

SUSAN THIBODEAU

# Locals earn bronze at World Baton finals

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In their international debut, the Georgetown Kings East Baton Twirling Club's senior team put forth an outstanding performance and captured the bronze medal at the 1992 World Baton Twirling Championships in Paris, France August 5-9.

The local team, which is headed up by Georgetown coaches Darlene and Tim King, won the gold at the Canadian National finals in Newmarket in July — earning them the right to compete at the World Championships.

In their best performance to date, the Kings squad upset the Italian team (who have been in the top three for many years) and won the bronze in the final round of competition.

The local team came away with the fewest number of drops, three, of any team this year

and received tremendous fan support from the French audience for their five minute routine featuring a mixed version of music by the Pet Shop Boys (It's a Sin) and Pink Floyd (The Wall).

"It was a fabulous performance, especially since it was the team's first trip to the Worlds," said an elated Darlene King, "This certainly surpassed all our expectations. The team was just in tears after we were awarded the medals."

The Georgetown team placed third during the qualifying round on August 7 and were confident about their chances at capturing a medal before the final round began on August 9.

The team performed just before the French team, and Darlene says she was surprised at the great reception they received from the crowds.

King's squad were edged out of second place, by a very slim margin, by a U.S. team and Japan captured the gold. Also qualifying for the

finals were teams from England and France. A total of 14 teams from across the globe competed at the Worlds this year.

Georgetown teen Susan Thibodeau, 18, was a member of the medal winning squad. She has been with the team for two years and has been baton twirling for seven.

"I'm very happy," said Susan, who will be studying to be a legal assistant at Humber College this fall, "This was our first year at the world championships and we're all just so happy."

The senior team's other members include Kevan Lactrace, Alison Brown, Theresa Baumgartner, Tracy Doiron, Shantelle Acterson, Dana Jenkins, Crissy Power, Gail McGrath, Debbie van Ryssel, Karen Hunt and Dee Ann Sequillion.

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## SPORTS

### Sports

#### SHORTS

##### Watch out!

Watch for the upcoming issue of the Recreation and Parks Community Brochure. Residents will receive their copy beginning Saturday, August 22. If you haven't received yours by Monday, August 24, please call the Recreation and Parks Department and they will get one to you. This issue features many opportunities for Active Living in our community. For more information call 873-2600, ext. 268.

##### Think hockey!

Final registration for the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association's 1992-93 season is slated for Thursday, August 27 from 7 to 9 p.m.

All registrations will be held at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena. Registration fees are \$125 for each Tyke or Novice player and \$150 for each Atom, Peewee, Bantam, Midget or Juvenile player.

Players must be registered to attend GMHA Rep tryouts. Please bring birth certificate for age verification.

##### Lost! Found!

Are you missing your favorite sock? shoe? pair of shorts? towel? All of these and more can probably be found in the Recreation and Parks Department's Lost and Found. The lost and found will be located at the different summer program sites until August 24, when it will be moved up to the Civic Centre.

##### Appreciation Barbecue

The Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department would like to thank the many volunteers and our excellent staff for a summer of many memories and quality care. In order to be able to complete such a task, the senior summer staff will be hosting an appreciation barbecue for anyone who has volunteered. Please call 873-2600, ext. 270 if you have not received your invitation.

