

## Soccer Club looks to spring

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

The crisis has passed for the Acton Soccer Club.

At last Monday's annual general meeting the "new blood" need to revitalize the club stepped forward to fill the shoes of some retiring executive members.

The Club had been in jeopardy with the resignations of a number of the top people in the Club.

The new president is Paul Chumley, involved with Acton soccer for seven years as a parent of players and a board member.

"We haven't had our first board meeting yet but I'm sure this new

board will be strong and keep the Club viable and healthy for the community," Chumley said in an interview Thursday. "We had more people out this year than we've had in the last five years."

Chumley said one of the first issues the new board will have to deal with is last year's merger of the girls' teams with Georgetown and the proposed merger of the boys' teams.

"I feel that Georgetown has problems with numbers and putting together girls teams and also have concerns about the quality of soccer. It's not really competitive, we do have some select teams, but some day we would like to see it competitive," Chumley explained.

When asked if the amalgamation of the girls teams would continue, Chumley said that would be looked at by the new board.

"It's not for me to decide, it's for the board to decide. It will be a discussion point whether we will stay in the merger with the Georgetown group. We also have to look at the proposed merger of the boys teams and that's something that should be looked at rather quickly and set aside because that's a direction we have to know what we are going to do."



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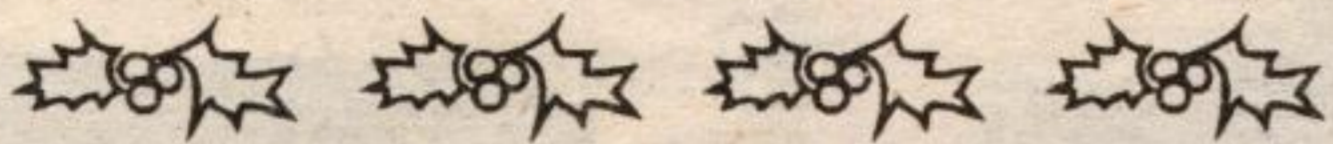
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## Acton artist always has brush in hand

BY MADGE TURNER

There are many talented people living in Acton and one of them is an artist residing on Frederick Street named Maria Sallay. All her life she has pursued her talent, spending many hours at her easel, painting in oil and water colours. She takes her subjects from nature and captures them on her canvases.

Maria began her life in Hungary, growing up and marrying her husband Leslie there. When trouble came to that country with the uprising of 1956, Maria, Leslie and their son fled. They eventually got to Holland, where after a few quick lessons in English they chose to come and live in Canada. Maria and Leslie spent their working life in Quebec. Their son married and came to live in Ontario, eventually ending up in Georgetown. When Maria and Les retired a few years ago, they moved to Acton to be near their son and grandchildren.

Maria says she loves being retired because she has much more time to paint. "More time to study," was how she put it. More time to improve and create, perfecting her work. She is a very busy woman, enjoying her life.

Maria is a member of the Credit

Valley Artisans. She has met many friends in the church and community and is very active in the Acton Horticultural Society. She enjoys the lectures on all topics and the social life of the society which she finds very interesting.

Her husband, Leslie, had an art gallery and picture framing business in Montreal and is continuing the business here. If a customer would like to frame or change a painting, Leslie is able find a frame that matches their decor or they can choose from the wide variety of frames he offers.

Maria is an excellent landscape painter and likes to paint old barns and the Canadian countryside. She loves her garden and is always on the look out for something unusual in nature to paint.

Maria has had many successful exhibitions of her work in Montreal, Toronto, and Halton Hills.

Her paintings are available to purchase, and the customer can choose their own frame from a wide variety of wood or metal framing, which Leslie will customize.

When I go to her home, I am always amazed at her talent. It is obvious from the moment you step inside her door. The living room walls are a feast of colour and her paintings hang from every available wall.

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