

## Time Out still tops darts league

BY ALEX TOUGH

Bruce Hope shot a 180 a week past Friday at the open mixed teams tourney at the Legion. Harry Bottoms has suggested an over 60's singles tourney at the Legion (could it be that Harry feels he has a chance of winning as a still and very active over 60 player? Both players are part of the Saturday afternoon crowd at the Legion (including the occasional bar chairman Harold Badham).

The Halton B division of the region of Peel darts league carries on down towards the wire, so to speak. The Number 1 team from Time Out continues to lead the way with a satisfying 9-5 win over nearest challengers from McGibbon No. 1. For a change in a close match the singles went to Time Out by 6-2 after dropping the opening game. Also, for a change the remainder of the games were tied. Time Out's lead is now 41 points and the move is on to go through to the end of league play without a loss. There were a number of 140 scores in the match, three to McGibbon and seven to Time Out. Third place O'Tooles held on to that spot with a like result over the McGibbon No. 2 team. The girls have played well in recent weeks and came to play yet again in tying the singles 4-4. The lads took the first three, the girls the last three. However only one more game went the girls way. Three 140s were scored by O'Tooles.

Hollywood dropped two singles in the singles and doubles before losing in the

teams and this made a comfortable win over Brackens by 10-4. "Wood trail O'Tooles by only two points and will be looking for another big margin this week in the return match at Brackens. Again both teams shared in the over-130 scores with five of them, including 156 by Terry Kouyoumjian, the highest of the day. Time Out No. 2 took the first three and last three singles to sow the seeds of victory over Copper Kettle. Kettle came back in the doubles with three out of four to bring the match within reach going into the teams. Rousing wins by No. 2 put paid to that comeback and a rare win was recorded. John Colter had a 100 finish and featured in the high scores by Time Out No. 2, none being recorded by Kettle.

All the teams feature in return matches at the other premises in the next session of play on Monday February 6th.

Turning to the Industrial league we see that Snowjacks Hustlers remain at the top although struggling to remain in form, this despite a 9-0 win over Golden Flights who just could not get going except for Barry Sproule. Beau Beaumont had two opens and four closes and Ron Scarlett the opposite with Ray Inglis in good support. The leaders are 31 points ahead of tied Exports and Westenders with Ensigns following close behind.

The second and third place teams met and Westenders, with Eric Fuller in form, defeated Exports by 7-2.

Fuller had one open and four closes and Ray Ackroyd returned with five opens. Dennis Thorogood was top scorer with 135 and John Mills had a 102 open. No details from Exports captain, Brian Hicks this occasion. High Rollers stay away from the foot although going down by the odd game to Inter County, the surprise winners of the night, for a rare win. Gerry Wallace and Archie had two closes each for County. Terry Hancock shot a jubilant 180 and 140, a high start of 72 in his two opens and two closes.

The other first division clash ended with Panthers going down to Bulldogs by the odd game. Luke Heikamp opened with 136 amongst his four opens. Each playing Bulldog pulled off a finishing double for a good win.

A top of the table match in the second division saw Acadian Pools resume form with a 6-3 win over Steep Rock. Gary Richardson had five starts and Tim Fields opened three. Richardson also shot 140 and a ton. Jim Nicholson had 140, Gary Rodda 123 and Ian McDonald 121 in reply. Rob Pynter's 140 went a long way to instill confidence in Power of Pain's win over Unknowns. Doug Logan began with 70, Bob Webster shot a high 125 and it was not enough for this match. Roy Bulitzo had three opens and closes and Poynter had three and two.

Aces stopped the Bandits by 6-3 with Lloyd Westlake having three opens and a finish along with each other Ace. Brad Youmans opened with 120 and

had himself a couple of 140's into the bargain. Independents and Taxmen had a close battle before Taxmen came out on top. No details unfortunately.

Second place Gasketmen Cutters took Firemen by 7-2 and they are only five points behind Steep Rock and "pools are two more behind. Anyway, Mark See shot three over the ton for Cutters and Russ Curtis had a 2-2 evening. Ace Bailey opened with 120 for Firemen's top score.

### REGION OF PEEL DARTS LEAGUE

TEAM	P	W	T	L	F	A	TL
Timeout1	19	19	0	0	205	61	204
McGibbon1	19	14	1	4	166	100	165
O'Tooles	19	10	4	5	158	108	158
Hollywood	19	12	2	5	156	110	156
Brackens	19	8	3	8	140	126	134
Copper Kettle	19	5	3	11	108	158	107
Timeout2	19	3	0	6	80	186	79
McGibbon2	19	0	1	17	51	215	54

RESULTS FOR MONDAY JANUARY 30  
Timeout 2 9, Copper Kettle 5.  
Hollywood 10, Brackens 4.  
O'Tooles 9, McGibbon1 5.  
McGibbon1 5, Timeout1 9.

## Evans leads the way

Rob Evans netted five goals to pace Lindsay Brothers past Century 21 10-8 in Acton industrial hockey league play last week.

Dan Tremblay added three tallies for the winners while Morgan Vaters had the other. Ken Kavanagh added four assists while Evans had three helpers. Jeff Townsley had three goals for Century 21 while singles went to Glen MCKenzie, Mark Kri, Randy McIntyre, Pat McDonald and Todd Ferrara. McDonald added four assists while Townsley and McIntyre both had a pair.

