

GFSC holds Awards Day



Karen Sparkes, third runner-up Ron Lamb in the Junior Senior Trophy for the Spares winner, and second runner-up Teri Professional Cup.



Shawn Black, on the left placed third, Nicole Spicer came first, and Julie Hancock placed second for the G.F.S.C. Trophy in the Preschool classification.



Ilene Hancock, third runner-up on the left, Deborah Newman placed first, and Judi Langford second runner-up for the Gale Verhaegen Trophy.

GFSC holds Family Day Awards presentations

By Bob Howard
GFSC President
Last weekend brought to an end an extremely active year for the Georgetown Figure Skating Club as was apparent from the reports delivered by the Club's Executive at the annual meeting last Thursday night. The year saw the introduction of a new look for the Club with new Club crests, sweaters and jackets and two new additions to the professional staff.

There were also changes to the programmes offered by the club, such as its "Learn to Skate" programme which was initiated during the year and found instant acceptance. Further changes were promised during the course of the annual meeting - all being designed to strengthen and improve not only the skating abilities of the Club's members but also the vitality of the Club itself within the community.

The Club has taken the necessary steps to incorporate itself as a non-profit organization and, at the annual meeting the new by-laws were introduced to and approved by the membership. Following which elections were held for next season.

Re-elected were: Bob Howard - President, Carol Lamb as Vice-President, Liz Dougal as Secretary, Lynn Morey as Treasurer, Dr. Brian Peart as Ice Committee chairman, Valerie Kemp - Carnival Co-ordinator, Marion Grummett - Costume Co-ordinator and Denny Shepherd and Ron Sparkes as directors.

Newly elected to the Executive were: Mildred Smith as Membership Chairman and directors Jennie Petrelli, Vicki Lucas, Barbara Cocks, Marlon Smeaton and Dick Campbell.

On Sunday the Club held its Family Day closing programme at the Georgetown Memorial Arena during which the Club's Annual Performance Trophies were presented which as was pointed out by Trophy Chairman Ross Pritchard, are the only means of recognizing the results of the long hours of practice and hard work performed by skaters during the year.

The trophy for the most improved preschooler was presented to Nicole Spicer, with Julie Hancock and Shawn Black placing second and third. The Gil Rushton Memorial Trophy for the most improved junior male skater was won by Frazer Dougal and with Tom Shannon and David Collier placing second and third respectively. The Executive Trophy for the most improved junior female skater was presented to Tammy Morrow.

Melissa Morey placed second and Karen Dobbie placed third. A new trophy presented and donated by a retiring member of the Club's professional staff, Gale Verhaegen, awarded for the highest number of points, above a pass from three judges on any one of the tests for Preliminary Figure, Junior Bronze Dance or Preliminary Dance, was won by Deborah Newman, with second and third place being won by Judi Langford and Eileen Hancock. The President's Cup, awarded to the most deserving intermediate skater, was presented by its donor, past-president Tom Pettingill, to Mary-Jo MacDonald. Donna Friesen and Susan Cameron placed second and third respectively. The Professionals Trophy, awarded to the skater obtaining the highest number of points above a pass from three judges on any one of the First Figure test, Senior Bronze Dance or Bronze Free Skating Test, was won by Ron Sparkes, with Teri Lamb placing second and Karen Sparkes placing third. The Senior Trophy, awarded to the skater with the highest number of points above a pass from three judges on any one of the Second Figure and higher tests, Silver Free Skating and higher tests and Junior Silver or higher dance tests, was also won by Ron Sparkes. Leslie Pritchard taking second place and Janet Shepherd third.

At the conclusion of the presentations, Gale Verhaegen one of the Club's professional coaches, was honored on the occasion of her retirement and in recognition of her great contribution to the Club. When Walker took over the position, the club had a bank balance of \$79.66. At the meeting Sunday, Walker, while admitting that the report was not complete, reported that the Geminis were approximately \$6,000 in debt, with a bank balance of \$919.12. Unpaid bills include, an estimated \$2,000 to North Halton Sports as well as ice rental fees, program costs and some miscellaneous expenses. Walker also reported that the club had already paid out \$17,936.08, but had no figure handy concerning income generated through the 1976-77 season. Incoming President, Bob Thompson felt that his first priority would be "to get the club into a stable financial position". Aside from raising money, however, to cover the debts, Thompson felt that, "we will definitely have to cut down spending in certain areas". Tom James was elected First Vice President and Jim Mackie was elected Second Vice President on Sunday, with Norm Lockhurst, Cam Boland, Bob Tost, Jim Walker, Ken Adams and Bob Girdwood filling out the Board of Directors. The positions of Treasurer and Secretary have yet to be filled, but the club's constitution allows the Board of Directors to appoint people to fill posts as the need arises. This Saturday at the Way-Jay Sportsman's Club in Norval, the Geminis will be holding their annual Awards Night and a Dance, open to the public, will get under way at 9:00 p.m. The Geminis expect to continue through the summer with their very successful 50-50 draws and the Annual Gemini Barbecue is also in the planning stage.

