



Gordie McArthur places this shot as "Presidents '83" curling bonspiel Saturday as Scott Somerville looks on at the Acton Curling Club.

Curling sweeps

by Dave Dunn
The Presidents

The President's Bonspiel was held at the Acton Curling Club this past weekend. Winner of the first draw and overall winner was the Henry Holmes rink from Orangeville. Winner of the second draw was the team of Gord McArthur, Pat Chamberlain, and Scott Somerville, skipped by Bill Cripps.

Entered in the spiel was the "interesting" rink of Al White, Gerry Sproat, Howard Campbell, Carl Rosenquist and replacing Howard after the first game, Fred Archibald. Word has it that five skips on one team leads to a very boisterous game.

Seagrams' Mixed

Recently, at the Seagrams division nine mixed playdown at Dixie, the Acton club was well represented by the team of Bill Cripps, Donna Cripps, Marilyn McArthur and Bruce McArthur.

Playing against some pretty stiff competition, our team made it into the quarter finals before being eliminated. Congratulations on the excellent curling.

IGA BONSPIEL
The Annual IGA Bonspiel is set for February 12. For a paltry \$10 participants will be playing two, eight end games, enjoying a delicious meal and dancing all night. To top it off, lots of prizes will be distributed. This spiel is filling up fast, so sign up now to avoid disappointment.



Jennifer Pearce, Simone Christenson, Kerry Butler and Colleen Petty will all be competing in the Inter-Club Competition this weekend in Port Credit. Missing from photo were, Michelle Perry, Cheryl Geneo and Gillian Brain.

Uranick will run at the Gardens

Doreen Uranick, of Acton, received word last week that she would be running on Friday February 4 at Maple Leaf Gardens. On Saturday January 15 at the All comers Track and Field Meet at York University, Doreen won a first and a third and George Gidman placed second.
Doreen was first in the 1000m race in a time of 2:57.12 and third in the Open Womens' 1500m race in a time of 4:44.50. George finished second in his heat, a 1000m race, in a time of 2:40.12.

Bronze for Brain

Gillian Brain, of the Acton Figure Skating Club, travelled to Uxbridge on Saturday to compete in the Uxbridge Invitational. Gillian competed in the pre-Juvenile and placed third in her flight and won a bronze medal.

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Bantam

The Jets defeated the Cougars 7-5 in Bantam play.
Steve Harkins led the way for the Jets scoring four times. Sean Fitzgerald added a pair of goals and Bobby Tremblay scored a single. Steven Parker picked up three assists, Emanuel Kriticos earned two and singles went to Harkins and Guy Bossig.
Spencer Smith fired the hat trick for the Cougars. Gord Taillefer and Mike Arbic added single scores. Taillefer earned three assists and Smith, Richard Voskamp and Wayne Paul all picked up single aids.
The Rockies defeated the Whalers 7-4 in Bantam action.
Paul Dadds led the way for the Rockies scoring the hat trick. Mike Nellis added a pair of goals and Jeff Knappman and Brad

Demone both scored singles. Bob Leopardi, Demone and Knappman all earned two aids each. Nellis picked up one assist.
Richard Voskamp scored two goals for the Whalers with Steven Parker and Doug Creighton adding single scores. Bob Tremblay collected two aids and Voskamp earned one assist.

Midget

Vancouver hammered Toronto 12-2 in Midget play.
Chris Stansbury, Rys Gibb and Dan Tremblay all scored three times each for Vancouver. Dave Thomas, Greg Malby and Greg Richardson all added single scores. Richardson picked up four assists, Tremblay earned three and Ken McKee and Thomas collected two aids each.
Troy McNaught and Ted Morrisette fired single goals for Toronto.

