

## 5,000 brave winds at first regional games

By MAGGIE HANNAIH  
The first Halton Regional Winter Games were a success in spite of a raw deal from the weatherman.

About 5,000 people braved the snow squalls Sunday afternoon to visit the Kelso Conservation Area for the beginning of the annual event.

The games were officially opened by Milton Regional Councillor James Watson. The Burlington Teen Tour Band played the fanfare for the opening ceremonies at 1 p.m.

Bill Little, of the Burlington Recreation Department, introduced Milton Mayor Don Gordon, and Burlington's 1977 Snow Queen Shirley Kieth.

Although the mild weather forced the cancellation of the skating contests, the other events went as scheduled. About 75 per cent of the contestants had pre-registered. Entries were also accepted on the spot for all events.

The toboggan races drew so many entries that they had to be run off in heats of nine or less. Georgetown contestants won in only one of the five classes. John Holdahl placed third and Sharon Anderson was fourth in the race for 13- to 16-year-olds. First place went to Cheryl Hladysch of Burlington.

Paula Anne Murray of Burlington was first in the five-to seven-year-olds race. Tina Lord won the race for eight- to 10-year-olds. Patricia DeFou of Oakville, was first for the 11- and 12-year-olds and the Handings of Oakville took the Family trophy.

The donut eating contest also drew hundreds of participants. The youngsters tried to gobble two donuts swinging on strings without using their hands to corner their prey, then ran with bulging cheeks to the other side of the contest area and blew a whistle which was also suspended on a string.

They blew it, that is, if they could get enough crumbs out of the way to make any sound. The winners in each class were: Kerry Warwick, (5-7); Jeff Sanford of Milton, (8-10); Kevin Verstaete of Milton, (11 and 12); Mary Kelly of Oakville, (13-16) and Joe Kelly of Oakville, (Adult).

Two men from the Glen Eden Ski school proved how well they could handle a cross-cut saw by winning the log sawing contest in 39 seconds.

The mild weather proved a boon to show sculptors by providing them with perfect packing snow for their masterpieces. In the end judges of the Family Snowman Sculpturing contest selected Dino the Dinosaur as the Overall winner. He was the result of co-operation between the Funk, Fenwick, and Tasker families of Milton.

A Canada Goose made by the Stouffer family of Georgetown was the Most Artistic sculpture. The Manning family of Georgetown won a booby prize for their Inuxom Lady.

The largest entry was Bigfoot by Todd Lefebvre and Inga Gronwall of Burlington, while John and Joan Keith's Hooded Cobra was the Most Original. The Funniest sculpture was a toilet made by Melanie and Jonathan Kovan, and Steven Westlind of Oakville.

Sleighrides were almost a popular as the contests as spectators availed themselves of free transport from one area to another. Children in particular enjoyed the novelty of riding behind the Conservation Authority's two teams of black Percherons and kept the good-natured beasts busy all afternoon.

Ladies from the Burlington and Milton Libraries circulated through the crowds passing out free cookies. They also came to the rescue of many

red noses with their free tissues.

Games Chairman Bill Little was pleased at the turnout.

"The weather was discouraging and it's the first time

we've held them," he said. "The response was excellent."



LOG SAWING CONTEST SUNDAY

## Children must compete with traffic: Parent

School children must "compete" with busy traffic at the Mary Street-Princess Anne Drive intersection Georgetown where high snowbanks and a virtually invisible road entrance pose constant problems, according to one irate parent.

Helen Reid, of Mary Street, presented her case for the installation of a pedestrian crossover at the intersection of the works committee Monday.

A petition containing 200 signatures, which Mrs. Reid circulated among both parents and non-parents in the neighbourhood was tabled at last week's council meeting.

Explaining that the town must investigate the matter thoroughly and "work step-by-step" to reach a solution, Committee Chairman Councillor Les Daly recorded the committee's approval of an engineering department report.

Town engineer Bob Austin agreed to advise the committee at its Feb. 28 meeting whether the intersection warrants a pedestrian crossover. Regardless of his own recommendation Mr. Austin said, the committee could choose to approve the installation of the crossover. Council's subsequent endorsement of the necessary bylaw would then be followed by a wait of up to five months for

regional approval, and a four-week period for the calling of tenders.

The town will attempt to alleviate what Mrs. Reid called an urgent problem by posting "advance signs" on Princess Anne Drive warning of the approaching "hidden intersection" the committee decided.

Mrs. Reid expressed frustration that no action has been taken on the matter despite a lapse of one and a half years since council first approved the marking of a crosswalk at the site.

The safety hazard is further compounded, she said, by the lack of any road signs identifying Mary Street at the intersection and by the fact that nearby Park Public School is

invisible to motorists from Princess Anne Drive.

"Our children are competing with the traffic," Mrs. Reid told the committee. "If we ever become a contest and the children and the traffic, we know who is going to lose."

One child was killed at the adjacent Princess Anne Drive-Charles Street intersection before the town installed a three-way stop sign there, she said.

Mr. Austin rebuffed Mrs. Reid's assertion that the town had blamed inclement weather for its failure to paint the appropriate crosswalk markings at the intersection. Any such action, he explained would require full legal authorization. Otherwise, he said, the town could be considered liable.

Coun. Pete Pomeroy agreed that the town must be sure it is "off the hook" legally before living up to its responsibilities.

## 48 students on exchange to Quebec

Forty-eight students from Halton will have an opportunity for an exchange program with students in Quebec City. The four-week program will have Quebec students billeted for two weeks in Halton homes, then Halton students for two weeks in or around Quebec City.

There will be a junior group covering Grades 8 and 9 and a senior group for Grades 10 to 13. Cost to the students will be \$80 each.