##### Summer Swims

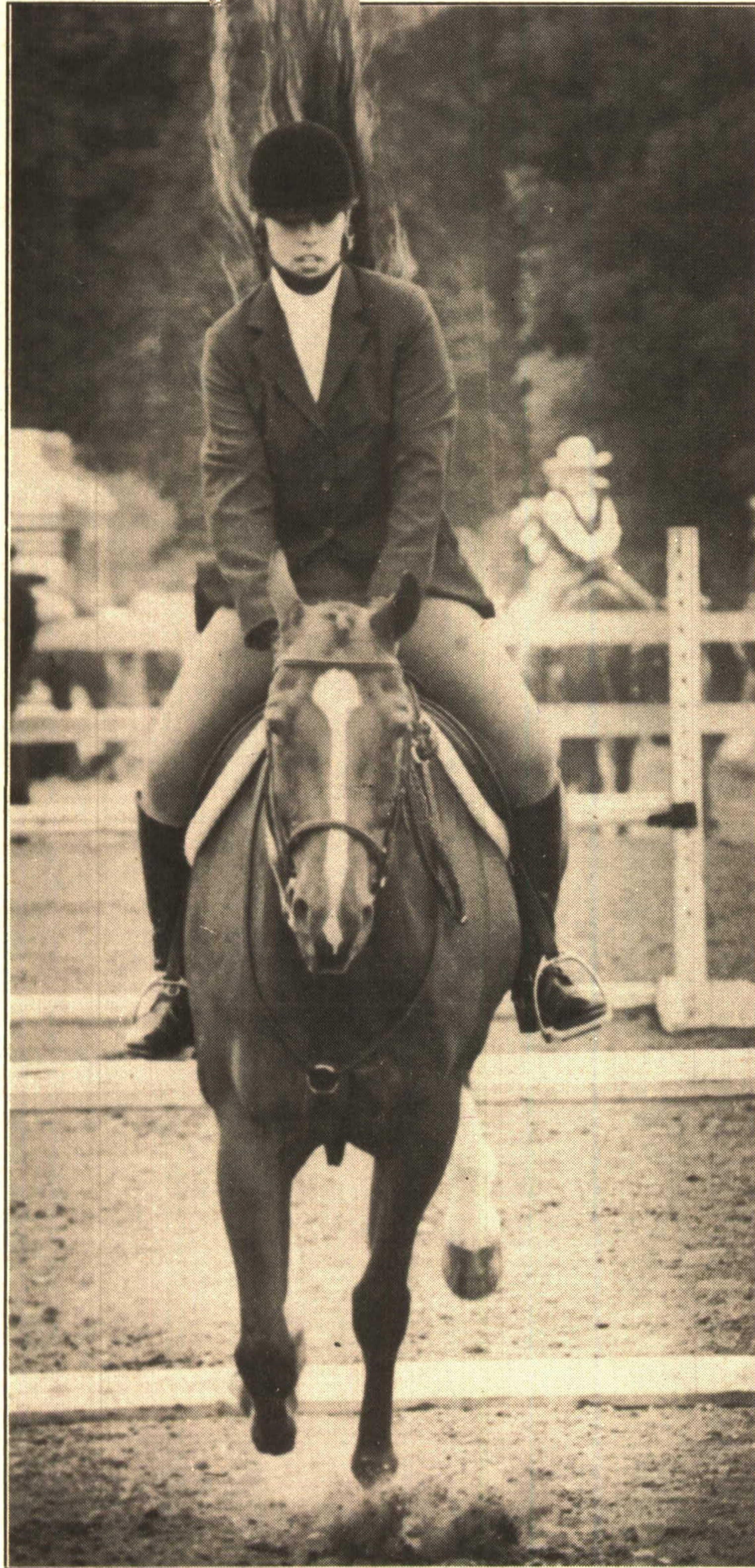
There will be recreational swimming at all pools this summer 2-4 p.m.

##### Free Swims

The Prospect Park Wading Pool in Acton is open Monday to Friday from 1:30 - 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 12 - 5 p.m. Lifeguards on duty.

##### Boat rentals

Rent a boat at Prospect Park, Acton. Canoes and paddle boats are available on Saturdays and Sundays from 12 - 5 p.m.



### Just horsin' around

There was plenty of action for horse lovers at Chudleigh's last weekend as the Quarter Horses invaded the ground for their annual competition. Horse and riders were competing in English, Western and Ranch events. At top left, Cara Chamberlain, aboard First Lady clears a jump on her way to winning the Youth Hunter Hack, in the English riding class event. Below left, the judges were western, from Texas, but the horses were English class. Above, Patti Fleetwood, aboard Skips Hailey Money, prepare for the Shaffle Bit Western Pleasure event. Below right, a youngster dreams about competing in the future.

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