

# Ski patrollers start before the snow with program to make our hills safe

The skiing season is at least one month away for most alpine and cross-country enthusiasts, but a dedicated bunch have been training since September in preparation for the first snowfall.

1980 is the 40th anniversary for the Canadian Ski Patrol system, as with every year since its inception, all its members must pass a rigid set of examinations covering all aspects of ski safety, skiing and first aid.

The Canadian Ski Patrol System (CSPS) is a non-profit charitable organization consisting of over 5,000 highly trained volunteer and professional first aid and rescue personnel. The ski patrol is a national organization and was formed to promote the sport of skiing through the encouragement of safe skiing and to provide assistance to injured skiers.

What many people fail to realize with the patrol is that its members are not paid. The members in the Central Zone of the ski patrol, which consists of Beaver Valley, Barrie, Collingwood and Toronto, have one paid employee and this person is a secretary who handles excessive amounts of paper work and phone calls involved in running an organization of this size.

The Central zone has over 700 patrollers that must safely supervise skiers in 27 ski areas. About 300 members are new each year to the ski patrol in central zone.

For some newcomers, there is the initial shock in realizing the time and dedication that is required of them.

A member of the ski patrol must provide the funds for approximately one third of the total CSPS operating budget. This means that although ski patrollers do not have to pay for lift tickets, they must pay a registration fee to join the patrol, sell \$50 worth of buttons, rent a jacket each year and pay for their own ski equipment.

**TOUGH TRAINING**  
A rigid and tough training program in first aid might dissuade others from joining the program. It is not all free

skiing when one has to go through their first aid training program.

The first aid program is more extensive than a St. John's First Aid course. Patrollers spent ten weeks training over a three hour session each night. After the course work is completed, the patrollers have three different exams they must pass. One exam is a lengthy written exam, another is a practical "simulation of an accident" exam and the final test is on toboggan handling as soon as the snow flies on the ski hills.

Doug Simpson of Oakville is a senior instructor as well as

the Vice President of Operations for the Central Zone of the ski patrol. Simpson says that much of what is taught in first aid cannot be applied to the ski hills because "the basis of first aid is common sense."

As much as anything, the ski patroller's job is to have a calm and re-assuring presence. "You can't teach someone to be calm, but you can teach them to be competent in first aid and this helps their confidence," he says.

The on-hill test requires a certain amount of skill in handling a toboggan with a person in the toboggan. Two skiers are tested on how well they guide a loaded toboggan down a steep hill - one patroller takes the front with the metal handle while the back of the toboggan is guided by another patroller with a long rope.

**NOT REALLY ACCIDENTS**  
Simpson says that at the beginning of the ski season, the public thinks "accidents are happening fast and furious because of all the toboggan activity." But he assures us that it's just the ski patrol practicing training techniques or being tested.

Simpson started with the patrol for a selfish reason. He said he was a student and he didn't have the money to ski and therefore the ski patrol was a good outlet to ski at relatively low cost. However, after twelve years as a ski patroller, patrol leader at Mont Gabriel in Quebec and now Vice President Operations for Central Zone, Simpson says his reasons for staying in the patrol are different now.

"I can afford the tow tickets now, but I could think of a lot of Sunday where I would really like to stay in bed," Simpson says the friendships among the patrollers, the capability to help people in need and the satisfaction of helping out those in trouble are also reasons why he has stayed with the ski patrol. "I also believe the patrol provides an essential and good service to the

skiing public," he says.

Simpson spends four nights a week on the ski patrol week and then he travels on weekends during the winter season with his job as V.P., Operations.

There are a number of Georgetown residents that are



## Best batman

Best Batman Award presented by Leanne Windsor to Ashok Kumar at Georgetown's Cricket Awards night last Saturday.

## Tri-County pee wees attend tournament

The Georgetown United Fire Safety Minor Pee Wees travelled to St. Thomas this past weekend to be put out in the semi-finals. Two goals and two assists each from Terry Dixon and Craig Chantler with one goal and assist from Rory Kennedy won the first game for the minor pee wees against Stoneybrook 5 to 2.

Georgetown fell to South London in the second game as South London never let up. Georgetown's only goal came from Craig Chantler assisted by Jamie Spiller.

## S. London 7 Georgetown 1

losing 7 to 1. Facing an excellent team Georgetown couldn't fend off their offense

## Novices lose close game

Mike Murray gave Orangeville a 4-1 lead going into the third period. Georgetown's goal came from the stick of Wes McCauley on an assist from Wade Serjeantson.

Orangeville took advantage of Georgetown penalties to score two power play goals on their way to a 4-3 victory.

