



# Sports Outlook



Batons East to locate locally

## Baton twirlers seek athletic recognition

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To the uninitiated, baton twirling - as a sport - can be misconstrued.

Visions of Argo Sunshine girls and marching band majorettes cloud the proper perception.

The athletes involved in the sport, however, view things in a different light - one that involves intensive training, discipline and a dedication to excellence to rival any other recognized sport.

Georgetown will once again offer training in this unique sporting venue that could be said to incorporate the grace, personality-impact of the athlete and athletic ability comparable to rhythmic gymnastics, gymnastics and figure skating.

The baton twirling club, Batons East, will be locating in



Darlene King

Georgetown and operating out of Georgetown high school, according to club operator and coach, Darlene King.

Batons East is part of the Batons East-West club formed by Darlene and her husband, Tim King.

At national competition held recently in British Columbia, a team of seven competitors was selected to represent Canada at the Worlds Baton Twirling Championships, being staged Aug. 5-9 in Lausanne, Switzerland and four of the seven competitors are members of the Batons West Club.

The only male competing for Canada at the Worlds, Kevan Latrace, 20, of Richmond B.C., is a member of the Batons West Club. Tim King will be judging at the World competition.

The Batons East club has 18 members, the majority of whom reside either in Georgetown or Scarborough.

Two Georgetown members, 13-year-old Deanna Guignard and 11-year-old Andrea Chisholm shone in the limelight of the recently held National Championships.

Competing at the "A" Level, Deanna placed sixth in the Women's freestyle competition, the highest level ever achieved by a Georgetown competitor. She was also a member of the "A" Level Silver medal winning team in the World Team Division of the competition. According to her coach, Darlene King, Deanna has an excellent chance of someday representing Canada at the World Championships.

Andrea Chisholm, competing at the "B" Level, won Canadian championships in the Solo and Medley events.

Baton twirling became recognized as a sport in the 1950s, but it was not until 1980 that a World Federation was formed.

There had been plans to enter baton twirling as a demonstration sport in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics - with the hope that it would gain status as an Olympic sport - but these plans were scuttled because of the boycott of the U.S.S.R. and a number of other nations.

The sport is also having problems in Canada with funding because, technically, it is not recognized as a national sport. To gain this status and subsequent funding, the sport must be officially recognized by five provincial sporting bodies.



Batons East coach, Darlene King, lends support to Deanna Guignard at a recent baton twirling session. Darlene and her husband Tim, operate and coach the Baton East-West baton twirling club. The Kings will be moving to Georgetown and Batons East will hold training sessions on a regular basis at Georgetown high school. (Herald photo by Colin Gibson)



Andrea Chisholm, 11 years old, from Georgetown, demonstrates the baton twirling routine "Long arm roll." Andrea competed at the "B" Level at the recently-held National Championships and won Canadian titles in the Solo and Medley events. (Herald photo by Colin Gibson)

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