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New scoring system at Acton Bowl

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Acton Bowl has thrown away its pencils and paper in favour of joysticks.

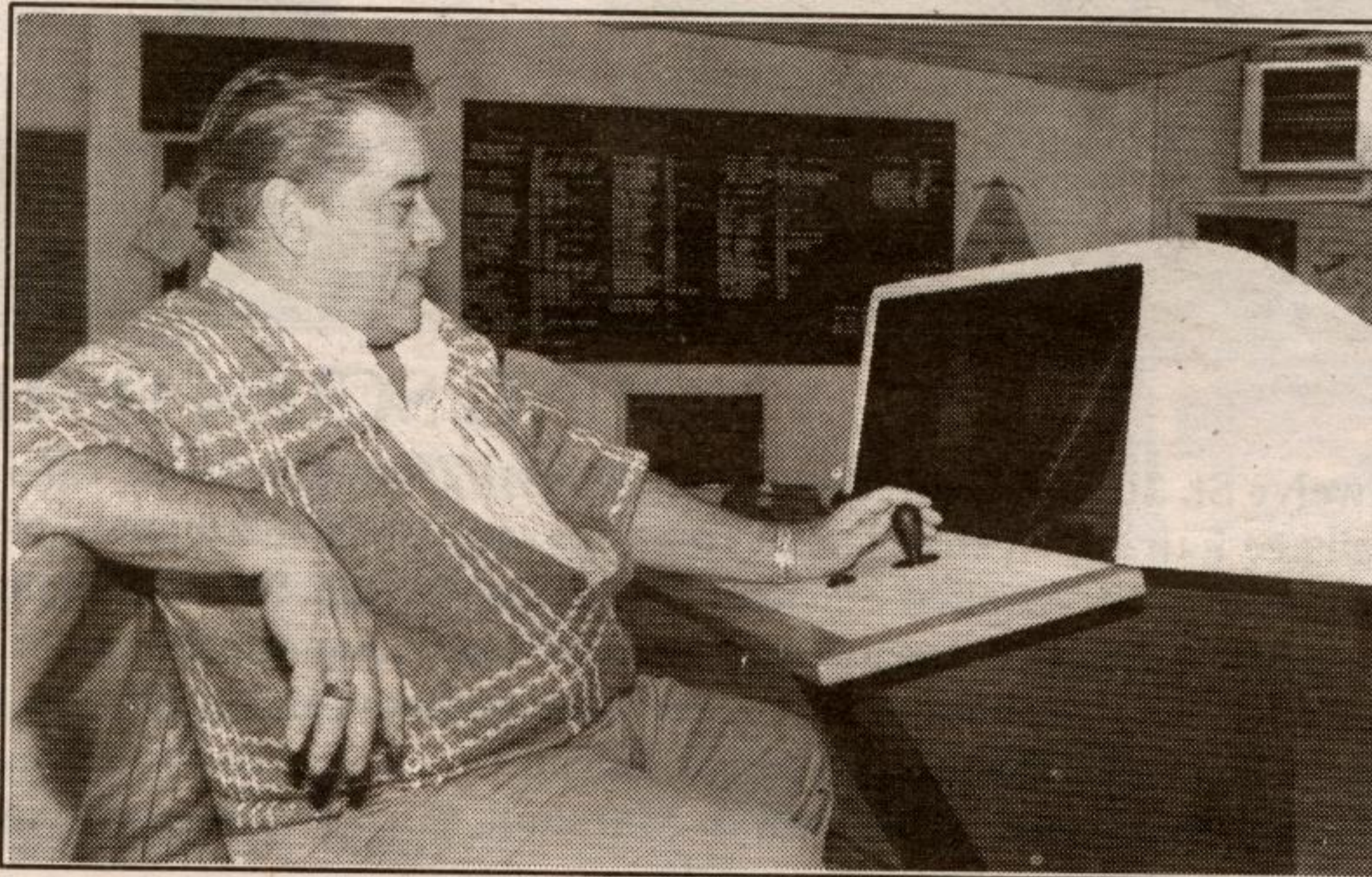
The six-lane Main Street house has converted to the electronic age for its scoring, recently installing the Joystick Scoring system at a cost of \$30,000.

Not only will the new system mean less work for the bowler, an accompanying component called the Secretariate — which compiles all league bowling data — will be less taxing on league secretaries.

