

Glen Eden gearing up for December ski programs

Winter is just around the corner. With our recent snowflurries many of us are thinking about the upcoming ski season.

December is really a great time to start skiing. (If you can start sooner, terrific, you are one of the lucky ones). Why wait until after Christmas. Maybe it is because a lot of us are hoping Santa is good to us and we'll receive ski equipment. This wishful thinking about new equipment is unfortunately for many just that, wishful thinking. Times are tough and everyone is watching their money carefully.

On the bright side, used equip-

ment can be found at many local ski swaps. This is a great opportunity to pick up boots, skis and even clothing inexpensively. Many ski retailers also sell last year's stock at reduced prices. Some ski shops even accept trade-ins and equipment on consignment.

Skiing can be inexpensive if you compare it with hockey for example. The price of equipment, tape, skates and a helmet can be quite expensive. The price is less expensive in most cases compared to skiing, but the hockey player may only get a half hour playing time each week. Skiing is an entire day

Top of the Slopes

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outing. As mentioned previously, equipment can be purchased at reasonable prices. Clothing we'll say is at no cost due to the fact that the majority of people I know have

hats, gloves, ski jackets and turtle-necks, and they don't even ski.

Both sports of course have a participation fee. Hockey has a registration fee to cover uniforms and ice time. Skiing can be purchased in the form of day or night lift tickets, season passes or lesson programs.

Now that you have decided that skiing isn't too expensive after all, the urge to go out skiing is probably quite great.

December skiing is relatively quiet. Most people are too busy with Christmas or they don't realize that there are a lot of ski areas

open already.

For those pre-Christmas skiers who wish to get a head start on the January skiers, try Glen Eden Ski Area Early Bird Clinic for experienced skiers on December 19 and 20 for \$70, or one of the Christmas Camps, number one runs December 21-24 and number two December 28-31. Two hours of lessons and skiing from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. open to adults for \$125 and juniors for \$115.

Glen Eden Ski Area will be open in early to mid December. Call the 24-hour snowphone at 878-8455 for details.

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Players wanted

There are openings for a few hockey players in the Georgetown Non-Contact Hockey League. The 30-plus league plays weeknights at Georgetown Memorial and Gordon Alcott arenas. Anyone interested in more information can call Dale Avery at 877-8912.

Winter Adult Fitness Programs

The Recreation and Parks Department is offering a variety of Adult Fitness Programs this winter to help you get over the festivities of Christmas eating. Circuit Training is new this winter, open to both men and women. It's great for building up your cardiovascular system, strength, endurance and flexibility. For details, call 873-2600, ext. 268.

