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## Father-son duo off to Ontario finals

BY DOUG HARRISON

The Acton Tanner

It's amazing what can come from a little father-son pep talk.

For Acton's bowling duo of Rick and Ryan Stroud, a little adjustment powered them to the Youth Bowling Council (YBC) Peeewe Family Twosome Zone championship recently at Bolton Lanes.

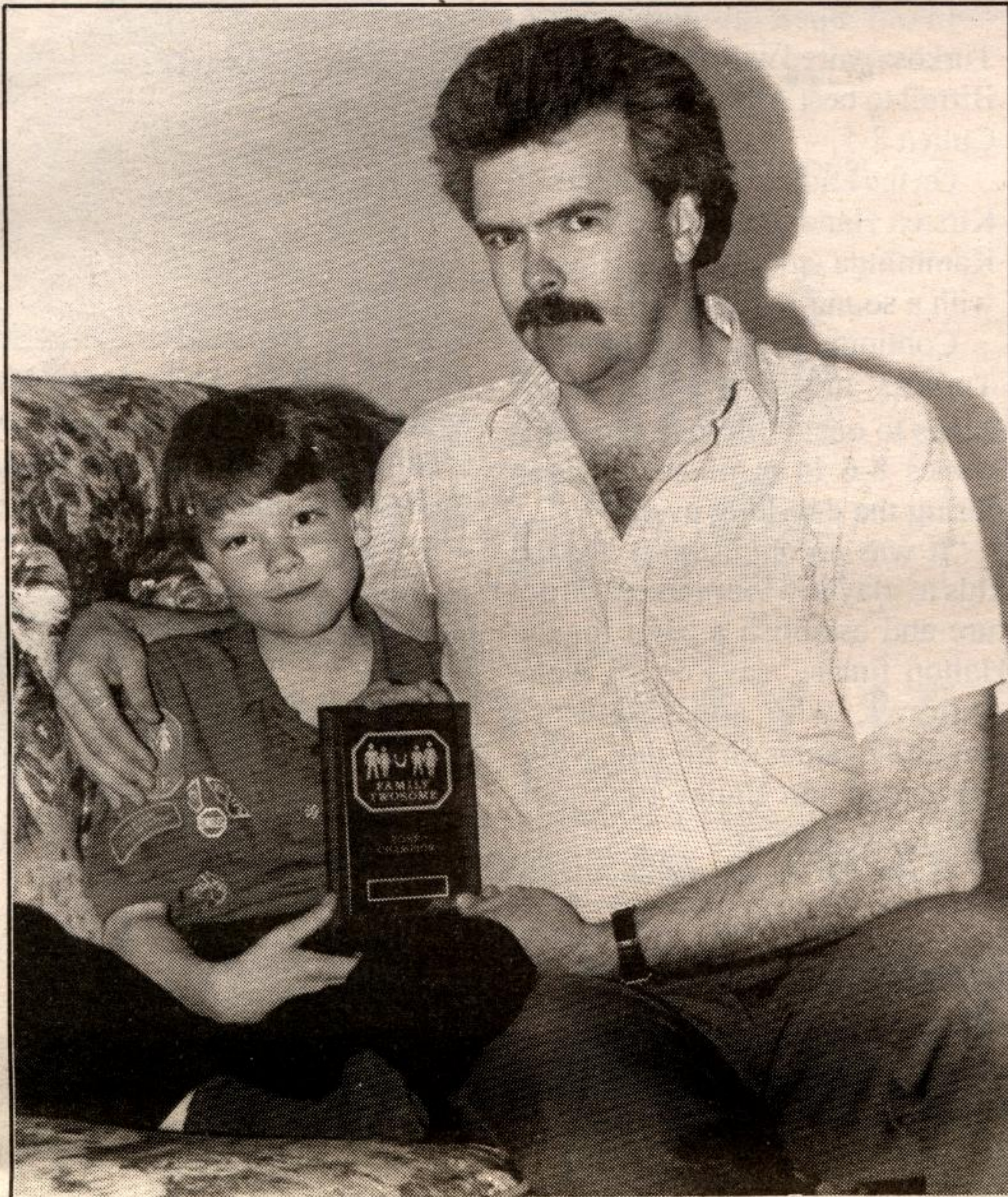
Acton was well-represented at the event as Bob and Steve Turkosz won the Senior Division title.

After the fourth frame in Game 1 of the four-game tourney, the Strouds had a pinfall of seven, thanks to two fouls. They looked at each other and decided to chat.

"Normally the foul lines aren't activated for Peeewe's, but they were for this tournament. In his league play at Acton Bowl, Ryan runs as fast as he can and always slides over the foul line," says his father Rick, 33. "I just told him to slow down and aim the ball rather than just firing it."

It worked as the father-son team finished the day with an 879 pin count, seven pins ahead of the runner-up tandem.

"I didn't expect to come out of the house league tourney and was extremely surprised with this win," continues Rick. "I wouldn't be the least surprised if we finish last at the Provincials, but if Ryan bowls well, we'll do well."



**FATHER-SON DUO:** Acton bowler Ryan Stroud, 8, holds the Family Twosome plaque he won with his father Rick at the recent Youth Bowling Council (YBC) Peeewe Family Twosome Zone championships. The pair have advanced to the Ontario finals in Toronto on Aug. 20 and 21. (Doug Harrison photo)

The Church Street residents now head to the Ontario finals in Toronto, where they will stay in a

Holiday Inn on Aug. 20 and 21, visit Skydome to watch a Blue Jays game and attend the provin-

cial bowling awards banquet.

