

North Halton boasts the prettiest club manager in Ontario

Mention the title "golf and country club manager" and the picture of an old fellow, dressed in tweeds, walking from one hole to the next inspecting the greens and fairways, seems to come to mind for a lot of us. So it's a bit of a shock when you run into North Halton Golf and Country Club's manager, Marion Faulkner.

If she wears tweeds at all it would likely be because tweeds are the latest style in fashion. And rare are the moments she gets a chance to walk the 18 holes of North Halton.

Marion is unique in Ontario. She's the only female member of the Canadian Society of Golf Club Managers but no one is probably more surprised at that than Marion herself.

When she began working at North Halton eight years ago it was as a secretary. From there it was a steady rise. Two years ago she was named manager of the club.

The reasons for the selection had a lot to do with her managerial abilities. During the summer she, with her three staff members—greenskeeper Al Beoney, golf pro Don Fendley and dining room hostess Lena Bidwell—oversee the work of the 60 odd members on staff. During the



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winter the number drops to 35. Together they make sure everything's shipshape on the golf course and in the clubhouse including making sure that tournaments are booked properly, the kitchen's ready to handle weddings or business luncheons plus all the monthly statements are sent out to club members. That by itself requires a pretty sharp accounting system.

Added to all those duties during this past winter were the headaches of major reconstruction jobs going on throughout the clubhouse. In that Marion had quite a visible hand.

The warm, friendly touches of both the new dining room and the cocktail lounge are visible signs of a woman's touch.

Being a member of a golf and country club presents an entirely different viewpoint, Marion noted, towards the facilities. While others are there to relax and enjoy themselves, the staff are there to make sure that everything is ready for relaxation.

So busy is she Marion only averages about three or four games of golf a year and, even though she's been there eight years now, she has yet to throw her first curling stone.



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The public life of North Halton Golf and Country Club had a very inauspicious start some 22 years ago when J.A. Willoughby sold his club to 375 shareholders.

The summer after the club became a public nine-hole course a plague of June Bugs landed on the course and before they could be driven off they had totally destroyed some 27 acres of badly needed grass.

As if that wasn't enough later that year Hurricane Hazel hit causing extensive damage to the club's pond system when almost every single dam was washed out.

But persevere the club members did and today's newly renovated golf, curling and tennis club is the final product.

Bill McNally, president of the club, recalled those early days when the club members "had a lot of tough sledding to keep the course up." Those were the days when club members had to tend a hand cutting grass or serving luncheons because if they didn't do it they knew darn well no one else would.

Times have changed but that policy of full involvement in North Halton hasn't. When it came to a decision on whether or not to expand the club this past year club members decided to toss any monies that had been raised over the year back into the club.

Which has been the system all along. In 1959 the present club house was built at which time the curling rink was added.