Acton Daytime Skating Lessons

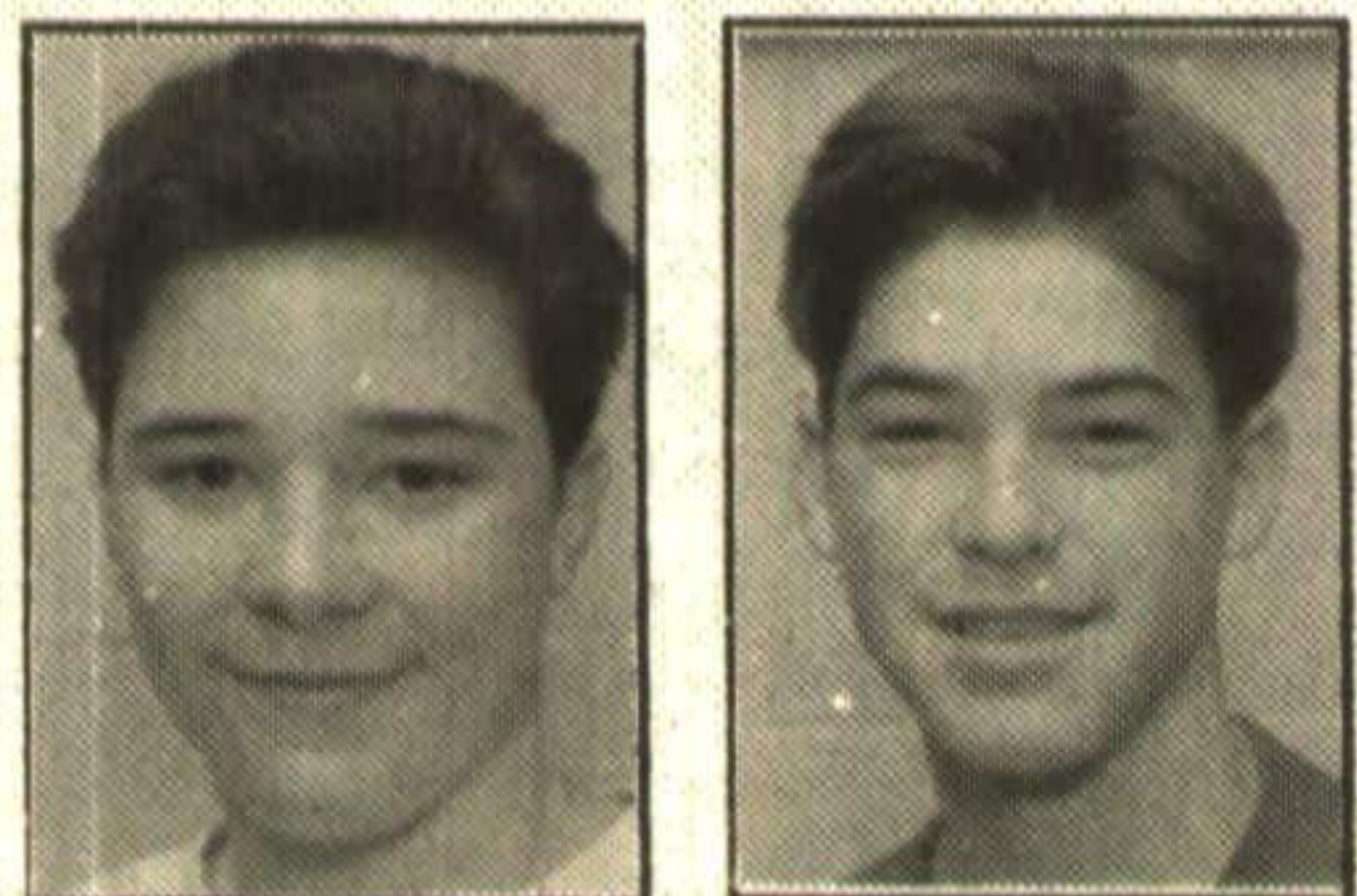
The Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department is considering running daytime skating lessons in Acton, for tots and seniors alike. Call us at 873-2600, ext. 268, if you are interested.

Bridge winners

Nov. 23: 1. Rene March, Karol Tobiasz; 2. Jack Kaarsemaker, George Sargent; 3. Lorena Norris, Norma Maynard; 4. George Harrow, Mike Lorusso.

