



Deanna Guignard of Georgetown qualified for the national championships in freestyle baton twirling, after competing at the provincial freestyle championships recently in Pickering. (Herald photo)

## Georgetown twirler advances to national championship

Deanna Guignard came through with an impressive victory on the weekend in Pickering, at the Ontario Baton Twirling Trials.

Deanna, 11, is the daughter of Linda and Claude Guignard of Weber Drive, and is a member of the Batons East Twirling Club.

She competed in the Provincial Freestyle championships and earned the right to represent Ontario at the 1987 Canadian National

Championships scheduled for Regina in July.

Only the top five finishers advance to the Canadian Championships, where five representatives from each province will vie for the top three spots in the nation.

These top three in each of the Junior Women's, Senior Women's, and Men's competitions will then represent Canada at the Eighth Annual World Championships in Paris, France in late August.

Deanna's finish in the top five was remarkable for several reasons.

First of all, she has just turned 11 years old and the junior women's division includes athletes up to 14 years old, making Deanna the youngest qualifier.

This is also Deanna's very first year in the freestyle event which is the most demanding for a competitive twirler as they not only have to perform a three-minute freestyle routine, but also must demonstrate 15 compulsory moves.

Deanna started training for the freestyle event last fall and then dropped out, feeling that in only her second year of competitive twirling she was not ready for the freestyle competition.

Luckily, with encouragement from her coaches Tim and Darlene

King, Deanna returned to the freestyle in early spring, and has proven that she is indeed cut out for this event.

Deanna's next big competition is slated for May 17, when she will perform her other three routines at the Provincial Individual Championships.

After this, she will go on to the Eastern Canadian Championships to be held in Kingston, June 19-20.

## Jans heads west to compete for squash title

On the heels of a win at the Ontario Junior Squash Championships, Melanie Jans will travel to Vancouver this week to try and add a national championship title to her list of accomplishments.

Jans, 13, took top honors at the provincial championships in Pickering recently after defeating Ontario's top-seeded Joanna Richardson of Ottawa. The victory earned Jans a berth in the national finals for competitors in the Under-14 category, at Vancouver May 14-17.

The winning of the provincial title came as a bit of a surprise for the Georgetown Racquet Club player.

"I knew I'd do better than usual against Joanna," she said. "I'd been playing more than she had, and expected to tire her out. But actually, the best I thought I'd do would be to

take two games off her."

Jans dropped the opening game of the best-of-five match 9-7, but rebounded to win the next three consecutive games.

Jans has seen most of the competition she will face in Vancouver, and feels she will make a good showing.

"I've been improving a lot lately, and I'm playing the best I ever have now," she says. "I've kept trying to get more and more games in."

The top three finishers in the Under-14 category from last year's Canadian championships have all moved up to the next category.

Jans will be one of a field of about 20 players in the Under-14 category.

In all Canada, Jans is ranked fourth for her age group.

She leaves today (Wednesday) for Vancouver, and returns Monday.

## Beer gardens approved

Two Limehouse men's softball teams will operate a beer garden during their Three Pitch Softball Tournament July 3-5.

Halton Hills Town Council approved the beer garden Monday night.

The Park-Lincoln Lintelights and Remax softball teams will sponsor the 16-team tournament on

the diamond at Part Lot 22, Concession 6.

The beer garden will operate at the diamond from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday, July 3, from 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Saturday and from noon until 6 p.m. Sunday.

Council also approved a beer garden at the same diamond for a Limehouse Lazars Fastball tournament June 12-14.

## Field looks good for Canadian Open

1987 Masters champion Larry Mize, Panasonic-Las Vegas Invitational champion Paul Azinger and runner-up Hal Sutton have confirmed their entries into the 1987 Canadian Open Golf Championship for the du Maurier Trophy.

Azinger eagled the final hole to win \$225,000 at Las Vegas, defeating Sutton by one shot. The victory moved Azinger, who tied for 16th place at the 1986 Canadian Open, into first place on the 1987 PGA money list with \$442,460 in 11 tournaments. Mize has won \$283,195 in 11 starts, good enough for eighth spot on the money list while Sutton is in sixth place with \$281,357 in 13 starts.

Mize, who had six top 10 finishes and won \$314,051 in 1986, sank a 140-foot chip on the second extra hole to defeat Greg Norman in the Masters last month. Azinger won \$254,019 in '86, had seven top 10 finishes and was first in sand saves on the PGA Tour. Sutton finished sixth on the money list with \$429,434, including victories at Phoenix and the Memorial Tournament. He finished in the top 10 nine times.

All seven golfers who have won the Canadian Open at Glen Abbey Golf Club over the past 10 years have also confirmed their entries into the 1987 championship, including Norman, 1986 world player of the year, and three-time Open champion Lee Trevino. The RCGA has designated 1987 as the Year of the Volunteer at Glen Abbey.

The Canadian Open will be played June 29-July 5. Bob Murphy is the defending champion.

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