In another game Brian Demone, Mike Yalowica and Al White all had two goals each as Action Auto got by

ATW 6-4. Jim McNabb, Demone and DJ Allen all had two assists. For ATW Bruce Cooksley had two goals while Bruce McPherson and Rob Allen had the others. McPherson had three assists as well.

Chris Tennant had three goals as Station Hotel defeated Super Sub 9-6. Gary Lumbers had a pair for the winners while singles went to Henry Toebes, Steve Carr, Lorne Gordon and Ron Van Item. Lumbers had three assists while Tennant and Toebes both had a pair. Ken Whetham and Bill Morrison both had two goals for the Sub crew while Chris Rowsell and John Snow had singles. Whetham had three assists, as did Tim McIntyre.

## Present curling format proving successful

By BILL LEWIS

While you are reading this week's column I am in Trenton taking in the tail end of the Blue Light Tankard playoff. The winner of course will represent Ontario at the Labatt Briar in Saskatoon the first week in March.

I say the tail end but it's really the last of the round robin games. The playoff of the top three will start tonight with tie-breakers having been played earlier this afternoon. If any one team goes through the round robin undefeated they will advance to the final game Sunday afternoon. Meanwhile the tie-breakers and semi finalists will battle it out. If there is no clear-cut winner of the round robin then the fun begins.

The format that consists of a playoff of the top three teams is quite a bit different than it was a few years ago. Up until 1966 the playoff was a seven-game round robin played in a curling club. Usually there was one game on the Thursday afternoon and three played Friday and Saturday. At that time the games were 12 ends.

In those days Ontario didn't fare too well and it was thought to be because the arena ice at the then McDonald Briar was unlike the curling club ice Ontario teams were used to.

You must remember that the Ontario code of ethics would not allow an

admission fee to be charged which put the cost of arena rentals out of the question. The other problem that seemed to arise all too often was one team would wrap up the round robin and the last game was a nothing match. As a matter of fact this happened to me in Senior play in Barrie in 1979. We were undefeated after the sixth game and couldn't lose. So what did we do? At noon they gave us our crests and sweaters and then sent us out for the nothing game. My guys had been into the suds celebrating so you know what happened. Murray McGregor of Guelph never lets me forget it.

But back to the Tankard problem. To give the game a climax, a double-knockout format was adopted. A true double-knockout. That is when you play two sides towards the middle. If one kept on winning on both sides you met yourself. Again no climax. The first time this was tried each division sent a team. That meant a 16-team affair. What a grind. Three 12-end games each day and if you keep winning it's a real grind. I know because I was involved in two of them.

This type of play although it had a climax of sorts did not solve the problem of arena ice at the Briar. So the top brass got together and amended

the code of ethics. The OCA could now charge and we would be able to play the Ontario final in an arena. Now we're getting some place. But wait, arenas were suited for 10 teams. Hence the challenge round. But still no playoff and still 12-end games. Earl Morris put an end to the 12-end games with his slow play, like four-and-a-half hours. Now we play 10 ends and the nothing game of the

round robin was soon tossed out, with the playoff format we know today being the name of the game.

The changes have been slow to come about but they have proved to be worthwhile. Ontario has in the past few years not only produced Briar winners but World Champs as well. What will be the next change? This year it's the time clock. Will it be no blank ends next?

The Acton senior invitational was played last Tuesday. The overall winner of the two-game points spiel was the Findlay (I think it's Leo) rink from Oakville. Del Hickling and his committee must be congratulated for a job well done. The small jobs done by the senior members of the Acton Club during the days' play went off like clockwork due to the prior super organizing by Del himself.



Andy Browning and Ross Wood

## Good showing for rally crew

Battling temperatures of -35C in Quebec last weekend the rally team of Andy Browning of Acton and Ross Wood of Milton competed in their Toyota GTS against 44 other teams in the first event of the National Rally Series for 1989 in Maniwaki, Quebec.

After 14 hours of racing on glare ice logging roads in northern Quebec the pair emerged eighth overall, second in Production Class, third Ontario team, first rear wheel drive car and first General Tire team. Four-wheel drive cars had a tremendous advantage in the icy conditions

and claimed the top five overall positions.

From the beginning the team had obstacles to overcome. In the first competitive stage of the race they were forced to stop by an electrical fire, which Browning quickly extinguished. The severe weather caused problems to most teams as only 19 cars managed to finish the 650 kilometre course. Some cars refused to start; others ran poorly. Browning and Wood's electrical rally odometer ceased to operate early in the race due to the cold, which disabled the

electronic sensor. Wood, the co-driver, had to estimate distances for the remainder of the event by stopwatch and average speed calculations. At one point Browning had to cover the radiator with his coat to bring the the engine temperature up to normal to remedy severe engine misfiring. Many cars withdrew with similiar problems.

Browning and Wood now have a break until the next event in May. They, along with the service team of Ted Lee and Brian Sharp, will use the time to work on the car.

## House League holds benefit

The Acton House League benefit games were held last Saturday at the Acton Arena in what was a very fun evening.

The night kicked off with an exhibition contest between Acton and Georgetown juveniles. The Georgetown squad emerged with a 3-1 win.

The second game saw the House League Hockey Association and Acton Firefighters take to the ice. The game ended in an 8-8 tie.

Special thanks go to DWRT Trucking for providing the two trophies which went to the Georgetown juveniles as well as the Acton Firefighters. As well to M&M Sports of Georgetown for the hockey sticks which were handed out to some very happy youngsters. Finally to all who gave of their time and effort to organize the night.

If you missed the event don't worry. Halton Cable taped the games which will be shown at a later date.