Acton Bowl owner Dave Manes figures the secretaries in the town's eight leagues have two to three hours of bookwork each week.

With the Secretariate, he says, a printer will punch out the weekly data within 10 minutes of input. It should be in full swing for next season.

"It's going to eliminate a lot of work for them," says Manes, who first thought of electronic scoring while at a convention in Las Vegas a year-and-a-half ago. Manes says the most excited people could be Brent and Barb Dance, who head Saturday's Youth Bowling Council (YBC) league with over 120



MODERN SCORING: Acton Bowl owner Dave Manes eyes the new electronic Joystick Scoring system at the Main Street alley. The system has a number of features. (Doug Harrison photo)

bowlers.

"The Secretariate will allow them to spend more time helping kids learn to bowl. They often spend all Saturday here. It's pretty good for Acton to have something like this. It's the thing of the future," he says.

Manes hopes getting rid of manual scoring will rejuvenate open (non-league) bowling, which has been poor this season.

"I hope it improves. It's amazing how many people can't score in bowling," he says.

With the Joystick system, a product of Oshawa's Joystick Scoring Limited, the Secretariate can control the number of games being bowled on each lane. Manes says if a family of four wants to bowl 12 games, the lane shuts down after the last ball of the 12th game is thrown.

Special features such as the hook-up of the foul lines, automatic pin reset after throwing three balls and an actual turkey moving on the colour computer screen after three straight strikes have been

rolled, are new to Acton bowlers.

As well, special games like 3-6-9, where the bowler is given a strike in the third, sixth and ninth frames and two-ball, where a bowler throws two instead of the standard three balls, are available.

Manes thinks leagues could benefit from the double frames game. It's designed to allow each bowler on, say, a four-person team, to roll two frames at once. He estimates 10 to 15 minutes of lane time could be reduced over three games.

Manes says once each bowler inserts his or her name onto the screen with the joystick, the machine will do the rest.

"The screen changes colour after each game, indicates how many games are left on each lane and informs the bowler of his or her potential score after each frame," Manes explains.

Meanwhile, the owner of Acton IGA plans additional changes for the bowling establishment.

"Probably in the summer I'll remove the front benches in front of the scoring machines and put chairs in. Then I'll move the back benches up in order to put an area for bowlers to eat, drink and smoke."

Track team improves

The Acton High indoor track and field team has improved so drastically in the last three weeks that even a school record has been shattered.

Dan King did the honours at the recent East York Invitation meet at York University as he hit the tape in the Senior Boys' 60-metre dash in 7.85 seconds, almost a half-second faster than the old record.

Denise Katsilieris improved in the Midget Girls' long jump and the Midget Girls' 60m dash, from the previous meet. She finished fourth with a leap of 3.61m, up from 3.55m and improved her sprint to 9.68 from 9.88.

Junior Boys' runner Dave Dolliver knocked a tenth of a second off his 60m dash time in one week to 7.70 from 7.80.

Other results were as follows: Michael Andrews, eighth in Midget Boys' 800m; Yvonne Hendry, good effort in Midget Girls' long jump and shot put; Lauren Furness, Midget Girls' 60m dash — 9.30; and Chris Wallis, Junior Boys' 800m — 2.52.

Holmes pots 8 for Al and Al's AHS wrestler Snyder takes third at GHAC

HOUSE LEAGUE HOCKEY

PEEWEE

Mike Hastings, Marc Chaisson and Robbie Laird scored as **Craigwood Farms** edged **Acton Auto Tech** 3-2 in Peewee house league hockey action Saturday.

Kris Adema had two assists, while Chaisson, Hastings and Mark Chasson had singles.

Peter Drexler, from Greg McMillan and Rob Bonus replied for Auto Tech.

In the other game, Joey Zinke pocketed four goals as **Washington** handled **M & M Pro Sports** 7-0.

Curtis Archibald, James Mashinter and Chad Edwards also scored.

Archibald, Zinke and Derek Nolan recorded two helpers. Edwards and Blair Williamson notched one each.

ATOM

Nellis Construction outlasted **Mike and Al's Transport** 6-5 at the Community Centre.

Mike Rowsell scored four goals, while Kendal Brown and Robbie Price had singles.

