

# Acton residents have great time at Ontario Seniors' Games

Can you imagine sitting down to a banquet with 1,500 people in attendance? Well, that's what I did on Aug. 24 at the Hamilton Convention Centre. It was opening night of the Ontario Senior Games. Thirty-eight districts from across the Province were represented; Grace Robertson carried the sign for Halton District which encompasses Acton, Burlington, Georgetown, Milton and Oakville.

There were 15 sanctioned games and one demonstration event — 10-pin bowling. 1482 competitors took part in a variety of games including five-pin bowling, golf, bridge, euchre, lawn-bowling, tennis and golf. Norm Smith of Burlington took the silver medal in ten-pin bowling and Marie and Bill Vander Doelen of Oakville took the bronze in lawn-bowling. Alas and alack, these were the only medals Halton won.

Our bowlers gave of their best and scored 88 pins above the team average. Grace Robertson bowled 237 in her first game. Nice going, Grace. Later, the coordinator asked for volunteers so Grace and I did our duty. Tuesday morning, I scored for Napanee and the next day I did the honours for Detroit. It was fun and I'm happy to say that Napanee won the bronze.

And what a small world it turned out to be as Grace was talking to a lady from Detroit who turned out to be a shirt-tail relative on her mother's side.

The whole idea behind the games is to bring seniors (55 and up) together in the spirit of friendly competition and believe me, it accomplishes its aim. The 1994

## Seniors Scene

With Pat Giguere



games are to be held in Sudbury so, when given the chance locally, be sure to participate. Competition can be fun and friendly!

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Got home about noon on Thursday in a badly bent condition. The weather was hot, hot, and we did have rain. They had very carefully told us what we should do to protect ourselves and then sent the golfers, tennis players and walkers out to participate. Ah well, c'est la vie. Would you believe, I had to call the Hamilton Auto Club out to give me a boost — yep, somehow or other I left the roof light on. Pretty stupid — eh? But it was OK as the young lad who came out to start the car obligingly showed me how to get out of Hamilton. What a city that is to drive in. Never again, says I.

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After getting some shuteye, went to a Senior Centre Committee meeting. The tickets for the Hawaii holiday and a Las Vegas weekend will soon be going on sale at \$5 or three for \$10. Make a dream come true — buy a ticket from our booth at the Acton Fall Fair, or at various locations in town or from a Golden Age Club member.



ANOTHER MILE ALONG THE WAY. Acton's Matthew Fleet accepts a \$600 donation from Lion's Club president David Nakeff last week. The club raised the funds at a recent bingo. (Mike Albano photo)

## Region deals with Acton development reports

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

Two reports dealing with future development in Acton will be debated by Halton politicians this Wednesday (Sept. 2). One involves a request by Coscan Development Corporation to have its application for a 258-unit subdivision sent to the Ontario Municipal Board for a decision. The second report includes results from well-testing at Fairy Lake which will be used to determine growth in Acton.

Halton region has no objection to the Coscan request to have an O.M.B. hearing on its application and it is expected members of the public works committee will make that recommendation. Council is satisfied that Coscan's plan con-

forms to the Regional Official Plan and that the application should go to the O.M.B. Coscan's plans for a major subdivision, school site and two parks south of Hwy. 7 and east of Churchill Road, have been delayed because of objections from other Acton developers.

The Coscan site has been identified by the Ministry of Housing as a potential site for affordable housing. Coscan's lawyer said at least 35 per cent of the site will be devoted to affordable housing which is defined as having a market value of \$168,000 or below.

Acton councillor Rick Bonnette asked for a deferral of the Coscan report two weeks ago.

"I wanted to see if the objec-

tions could be resolved without going to the O.M.B. but the talks were fruitless. Everyone is objecting to everyone else's plans because there are only so many pieces of the pie and there's limited servicing capacity," Bonnette explained last week.

The other major report deals with studies to see if there is an adequate water supply for the town to grow to 10,000 people — the upper limit approved by the Ministry of the Environment. Testing on the improved Fairy Lake well were conducted over the summer and Council will find out if the well can supply enough water for proposed residential, commercial and industrial growth.

## Fourth annual Eden Mills Writers' Festival

The fourth annual Eden Mills Writers' Festival will take place Sept. 13 from noon to 6 pm. Last year, the event attracted 1,000 people to readings, signings, small press displays and riverside fun.

Authors reading include Sandra Birdsell, Clark Blaise, Dionne

Brand, Di Brandt, Lynn Crosbie, Don Dickinson, Jaimy Gordon, Jena Hamilton, Steven Heighton, Aritha van Herk, Tomson Highway, David Homel, Janice Kulyk Keefer, Thomas King, Thomas Krampf, Anne Michaels, Susan Musgrave, David Adams

