab conso crown

The Acton Aces, industrial hockey allstar team, capped off their season with the consolation trophy at the Marsville Tournament recently.

The Aces won the consolation crown Sunday, April 5 with a 6-5 victory over Erin allstars.

They lost the first match to Georgetown Pizza 4-3 Saturday, April 4, but came back that night to defeat the host club 5-2.

Sunday they went on to down Erin Legion 6-3 before meeting the Erin Allstars in the final.

Henry Toebes led the way in the tournament scoring seven goals in four games. Steve McIntyre was another top shooter, potting a hat trick in the final match.

Aces rebounded from a pair of losses in Sudbury tournament two weeks earlier. They also competed in Parry Sound.

Top curlers honored at awards night

photos by Eric Elstone



The winning rink of the first draw Monday night earned them the Adams Trophy. The winners are: Carl Rosenquist, Gesela Hess and Wayne Aitkin Missing Norma Hickling.



Winners of both the Somerville Trophy for overall Friday night champions and the Don Hamilton trophy for the Friday nine o'clock draw went to left to right: Fred Archibald, Nancy Vidler, Pete Vidler and Karen Archibald.



Club president Bill Cripps presents Goy Trophy for Wednesday night champions to Dave McCutcheon, Fred Shorill and Scott Sommerville.



Winners of the men's Wednesday night Adams trophy are Russell Lee, Bruce Barber and Len Lovell.



Friday night's runnerup winners of the Credit Union trophy were Derrick Neely, Melody Smith, Charley Payne and Linda Osso.



Monday night's second draw winners for the Tilford-Park Trophy are John Mintern, Kris Bruce, and Bev Baker. Missing is Tina Gibbs.