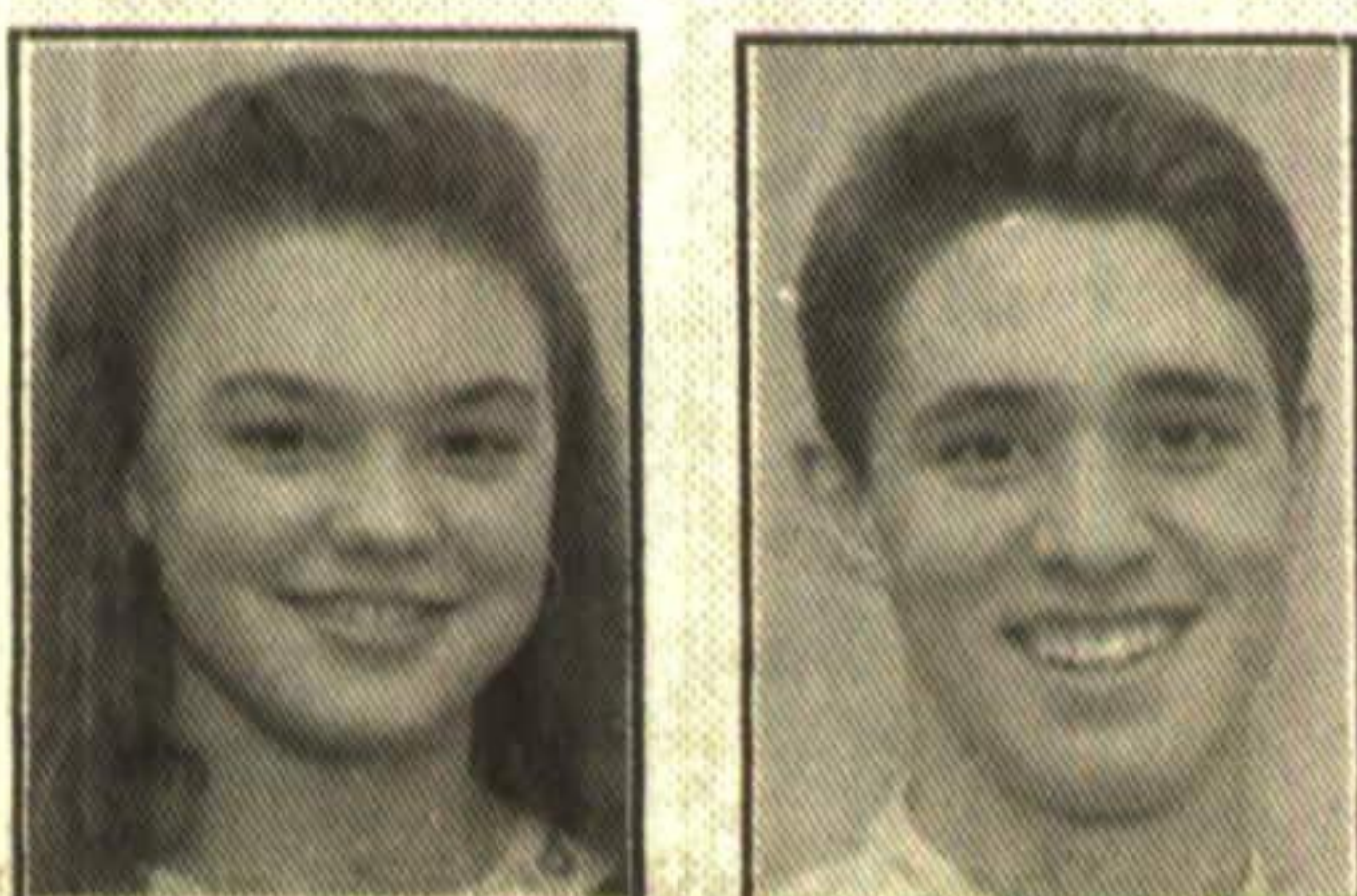
Nov. 30: 1. Jack Kaarsemaker, George Sargent; 2. Rene March, Norma Maynard; 3. George Harrow, Mike Lorusso; 4. Wynn Lansdell, Alex Davidson.

Duplicate bridge at the Legion every Monday at 1 p.m. sharp (upstairs). No bridge Dec. 28 - bridge resumes Jan. 4, 1993.



Top athletes

Acton High School's Athletes of the Week (above) are Redmen swim team members Shari Patenaude and Darryl Darby. GDHS Rebel Athletes of the Week (below) are swimmers Kristin Herner and Kevin Taylor.



Fins swim to fifth

The Halton Hills Blue Fins recently competed at a meet in St. Thomas, coming home with a fifth place finish, three club records and fifty personal best times. Sixteen swimmers took part in the competition.

Abercrombie and Wheeler earn titles

First, youth darts, yes the youngsters are playing, and at the George each Saturday afternoon. Leader, Russ Hillier, has been compiling stats and they should be available next week. Russ along with Dave Scutt and others are overseeing the sessions and there are some impressive plays going these days.

Halton Darts Ontario Zone Darts took place at the Legion on Sunday afternoon and some excellent darts were thrown. Ian McDonald shot two maximums and Dan Abercrombie and Chris Scutt one maximum each. Many 140s came from male and female alike. Darlene Wheeler took the ladies singles with Sandy Mercer in second place. Dan Abercrombie led the men home with Larry Hunt in pursuit. Monica Southon, limping, and partner Keith Ewing won the mixed doubles with Darlene Wheeler and Marty Wheeler taking the runner up spot.