Three French-language teachers and one non-professional bilingual person will accompany the students. Bruce Mather, superintendent told the board. Of the \$5,800 cost of sending the teachers, \$3,190 is subject to a grant from the province. The balance is funded by the board's continuing education fund.

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## Two years in making, exhibit opens at gallery

By FRAN NIBLOCK  
For two years John Sommer has been planning a photo art exhibit at the Gallery House Sol.

This planning is now completed and the result is a photographic display show titled "Regional Survey". The display of photo art show-cases the work of nine area residents. It is the first showing at the Gallery this year, owner John Sommer explained.

"We hope to show people that there is more to photography than just snapshots. Photography is truly a form of art."

This is evident as one examines the photographs on display. There is a vast selection of photographs, all displaying the various artist's talents.

Villem Teder, a photo electric arts student at the Ontario College of Art has displayed some work which he has done, experimenting with video processing equipment and colour zeroxing.

John Gibson, a retired accountant and now world traveller, has displayed photographs that he has taken from all around the world. His colour photographs of the Pacific are especially beautiful.

Geoffery Walker, a Georgetown resident, has combined his interest in photography and race-car driving and has displayed some colour photos of speeding cars that are at the same time thrilling and serene.

Jim Jennings, a draftsman at Smith and Stone Ltd. and a professional photographer, has displayed mostly black and white prints. These include scenic shots and those featuring people.

Glen O'Connor is a Grade 13 student at Georgetown district high school. The prints that he has displayed show an interest in action.

Peter Moss is manager of the Photorama in Georgetown and a former photographer for the ministry of the environment. The prints that he has displayed are mainly scenic shots.

Cora Barwell, secretary of the Photographers Society of America, has displayed mainly outdoor scenes of animals and fields.

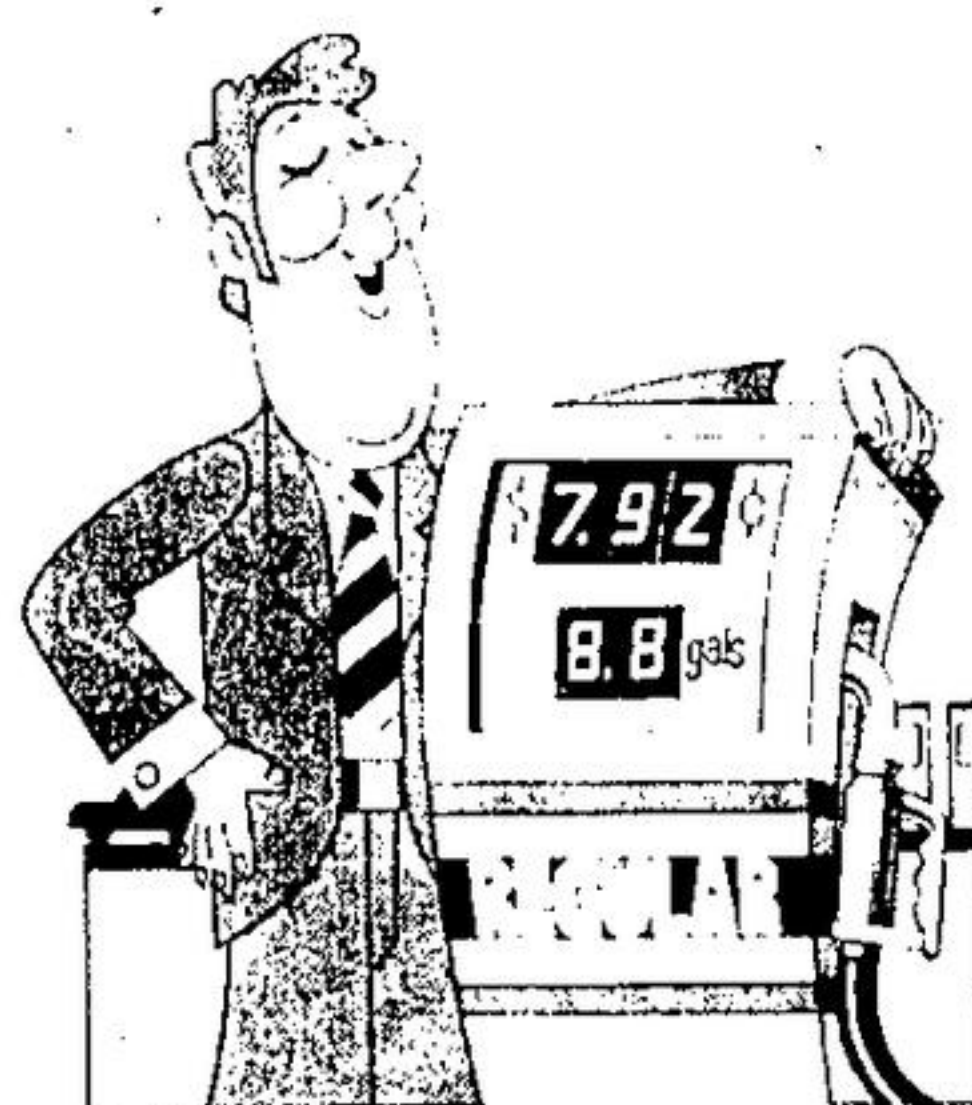
Bill Garrard's work that is displayed is mainly still life prints of Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia. He is a resident of Georgetown and has a photographic studio in town.

Roger Richards, a resident of Acton, is an amateur photographer. His prints in-

clude both scenes and still life shots. All of the works will be on display until March 3. The Gallery House Sol is located at 45 Charles Street, Georgetown. Mrs. Niblock is a Georgetown resident currently enrolled in a Journalism course at Sheridan College.

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