Geminis have money problems

At a Board of Directors Meeting, following the club's Annual Meeting, last Sunday, Bob Thompson was elected President of the Georgetown Sunny Acres Farms Geminis, Junior "B" hockey team. Thompson joined the Gemini organization about mid-way through the 1976-77 season as an Administrative General Manager, but is no stranger to local hockey circles. He served the GDMHA Support Group Executive for five years, three years as Treasurer, held the President's position for a year and is the current Past President. This incoming President's first job, will be to straighten out the Junior club's financial problems. At the Annual Meeting, prior to the Board of Director's Meeting, outgoing Treasurer, Jim Walker, painted a very gloomy picture. When Walker took over the position, the club had a bank balance of \$79.66. At the meeting Sunday, Walker, while admitting that the report was not complete, reported that the Geminis were approximately \$6,000 in debt, with a bank balance of \$919.12. Unpaid bills include, an estimated \$2,000 to North Halton Sports as well as ice rental fees, program costs and some miscellaneous expenses. Walker also reported that the club had already paid out \$17,936.08, but had no figure handy concerning income generated through the 1976-77 season. Incoming President, Bob Thompson felt that his first priority would be "to get the club into a stable financial position". Aside from raising money, however, to cover the debts, Thompson felt that, "we will definitely have to cut down spending in certain areas". Tom James was elected First Vice President and Jim Mackie was elected Second Vice President on Sunday, with Norm Lockhurst, Cam Boland, Bob Tost, Jim Walker, Ken Adams and Bob Girdwood filling out the Board of Directors. The positions of Treasurer and Secretary have yet to be filled, but the club's constitution allows the Board of Directors to appoint people to fill posts as the need arises. This Saturday at the Way-Jay Sportsman's Club in Norval, the Geminis will be holding their annual Awards Night and a Dance, open to the public, will get under way at 9:00 p.m. The Geminis expect to continue through the summer with their very successful 50-50 draws and the Annual Gemini Barbecue is also in the planning stage.

MacDonald's challenge slalom slated for this weekend

The GT Motorsport Club of Georgetown will be kicking off another season of motorsport competition with style this weekend, when they host the MacDonald's Challenge Slalom. The slalom will take place on Sunday, at the Georgetown market place. The GT Motorsport Club is affiliated with the Halton Hills Recreation Department and the Canadian Automobile Sports Clubs and the slalom is the first of two such events in the Ontario Solo Events Championship (ORSEC) that the local club will be hosting. The second event is scheduled for late summer.

The MacDonald's Challenge Slalom is being co-operatively sponsored by the Georgetown outlet of MacDonald's Restaurants of Canada Ltd. and donations from local businesses with prizes valued at \$400.

The one-day event will provide competition for drivers and vehicles, with special emphasis on skill, and maneuverability, acceleration and braking. The course will consist of straight sections joined by turns and corners resembling a miniature road course. The estimated time required to complete the course is 70 seconds.

A total of 16 classes have been included to accommodate a wide variety of automobile makes and models, in order to create an extremely competitive and exciting event. Eight stock classes, which prohibit any modification of stock vehicles that would affect overall performance will dominate the event. Complementing the program will be four prepared classes that permit a combination of stock classes with a moderate amount of preparation (modification) and two modified classes, featuring all-out, no holds barred entries.

Anyone possessing a valid drivers licence and either proof of vehicle ownership or a letter of permission is eligible to enter the competition. Parental consent will be required of participants 18 years old or younger. Verification of insurance is also necessary, although uninsured vehicles will be permitted to enter providing they are either towed or pushed to and from the course. Scoring will be based on time taken to complete the course and a penalty system corresponding to the number of dislodged pylons and the frequency of running off the course. Timing will be determined by a sophisticated electronic device having a capability of measuring to the nearest 1/1000 of a second.

All vehicular entries must conform to the strict limits on noise imposed by the Ontario Highway Traffic Act. Testing with a noise meter at scrutineering will forbid non-complying entries. As well as noise scrutineering, a thorough check for safety, including tires, front suspension, brakes, throttle linkage, steering and general condition, will be administered.

The MacDonald's Challenge Slalom is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. Sunday and is one of a series of 10 events held annually, since 1965, from Windsor to Kingston.