Rob MacMillan had three assists, Bruce Milligan two, Rowsell and Ryan Samson.

Chris Stanhope notched two for

Mike and Al's. Singles went to Alex Zinke, David White and Ryan Bowen.

Zinke with two, White, Bowen and Marty Gordon had helpers.

Mr. Mugs defeated **Mike Luty Transport** 3-1 in the other Atom contest.

Jason Bonus, Shane Haslam and Jason Rumford found the net for Mr. Mugs.

Bonus, Rumford, Sam Brunelle, Paul Schiller and Travis Toth set up goals.

Joey Thompson scored the lone Mike Luty goal from Michael Lee and Adam Lindsay.

NOVICE

MacKenzie-Chapman and **MacMillan's** drew 3-3 on Saturday.

Jacob Kentner and Ken Christopher each had a goal and assist for MacKenzie-Chapman.

Brendan Dick rounded out the scoring. Taylor Seeds and Mike Vandenhoek had the other assists.

Tyler Chapman scored twice for MacMillan's. Brad West set up Chapman's first marker. Eric Sloane, from Shawn Richards, also scored.

In other Novice play, Shane Drexler scored the hat-trick and Derek Scott twice as **Galvcast** beat **Legion Branch** 197 5-2.

Garret Lyall had two helpers.

Singles went to Dylan Jacobs, Keith Gilmore, Gavin Williams and Blaine Murray.

TYKE

Kyle MacDonald and Michael Kuiprey scored four goals for their respective teams, but the former's **Best Transfer** teammates clipped **A & S Engraving** 7-5.

Tim Pembleton with two and Patrick Glatt also scored.

Glatt and Brett Manes had Best Transfer assists.

Chad Artem rounded out the A & S Engraving scoring.

In other games, Tyler Holmes scored eight of **Al and Al's Red Brand Meats** nine goals as they hammered **McIntyre Fuels** 9-4.

Dalton Winstone scored the other goal from Clark Sinclair. Alex Dube also had an assist.

Corey Grace-Wilson, Reid Hendry, Matt Locke and Nicky Newby answered for McIntyre Fuels.

Newby, Locke, Scott Timmings and Jamie Montagner assisted.

Brent Chapman scored four goals in **Halton Hills Furniture and Appliances** 8-3 throttling of **Acton Terminal Warehouse**.

Candice Anderson with two, Scotty Williams and Michael Wood also tallied.

Robbie Rolf with a pair and Joel Graydon scored for A.T.W.

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Scott Snyder could have used a mean streak last Tuesday.

The lack of one likely cost the Acton High rookie wrestler second place in the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference championships at E.C. Drury.

It also meant he failed to gain a berth in the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association finals at the University of Windsor that ran yesterday (Tuesday) and finish today.

Unfortunately, Snyder's only loss was to E.C. Drury wrestler Chris Price in his second match. Price, who finished second, could have been challenged by Snyder to determine second spot if they hadn't fought earlier in the day. "He (Price) controlled the whole match. He was quick and wouldn't let me do anything," says Snyder, who finished 3-1 on the day.

"After he scored on me I thought 'I have to wrestle smarter,' but I just couldn't do it. If I wrestled him again I would have been more aggressive."

Snyder, 16, admits he was tired on match day after nerves kept him awake most of the previous night, but he isn't disappointed with his performance.

"I was nervous," he admits, "but I'm really pleased with how I did. I didn't think I'd make it to GHAC at the beginning of the season."

The Grade 10 student hopes to take his 32-14 record to the Canadian championships in Edmonton at the end of this month. The school has given Snyder \$100 of the \$660 he needs to get there. He plans to hit some Acton businesses in hopes of getting sponsorship.

NOTES: Teammate Carlos Scappin had his left rotator cuff examined by his doctor Thursday.

He injured it at the recent Halton Senior championship at E.C. Drury when he was thrown and landed on his head and shoulder.

Scappin reports the shoulder is healing well and he plans to use it more actively this week.

"I'll get to GHAC next year," he vows.

While Scappin won't be attending the Canadian championship, he can take solace in the fact he compiled a 21-9 record in his first year of high school wrestling.

"I knew I had the chance to get hurt, but I was surprised at how well I did," he says. "I liked it and stayed with it."

Scappin expects to participate in Acton High's first rugby game in the coming weeks.