On Monday last the 'big' game was probably the match between McGibbon and George #2, lying second and third respectively in the standings going into the evening. There was no change at the close of play with a 7-7 tie in an excellent battle royal. First one

Darts

Alex Tough

way then the other the match sawed its way to inevitable draw. Trust leaders Legion #4 to take advantage with a 14-0 win. Legion #3 won 8-6 over Timeout and Legion #1 won by the same score over George #4. George #1 had a rare win, by 8-6 over O'Tooles. Copper Kettles played each other with #1 coming out on top by, yes, 8-6, a popular result on the night.

Legion #4 have a commanding lead over McGibbon and George #2 with O'Tooles trailing in fourth. If anyone is to catch the front runners it has to be these following three.

180s from Erwin See and self this week with Bruce Buchanan (119) and Harry Bottoms (109) with the leading high finishes. Bottoms also scored 165 and Brian Ward 160 to lead the high scoring. Three 140s from Keith Ewing and double high score bonus points from self, Rob Marrows, John Colter, Larry Varey take other hon-

ors for the night.

The Industrial League returned to league play after a tourney week and Hustlers move into the first division lead by one point following the 7-2 win over High Rollers. Gasketman Cutters fell just short with a 6-3 result over bottom dogs, Inter County. Westenders 7-2 over Acadian Pools and Steeprock 7-2 over Panthers keep them in tow.

Dream Team took nearest challengers 6-3 to show their strength and retain the lead over Ensigns. Hotshots dropped 3-6 to high flying Independents. Firemen defeated Bandits 8-1 and Taxmen took out Aces 7-2.

Brad Youmans shot 180, 140 (2) along with several other highs. Al Murphy closed out 116 and Paul Kavanagh shot 171 with Roy Rudiger opening 120 for the leading individual highlights.

Mike Hope had six starts. Four starts from Alex Bowie, Jim Franks, Bill Hall, Roy Rudiger, Rod Beaumont and Paul Kavanagh. Five finishes to Gary Griffiths, four to Stan Rhynold and three to self were the opening and closing lights at the end of the tunnel, as reported.

Atom tie with loop leaders

On Tuesday night, Dec. 1, at Georgetown's Memorial Arena, the Georgetown John Henderson Major Atom Raiders faced off against first place Orangeville. Georgetown has been playing excellent hockey recently, undefeated in their last three starts, and continued on earning a 2-2 draw.

Right from the opening face-off, the game took on a quick pace. Both teams had early scoring chances, but Raider goalie Tyler Pearce, stoned Orangeville's opportunities. Late in the first period, Orangeville found the net, ending the period leading 1-0.

Orangeville continued to apply pressure on the Georgetown Raiders well into the second period, but the defence pairings of Brent McClung, Derek Mitchell, Bryan Stuttard, and Scott Ellis turned them away. Orangeville managed to pop one in late, to end this period 2-0 in their favor.

In the third period, the Raiders finally got on the scoreboard with a goal by right-winger Mike Rovere, on a feed from Ellis.

The period continued with the Raiders skating hard and working deep inside the Orangeville zone. The game was finally tied up with a goal by Ryan Bobor, who was rushing into the Orangeville zone after leaving the penalty box. Bobor moved to the front of the net, and slapped at the pass from Matt Hotham.

Orangeville had a great chance to score in the last minute of the game, with a shot ringing off the post and goalie Pearce smothering the rebound.

The Georgetown Major Atom Raiders skated off with a well deserved 2-2 tie.

Raiders search for new coach

The Georgetown Chrysler Raiders are on the lookout for a new head coach after the resignation of Charlie Hanman last week.

The local Central Ontario Junior A team, winless in their past 19, are apparently down to three or four candidates.

While team president Finn Poulstrup wouldn't elaborate on possible replacements he admitted former Raider coach Peter Sturgeon and former Milton Merchant mentor Gary Ford are two being considered, along with interim coach Jay Anderson. Sturgeon spent a couple of seasons as coach here, while Ford was a member of the Raider Canadian championship team 10 years ago.

Another former Raider coach, Gerry Inglis, has also been with the team of late but will not take on the top job, according to Poulstrup.