In order to accumulate points toward the ORSEC championship, the competitors must be members of a CASC affiliated club and possess a CASC competition licence. Registration for this Sunday's event begins at 9:00 A.M. and classes at the commencement of the second run. Entry fees are \$4 with a CASC competition licence and \$5, without. For further information, it is suggested that the event organizer, Neil Young, be contacted at 877-3339.



THE GEORGETOWN SUNNY ACRES FARMS GEMINIS Board of Directors. Front row, left to right, President, Bob Thompson, Jim Walker and Past President, Ken Adams. Back row, left to right, second Vice President, Jim Mackie, Bob Tost, Bob Girdwood, and first Vice President, Tom James. Absent, Norm Lockhurst and Cam Boland.



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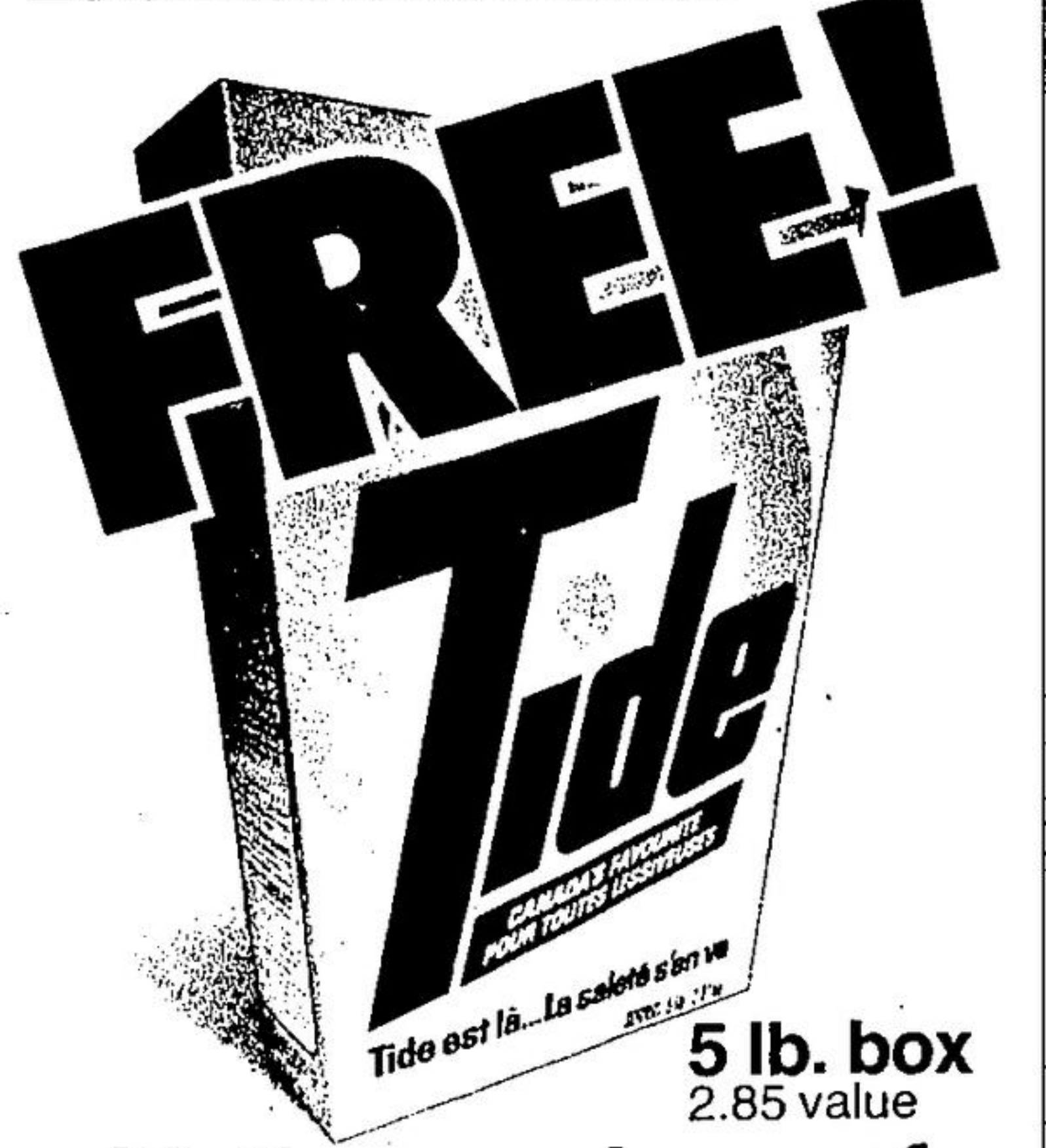
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