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Rick Landry stands beside his bicycle just before starting the 15 km time trial held by the Brampton Cycle Club. Landry has been cycling, swimming and running steadily for a year now so be can participate in triathalon competitions. (Herald photo)

Cyclist competes for fun

By GARRY J. MURDOCK The Herald

Georgetown cycle enthusiasts had their chance to test their endurance last Thursday night when the Brampton Cycle Club held a "time trial" on the outskirts of Georgetown.

A time trial takes 20 or so cyclists and sets them on a pre-determined course over various roads, each starting one minute after the other. This time trial was 15 km long.

Rick Landry, 40, a former Georgetown resident who now, lives and works in Brampton as a high school teacher, feels it is a race that is designed to be fun. He cycles although his main goal is to continue to compete in triathalons (which involve running and swimming).

He decided to go into the sport a year ago after having coached runners for 15 years and having had competed in swimming when he was younger.

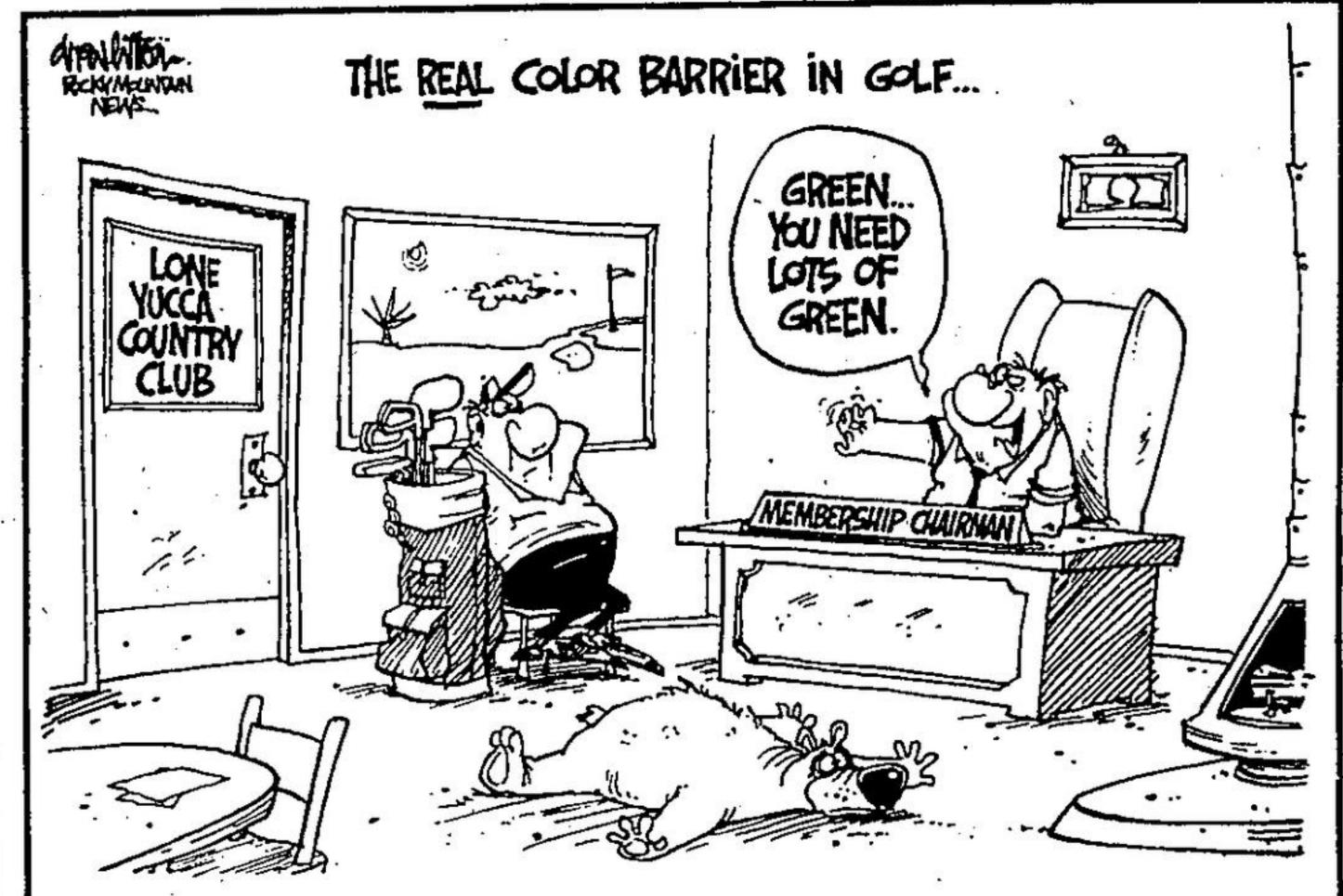
It was all a matter of getting back into practice in the water and spending time working on the other two sports. Landry also feels it is a

good way to keep in shape.

Landry ended up beating his old score for a 15 km cycle, coming in under 30 minutes. He felt that made the right worthwhile, but he doesn't let it go to his head.

"Just be realistic," he says and one can tell he isn't in it for any glory. "Have a good time. What else are you going to do it for?"

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Halton Hills hunters may find sport threatened

Hunters in Halton Hills may be facing increasing gun licensing costs and may find it difficult to continue their sport if new legislation is passed.

"The bill introduced in the House of Commons by Justice Minister Kim Campbell puts undue burden on law-abuding citizens and responsible firearm owners in another attempt by the Mulroney government to please public opinion".

These were the comments expressed by Patrick Courtemanche, Executive Director of the Shooting Federation of Canada. Mr. Courtemanche also outlined that Mrs. Campbell is living in a fantasy world if she believes that any of the measures proposed in the Tory bill will reduce accidental and criminal misuse of firearms, or keep guns out of the hands of dangerous persons.

"None of the proposals in that bill stand on firm ground as far as crime and accident reduction is concerned. All of the proposals are a futile attempt to reassure the public without any regard for the legitimate and responsible recreational shooters, hunters and competitive target shooters."

The measures contained in the bill would make it unreasonably difficult for a shooter to obtain the permits and acquire the equipment he or she needs to practice the sport or hunt. Considerable increases in fees for Firearm Acquisition Certificates and training courses will create a burden that could potentially discourage sportsmen and sportswomen to get into the sport of competitive shooting or hunting.

The Shooting Federation of Canada represents over 23,000 members and 350 shooting clubs across Canada. It intends to mobilize all it's present member-

ship as well as to recruit new members in it's fight against this bill.

"We are very disappointed in the reactionary legislative measure initiated by Mrs. Campbell. She obviously has no grip on that issue and a very poor understanding of the reality of firearm ownership and use in Canada.

The Legislative Committee of the Shooting Federation of Canada will review the bill closely and provide evidence that most of it's recommendations are unreasonable and that instead more financial resources should have been used to apply legislation presently in force in Canada, that combined with stricter sentencing for individuals who commit a criminal offence with a firearm.

Naturalists to meet

Halton Field Naturalists will be holding their first meeting of the year, Sept. 11, 9 p.m. at Harrison Public School in Georgetown.

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Ms. Steiberg's presentation topic will be 'Forests For Tomorrow Update.'

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