

EDITORIAL

With Frances Niblock



I'm a Sports Mom!

Boy, is there ever a thin line between booster and butter-inner when it comes to kids and sports.

Heading into this year's soccer season, (my daughter's first) I smugly vowed that I wasn't going to be one of those Sports Moms that seem to know more than the coach, and don't mind saying so loudly from the sidelines.

Imagine my surprise when disturbing strains of the dreaded Sports Mom echoed in my ears last week as I watched my daughter's first soccer practice.

I heard myself shout "less kissing and more kicking" as my daughter exuberantly embarrassed a teammate and ignored everything and everyone else.

My outburst surprised me because I had just finished telling my daughter that the coach's word was law and that I was just there to watch.

Yet there I was, at the very first practice, yelling from the sidelines. Not just yelling praise and encouragement, but instructions to my girl to blow her nose, go after the ball and pay attention.

I did manage to hold my tongue when my daughter and several others suspended play to inspect a worm, but it was tough and I know that it is not going to be easy to be silent until Labour Day.

Congratulations to the North Halton Association for the Developmentally Handicapped (NHADH) for its successful bike-a-thon on the weekend.

Over 200 riders peddled their hearts out and raised \$9,000 to help fund programs in Acton, Georgetown and Milton.

Special mention goes to Acton Village Constable Bill Riddle, who arm-twisted a lot of pledges and to Halton Hills Furniture's Ron Kuiken who completed the route, despite major problems with his bicycle seat.

Wartime reunion a smashing success

"Just fantastic. A great success."

That's how Lynne Robertson described Saturday's Wartime Homecoming reunion, attended by almost 500 former and present residents of the Acton neighbourhood.

Cool and dreary weather gave way to weekend sunshine and smiles, as countless friendships were renewed at an afternoon neighbourhood festival and evening dinner-dance at the Legion.

Robertson, who acted as secretary of the organizing committee and helped with event fund-raising, said that "everyone I talked with thoroughly enjoyed the day. My voice is still coming and going; I guess that means I talked too much!"

Along with her sister Wendy (Masters) Andrews and Bev (McKnight) Baddeley, Robertson worked the registration booth, so she got to see many faces over the course of the afternoon.

"I was in town about 7 am on Saturday, and we were at the Legion by 9 am. By the time we left the dance that night, we were tired.

"But everything was just great. Once we got the meal over with and made sure everyone had enough food to eat, we (the organizers) really had a chance to enjoy ourselves."

While some 455 people were expected to attend, Robertson reports that "we actually set dinner for about 470 people."

Along with Robertson, organizing committee members included Keith Andrews (chairman), along with Wendy Andrews, Bruce Barber, Dolores Black, Pat and Peggy Graham, Gary Masters, Debbie McDougall, and Cathy and Gary Munday.

Local businesses and individuals who were thanked by reunion organizers for their support included: A.T.W., Remax, Purity Life, Glenlea Drug Mart, Acton IGA, Tyler Transport, Big Scoop, Foodland, Andy's Restaurant, Acton Pharmacy, Leathertown Feed Supply, Acton Meadows, the olde Hide House, Canadian Tire, Home Hardware, Mr. Mugs, Leathertown Lumber, Tuitman's Garden Centre, MacMillan's Frozen Foods, McNabb Graphics, Hartwerks Company, David Grahame, Herb and Rosemary Cook, Marc and Gayle Herdman, Stuart Robertson, John Dunn, Bev Baddeley, Barb Andrews and Phil Sargent. A special thanks was offered to the Acton Legion, Branch 197.

After sharing 45 years of memories Saturday, Lynne Robertson was asked if plans might soon be underway for a 50-year reunion.

"No way! But we did tell our children that they were welcome to plan their own a few years from now."



LETTERS

Way to go Acton!

To the Editor,

I wanted to write and tell you how wonderful Acton is!

Last January the churches of Acton and volunteers from the community started the Dine & Dash Acton Children's Breakfast Club. The response to this program has been great; we have served over 1,100 breakfasts in just four months.

I would like to thank the community for its support. When the planning committee set about to organize serving breakfast to the school children of Acton, we thought that we might have to rely on the Acton FoodShare for supplies; we are pleased to say that this is not the case.

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our town. Many individuals, businesses and churches have given donations of

food, time and money.

But the greatest support has come from our local businesses. They have given generously of themselves on an ongoing basis; even in a time of recession.

That is why I would like to make special mention of them. Thank you to the Acton Bakery, Acton Foodland, Acton IGA, Al & Al's Red Brand Meats, Feedback Canada, Freezer Frenzy, MacMillan's Fruits & Vegetables, Neilson's and Purity Life Health Products.

Thanks also to the marvelous volunteers from the churches and community who have organized and implemented this program: Linda Budgell, Liz Davis, Holly Dunn, Brenda LaRose, Shirley MacKay, Ann McIntyre, Janice Murr, Joy Reid, George Straw, Gail Thompson, Mary VanDinther, Joan Waldie and Anna Wood.

In my opinion, it's worth more than the drive to Acton; it's rewarding to live, shop and work here. Thank you, Acton!

Janet Cullen
Dine & Dash Co-ordinator

San José all the way!

To the Editor,

Upon receipt of a trophy for being their "No. 1 Fan," the Acton Non-Contact Hockey team the Sharks and coach Ron Schroeder really made me one happy fan.

Charlie, eat your heart out; maybe next year I'll be rookie goalie.

The Sharks played with heart and soul and won as the champs they are. Their enthusiasm was conta-

gious.

To you all, thank you for recognizing (hearing) me and appreciating the support, because 1992-93 was fantastic. I'll leave you with the James Bond theme song, "Nobody does it better." See you all next season.

Thank you for playing hockey as it should be played.

Your No. 1 Fan,
Virginia Lessard

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