In a Family Twosome competition, the parent always takes the first shot of every frame and the child finishes.

"Any time I told him we need a mark (strike or spare) he did it. I didn't say it often, but I guess I should have," offers Rick, who averaged 183 as a first-year bowler this season in the Friday night second-shift league.

Rick, though, openly admits eight-year-old Ryan has been the catalyst for the Acton team from the house finals through Regional play. He mentioned his son came through in the 10th and final frame of the last game at the Regionals, sparing to put them over the top.

"My performance wasn't anything close to the other parents," Rick says. "If the kids bowl well at this age level, you'll do well."

"I'm happy to see Ryan do well. He likes to compete, but when he's losing he doesn't let it bother him. And when he needs to do well, he does."

Like in the last week of league bowling recently when the first-year bowler carrying a 94 average rolled a 164 and 150 for a 314 double. The Robert Little student's personal best prior to the season finale was 250.

"I like the fun of the sport," says Ryan, "and seeing the pins fly like helicopters."

## Bonnell sets 2 records

A chilly weekend didn't affect a hot-running Amanda Bonnell.

The Grade 10 Acton High student established a meet record at the Al Nicholl Memorial track meet Saturday at Oakville's T.A. Blakelock high school, where she ran the Midget Girls' 400-metre event in a spectacular 61.8 seconds.

However, it didn't even rank as the top time as Bonnell finished eight-tenths of a second behind the leader.

Bonnell's time on Saturday duplicated her first-place performance at the recent Bluevale relays in Kitchener.

Bonnell is gearing for the Halton finals that run May 9 and 13 at Nelson high school in Burlington.

In that event, she will also compete in the 300m hurdles. Bonnell will be put to the test, since she hasn't previously hurdled in spring meets.

In other events at the Oakville meet, Michael Andrews darted to the finish in 64 seconds in the Midget Boys' 400m, while Shana Peddle crossed the line in 16.2 seconds in the Midget Girls' 100m.

## Defenceless Redmen lose soccer opener

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It is said that bad things always occur in bunches.

For the Acton Redmen Junior Girls' soccer squad, the events prior to and during last Wednesday's 3-2 home loss to the E.C. Drury Spartans told the story.

• Before the game, Redmen coach Steve Bailey watched his team go through warm-up all the while knowing one of the players counted on to score her share of goals, tall and speedy forward Jenny Goy, would be lost to the team for the season with a fractured left ankle;

• When the game started at 3:50 pm, the Redmen were missing two key defence players, leaving Bailey to toss around a bazillion questions as to their whereabouts. After the game, he had convinced himself it was work commitments;

• And early in the second half, centre defenceman Sarah Lindsay, who was the best Redmen defender in the game, bolted the premises due to a work commitment.

So that left the locals with a significantly depleted lineup for the last 25 minutes of the contest, which was played in chilly conditions and a stiff wind.

What transpired was a total breakdown in play and communication by the Redmen behind the centre line. For the opening 10 minutes of the second half, the Spartans set up camp deep in the home side's zone.

"When Sarah left I put the wrong player in to replace her. It was my fault," Bailey admitted afterwards. "After that, it was a makeshift defence."

Though the Redmen frequently made solid passes across the field, they couldn't clear the ball in the direction of the visitors goal.

Aside from the next five minutes in which the Redmen grabbed the territorial advantage and made good passes, but weren't able to attack the Spartan net for a legitimate scoring chance, the game was played in the Redmen end.

The Spartans finally put the ball past Redmen keeper Carrie Ferguson at the 23-minute mark to tie the game 2-2 and seven minutes later potted the game-winner.

The Redmen were caught running around their end and the Spartans soon capitalized as Cheryl Wisson scored her third goal of the game, drilling the ball to the left side past Ferguson.

"We had a 1-0 and 2-1 lead and

I thought we could have won the game when it was 2-1," Bailey said. "I gave the girls instructions to defend the lead and I thought we could have."

Janisse Bailey and Sherryann Sealy replied for the Redmen, whose record dropped to 0-1 after last Tuesday's tilt in Georgetown was cancelled due to a soggy field.

"It was nice to see us double our scoring output from last year in our first game," remarked Bailey, who was able to crack a smile after the heart-breaking loss. "In the last two years it was definitely the best game our girls have played."

"We only missed one of the scoring chances we had. There are a considerable number of young girls on this team. We're not going to get an abundance of scoring chances, but if we make good on some we'll be competitive."

The Redmen played in Milton yesterday (Tuesday) and are home to Bishop Reding tomorrow. Game time is 3:30 pm.

**NOTES:** Goy injured her ankle during a volleyball unit in gym class. She jumped in the air and landed on the foot of a classmate, causing the ankle to roll over. She will wear a cast for six weeks and then begin four weeks of rehab.



**WHO'S GOT IT?** Acton Redmen Senior Girls' soccer player Eileen Campbell, left, pursues the ball with an E.C. Drury Spartan opponent during action at Acton High on Thursday. Campbell drew an assist on the Redmen's first goal in a 3-2 Spartan win. (Doug Harrison photo)