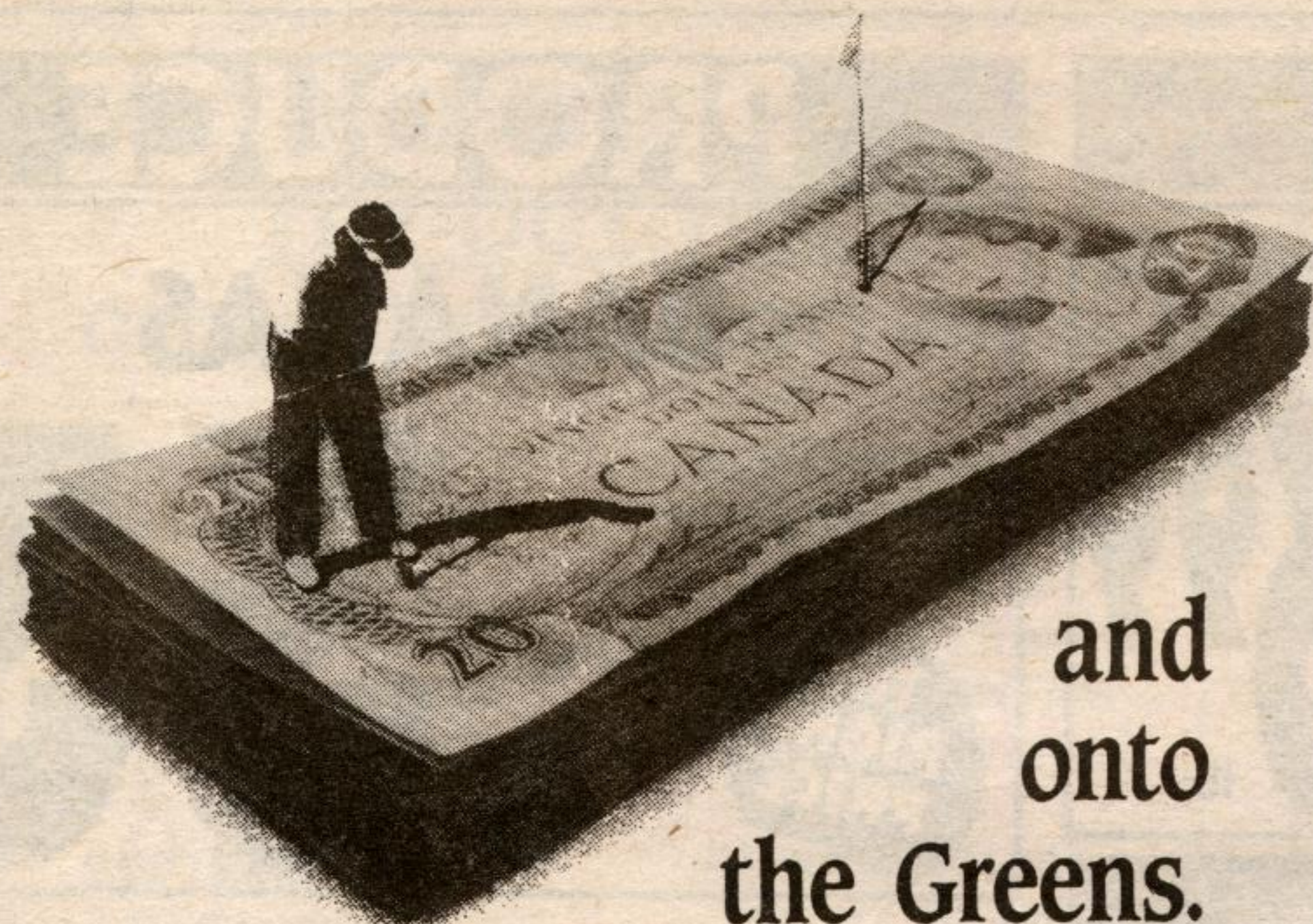
Richards, Leon Rooke, Diane Schoemperlen, John Steffler, Margaret Sweatman, Judith Thompson, Jane Urquhart, and Derk Wynand.

Started in 1989 by Eden Mills General Store owners Mark and Don Holman, the Festival is run by a group of dedicated volunteers, anchored by resident authors Leon and Constance Rooke and Janice Kulyk Keefer. Says Rooke, "What you get at the Eden Mills Writer's Festival is the heart's goods. Not the sound of one hand clapping or the maudlin drone of negativism. We celebrate light, and the excellence of each other, by which I include not merely the writers, the musicians, the town crier and the village peacocks, but the hundreds of people who are the audience. The Festival is an inspiring event on any number of accounts."

The Festival also sponsors a Literary Contest with prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$150 going to the best submission of short fiction, poetry or drama. The winners, selected from among the more than 500 submissions received this year, will be announced at a special reading during the Festival.

The admission price to this event will be \$2.00. Gourmet food will be available, courtesy of La Vieille Auberge.

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## NEW ACTON ARENA SITE

A Public Information Meeting has been scheduled to review the data compiled with respect to the 3 Candidate Sites under consideration for the new arena Facility.

Town staff will be in attendance to present the information and to answer questions.

The Arena users and General Public are welcomed to submit written comments to the Recreation & Parks Department regarding the sites after the meeting.

A final report will be submitted to Municipal Council - General Committee, on Monday, September 21, 1992.

### Public Information Meeting:

Location: Acton Community Centre Hall  
30 Park Avenue, Acton.

Date: Wednesday, September 2nd, 1992.

Time: 7:00 p.m.