

Golfers benefit Halton Heritage Foundation



GOOD GOLF: Heritage preservation was the focus at the annual Mayor's Heritage golf tournament at Blue Springs last Thursday. Mayor Rick Bonnette (left photo, second from left) played with Gary Groves, Jim D'Orazio and Steve Mahoney. Volunteers Marsha Batchelor, Mary Shier and Georgetown Councillor Ann Lawlor ensured that Steven Foster, founder of Heritage Foundation of Halton Hills, eased through the registration process. — Frances Learment photos

The threat of lightning didn't spoil the fun — it just delayed golfers for about 30 minutes as they were pulled off the Blue Springs course as a precaution until the weather moved on during last Thursday's 13th annual Mayor's Heritage golf tournament.

Funds raised by the Heritage Foundation of Halton Hills at the tournament are earmarked for the Acton Town Hall

Centre, Devereux House and the Limehouse Kiln Society.

While there were fewer sponsors and golfers this year, the event was still a great success, according to Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette who, because of an Achilles tendon issue, was only able to putt with his golfing four-some.

"We've raised anywhere from \$18,000 to \$39,000 per

year (with the tournament) over the years," Bonnette said as he waited on the first tee. Asked about a reported drop in sponsors this year, Bonnette said there are so many charity golf events this month that he could "be out of the office every day." He said funds raised through generous sponsors and golfers will help owners of heritage buildings with refurbishment costs.

Arrest in Acton senior assault

"They should have kept him in." That was the reaction from an elderly Acton when he learned on Monday that the man charged with assaulting him was released on bail in Milton provincial court, hours after his arrest last Thursday.

Stan Hellam, 78, received bruises and strained muscles in his

shoulder, knee and neck after a driver, apparently angered that Hellam and his dog Duke were taking too long to cross Mill Street in the downtown area on Victoria Day Monday, shoved him in what police called an "unprovoked" assault.

Hellam went into a variety store for safety, but the man followed him,

yelled and pushed him to the ground. Police issued video and stills from the store's security camera and the suspect was identified and arrested.

Just back from a second visit to the doctor on Monday, Hellam said he was still having back, neck, shoulder and knee pain after the "cowardly" assault. "It was a relief when they caught him... he'd better not come around here," the widower, former railway worker and former auxiliary police officer in Windsor said.

"I was attacked from behind, assaulted with a punch to the right shoulder blade and then I was

down," Hellam said, adding if he hadn't been knocked to the ground, he would have "nailed" the guy. "He'd have wished to God he'd never met me, because I would have gone up one side of him and down the other," Hellam said, adding he wasn't scared during the attack, but angry because, "I know I can't throw the punches like I used to."

Allen Snels 53, of Acton, is back in a Milton court on June 24. He was released on bail with a no-deposit \$2,500 surety, and conditions, including no contact with Acton Discount Variety and Hellam, among others

Acton teen charged in drug bust

A 19-year-old Acton teen — who Halton police called an "alleged cocaine trafficker" — was arrested last Thursday charged with six counts of possession of marijuana and cocaine for the purpose of trafficking.

During a three-week investigation by members of the One District Strategic Support Team, police watched the teen come and go at a Kitchener residence. He was arrested there and found in possession of a large amount of marijuana and cocaine — police did not say how much.

Search warrants were executed at residences in Acton and Kitchener,

and police seized one-half pound of cocaine, 2.5 pounds of marijuana, one gram of crystal methamphetamine, 27 ecstasy tablets, a small quantity of MDMA, 20 grams of psilocybin, 40 grams of cannabis resin, and approximately \$15,000 in Canadian currency.

David Stewart of Acton was released on bail from a Milton court where he appears again on July 2.

Cat Tuong Nguyen, 29, of Kitchener is charged with two counts of trafficking, and four counts of possession for the purpose of trafficking. At press time, his bail status was not known. The investigation continues.

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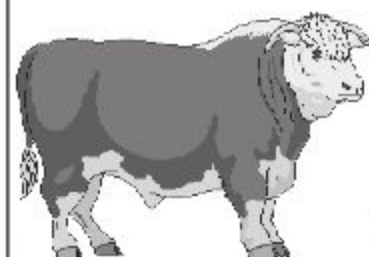
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