Georgetown finally got their act together in the third period as Wes McCauley added two more goals on assists from Mark Lortio and Rod Palma. However it proved to be too little too late as the buzzer sounded with Georgetown applying pressure. Chris Cambovis played well between the pipes for Georgetown.

Novices defeat Burlington 6-5 North Halton Sports Camp Novices spotted Burlington a 4-1 lead and then charged back with 5 goals in the third period to defeat Burlington 6-5.

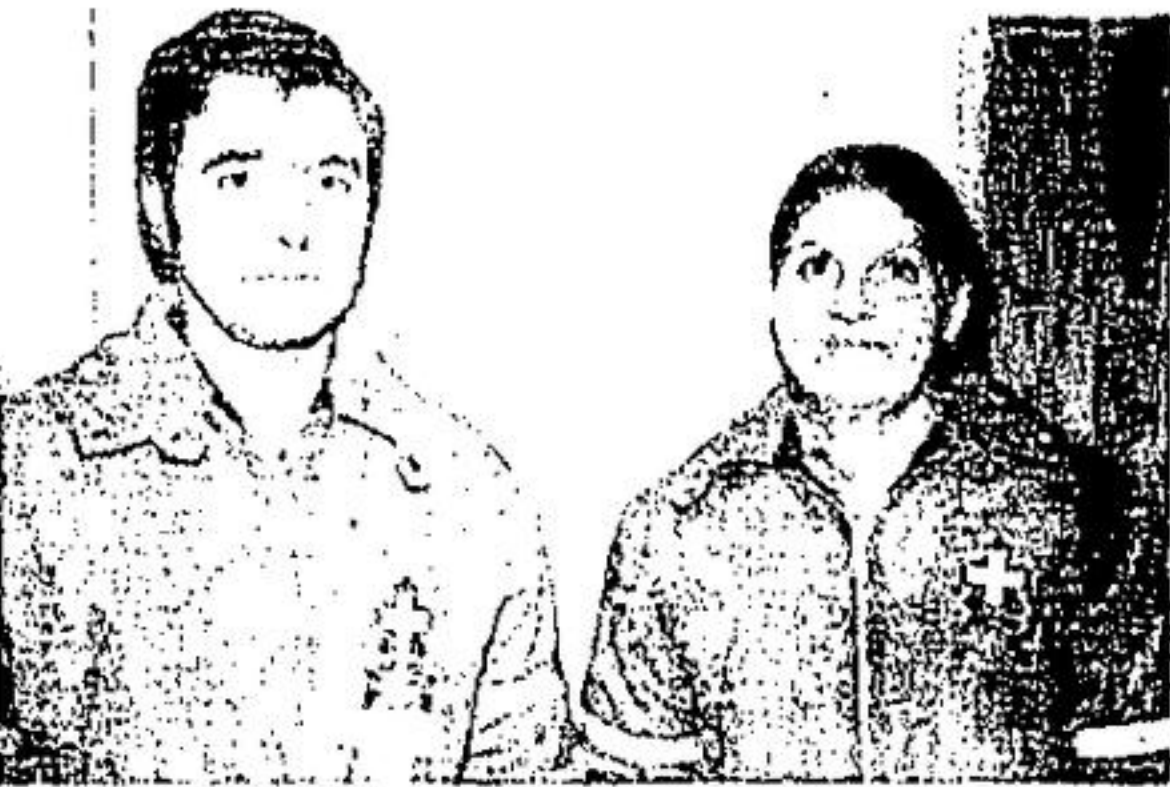
## Tri-county hockey — Al Pilutti dominate minor atom league

By JOHN FELCE Herald Special  
The Al Pilutti Minor Atom team continued their domination of the league when they took on their Milton counterparts at home on November 17. For the first time this season the locals were outshot (22-20) but they still shutout their visitors 6-0.

The contest was not one of the Minor Atom's better defensive efforts but it was an excellent night for goalie Curtis Green. He made several sharp saves to earn his third

shutout of the season. It was also a big night for Travis Gardiner, who scored a hat trick, and for Jason Knight who assisted on each of his linemate's markers and tallied once himself.

Gardiner got the first goal in each of the first two periods and scored the only one in the final frame. Chris McCarthy and Andrew Hoddinott completed the scoring. Assists were added by Jeremy Felce (2), Chris Stoddard (1), Kevin Roe (1), Brent Presswood (1) and Doug McDermott (1).



Bill and Jean Coxon have been dedicated members of the ski patrol at Caledon since they moved to Georgetown in 1971. Both are instructors who train new patrollers in first aid and toboggan handling.

## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

# Volleyball team places at Ontario championships

By HARALD BRANSCH Herald Special

This past weekend the Rebels played at Seneca College for the OFSAA (all Ontario) volleyball championships and attained a respectable 12th place overall finish.

The 18 teams, representing regions from all over the province, were divided into 3 divisions of six teams. Each team would play each other team twice. The teams with the greatest wins would proceed to the final rounds.

**RANKED THIRTEENTH**  
The division in which Georgetown was representing Peel-Halton, contained such teams as David and Mary Thompson, a club team ranked first, Saunders from London, ranked fourth, and Kapuskasing who were ranked seventh.

Also in this division was Neil MacNeil, from Toronto and Ancaster from Hamilton. Georgetown was ranked 13th.

The first two games of the round-robin series were against Saunders. Here they lost both games, 15-9 and 15-10. The next team was David and Mary Thompson, and again the Rebels lost these two games, 15-0 and 15-11.

The next two games were against Kapuskasing and again the Rebels were defeated, losing 15-7 and 15-8. Against Ancaster the Rebels won both their games, with scores of 15-7 and 15-8.

**SPLIT FINAL GAMES**  
Their final two games against Neil MacNeil were split as Georgetown took the first game in 15-9 with MacNeil winning the second 15-4. "We played flat. This could possibly be because it was the

first time they faced such strong competition. Our pool (division) had some of the best teams in the province," said coach Grant Clatworthy.

He added, "We didn't play as well partially because we were psyched-out by our first three games. It was hard for the guys to play teams like

Saunders, who ended up third overall and (David and Mary) Thompson who finally won the championships, without a loss. Saunders has a nation team player on their team and Thompson has two."

In their division Georgetown placed fourth and 12th in the province.

## SWIMMING

By HARALD BRANSCH Herald Special

Last Thursday the Rebel swim team won a dual swim meet against Lord Elgin which they hosted in the Georgetown Indoor Pool.

This is one of the first swim meets of the season, therefore, it helped the newer members of the team gain experience. The final point standing was: Georgetown with 185 points and Lord Elgin with 101 points.

Some first place achievements were Beth Stewart, first in 100 and 200 m freestyle, and the 50 m fly; Heather Mickey in the 100 m freestyle and 50 m breaststroke; Kim MacCloed, 50 m freestyle; Cheryl

Thompson, 50 m fly; Mary Lynn Morrow, 100 m breaststroke; and Sheila MacDonald in the 100 m individual medley.

Other firsts were attained by Eric Elson in the 50 m fly and 100 m breaststroke; Kevin Thompson in the 200 m freestyle, and 100 m backstroke; James Bydevaate, 100 m freestyle; Marc Bourassa, 100 m freestyle; Don Elson, 50 m freestyle and Stephen MacCloed in the 50 m backstroke.

The Rebels also captured six of the eight relays, winning the junior and senior girls' 200 m medley and 200 m freestyle and the junior boys 200 m medley and 200 m freestyle.

## Ladies' bonspiel

By PAT MCLEOD Herald Special

It was a busy time for many of the curlers at North Halton this week! Julie White, a right hander, skipped a team of southpaws to a win at Milton; with her were Mary-Ellen Bridge, Greta Lamb and Bev Borsellino. Skip Joan Trimble with Mary Kitley, Eibel Murdy and Theresa Smith played in a Bonspiel at Orangeville. Both teams reported having a good time.

The North Halton Grey Cup Invitational Bonspiel was a super day. The trophy winners of the day were Fallick and Greta Lamb with Bob and Theresa Smith, the winners of the 11 a.m. draw. The winners of the 9 a.m. draw were Warren and Marilyn Micklethwaite with Bill and Heather Hunter. The runners up in the 9 a.m. draw were Les Ashcroft and Karin Henderson with Mike and Lois Makovnyk. The runners up in the 11 a.m. draw were Bruce and Julie White with Carol and Chuck Sharp a couple from London, Ont.

The high scoring game in the 9 a.m. draw was won by Rich and Bev Eastwood with Cal and Gail McIntyre. High scoring game in the 11 a.m. draw was won by Bob and Louise Harris with Val and Bob Holland from Chinguacousy. The door prize of the His and Hers Bon Voyage bags was won by Leo Ashcroft.

**COMING EVENTS**

Battle of the Sexes Bonspiel will take place on Sat. Nov. 29.  
The Men's Open Turkey Spiel will take place on Dec. 6. There will be 3 sets of turkeys in prizes for each draw. The price is \$65 per rink. It includes lunch.

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