

15th year of a Legacy: The Three Musketeers Golf Tournament



Kathy Everson and Colleen Wilson-Dick next to the sign bearing their sons' names, in whose memory they have raised thousands of dollars over 15 years to benefit local youth. - Vivien Fleisher photo



FOUR: Jim Krapek (left), Liz Leslie, Laurie Leighton, Gerry Morrissey, representing Superior Glove faced off with Mason Overland, Adam McCoy, Evan Oulton and David Bickers from Specton Construction Products at the 3 Musketeers 15th Annual Golf Tournament at the Acton Golf Club on Saturday. - Submitted photo

By: Vivien Fleisher

In her 2005 book, "The Year of Magical Thinking", American author Joan Didion wrote of grief that it "turns out to be a place none of us know until we reach it", one of many observations in her long meditation on the sudden loss of her husband. The sudden loss of a child, however, is indescribable, the stuff of everyone's worst nightmare.

In September 2000, three Acton youths—Mark Everson, Travis Toth (both 17) and Rory Dick (18)—died instantly at a rail crossing south of town on route to school in Milton. While no one who lived in town at the time will likely ever forget the tragedy, it's a completely different story

for the families.

Watching her friend Kathy Everson, mother of Mark, go through such a horrible loss was unbearable, but it gave Gayle McIntosh and husband Robert an idea. Kathy had expressed how she didn't want people to forget about the boys. The couple, who live next to the Acton Golf Club, hit on the idea of a golf tournament in their memory. The idea was two-fold: raise funds for local youth and at the same time, keep the memories of the boys alive in everyone's mind in a positive way. The first year was planned for Labour Day weekend and the crowd was small, but organizers quickly wised up the year after and chose mid-August with fantastic results. Last Saturday was the 15th year and 116

players signed up.

In fact, the Three Musketeers Golf Tournament is the most popular tournament in the calendar year for the club. Always packed, they consistently raise between \$8,000 to \$10,000 each year, all of which goes to Acton youth through support of the high school, Links2Care, sponsoring Pee Wee hockey teams, and the really big ones: the Three Musketeers Skate Park, and an ice rink. The name came from a vision of the boys wherein they reassured their family that they were fine, referring to themselves as the Three Musketeers, tweaked to Musketeers. Since all three were avid skateboarders and BMX riders, it's both fitting and an immeasurable contribution to their community.

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Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and Town of Halton Hills By-law 2008-0020 regarding the following temporary road closure for the purpose of the following community event:

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE DUE TO EVENT

<p>Bike-In Movie</p> <p>Thursday, August 31, 2017</p> <p>6 P.M. - 10 P.M.</p>	<p>Willow Street between Mill St. to Bower St.</p>
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