Buffalo humiliated Montreal 8-1 in Midget action.
Chris Stewart and Andrew Ferguson both scored hat tricks for Buffalo. Tom Van Der Eyken and Jack Ninaber added single scores. Ferguson picked up two assists and singles were earned by Van Der Eyken, Kent Hurst and Todd Andrews.
Rob Allen scored Montreal's lone goal unassisted.
Schedule for Saturday, February 5, Pee Wee—6 a.m. Tidewater vs Rochester, 7 a.m. Baltimore vs Cleveland, Atom—7:50 a.m. Hamilton vs St. Kitts, 8:45 a.m. London vs Oshawa, Novice—9:55 a.m. Brampton vs Weston, 10:55 a.m. Oakville vs. Guelph, 11:50 a.m. Dixie vs Burlington. Bantam—12:45 p.m. Cougars vs Whalers, 1:40 p.m. Rockets vs Jets. Sunday, February 6, Midgets—4 p.m. Vancouver vs Montreal, 5 p.m. Toronto vs Buffalo.

SKI SHOP

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True, a lot of people think skiing is an expensive sport. Today, a \$20 lift ticket is not uncommon at North America's biggest resorts. But when you consider the cost of operating a ski resort, you'll probably wonder they they don't cost more.

The most obvious capital costs are, of course, the buildings; chalets, restaurants and the like. But these take, for example, payroll. This is the single greatest cost at most ski areas, the largest of them employing over 100 people during the winter. For every employee you see operating a lift or serving food in the cafeteria, there are many more who work on night crews re-shaping the mountain for the coming day. Other paid employees include regions of instructors, a complete mechanical staff, food and beverage people, housekeepers, maintenance crews, administration—the list goes on. Ski resorts have the payroll commitments of a large company.

Another obvious expense is grooming equipment, lift systems, and snow-making apparatus. Ten or fifteen years ago these things were quite rudimentary and less efficient than contemporary models. But efficiency comes at a price. To handle drastic increases in skier traffic this machinery must be manufactured to the highest specifications. A single chairlift can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. For every employee you see operating a lift or serving food in the cafeteria, there are many more who work on night crews re-shaping the mountain for the coming day. Other paid employees include regions of instructors, a complete mechanical staff, food and beverage people, housekeepers, maintenance crews, administration—the list goes on. Ski resorts have the payroll commitments of a large company.

Needless to say, all the equipment used at a ski resort must be kept in top shape. By law, everything mechanical is inspected as regularly as a jet aircraft engine. And, indeed, the safety record of the ski industry is as good or better than that of any airline.

Lift systems are routinely dismantled, cleaned, and lubricated during the summer. Hundreds of chairs and dozens of lift towers are painted.

The end of a ski season also means that hillside grass must be cut regularly. That's like cutting a golf course at an extreme angle (with no one paying green fees). Drainage is another concern. To prevent trail erosion, thousands of dollars in man-hours are spent digging run-off culverts. That expense is at least quadrupled if no trails are cut. Surveyors must be hired, hundreds of trees must come out, large rocks are quarried one by one, bulldozers smooth and grade, and finally workers lay seed by hand. And remember, it's all done on an angle. That fact alone makes each operation very costly.

Aside from the steep topography, of course, there's the location factor. Many of the best ski areas are high on an extreme angle (with no one paying green fees). Forces have to be trucked or flown in by helicopter—at a price. Even the basics can't be taken for granted. Water must be supplied and sewage disposed of in an environmentally acceptable manner. Some resorts go so far as to employ a staff environmentalist solely to safeguard the immediate ecosystems.

Finally, there's the cost of money itself. It is a rare ski area that doesn't pay some sort of government land-use fee or hold substantial mortgages on its own property. Vast tracts of prime recreational land—no matter how isolated—command fantastic prices. There are also construction loans and building mortgages to deal with, insurance policies, and maintenance loans.

Considering that in the last two seasons record interest rates were in effect, you have to wonder why that lift ticket isn't \$30.

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1970, 71	Wigglesworth	Fri.	8:00 p.m.	B. Pook	946-7767	
1968	Harrison	Mon.	8:30 p.m.	G. Spiller	877-8727	
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1965-67	High School	Sun.	2:00 p.m.	G. Baines	877-5573	

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1971, 72	Holy Cross	Sun.	1:30 p.m.	M. Remes	877-3588
1968, 70	Holy Cross	Sun.	2:30 p.m.	S. Mahville	877-1883
1965-68	St. Francis	Tues.	7:30 p.m.	T. Savage	877-2875

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