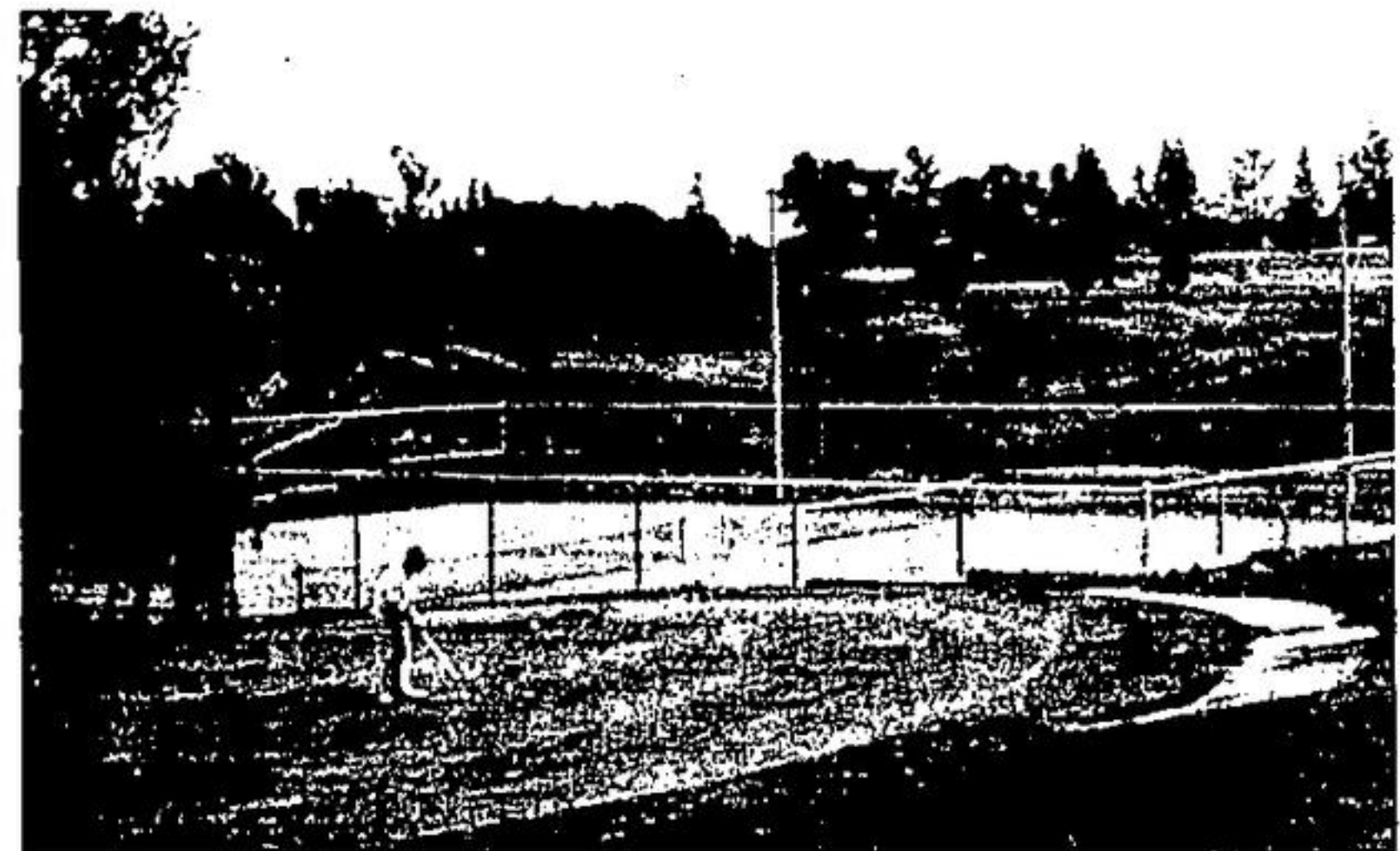
In September, 1969 the 18-hole golf course was completed.

It has been no mere coincidence that during the years that major changes have taken place at the club Bill McNally has been president at that point.

Next addition planned is a swimming pool.



The balcony offers a shady rest spot.



The new tennis courts await new members.



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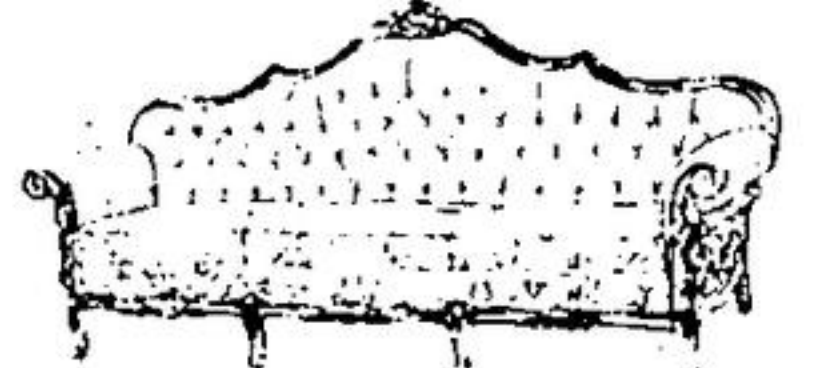
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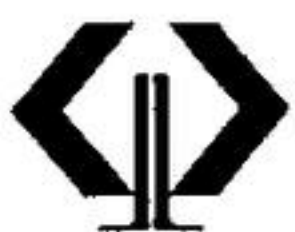


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