

Acton Lions will survive: Glatt

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The Acton Lions Club appears to have been salvaged.

With an increased paid-up membership of two since late April and the strong possibility of three and maybe four additions in the coming weeks, it looks like they will meet the quota of 12 members required by the end of the month to keep their charter.

Lions Treasurer Jim Glatt, on Friday, said he's confident the Club will survive, after being granted two extensions by Lions International in Chicago to bolster membership, which sat at seven — one short for a quorum to do business — just over six months ago.

"It's been a long, tough struggle," sighed the nine-year member. "It's depressing because there is so much we can offer the community if we get help.

"I think I have two new members and two others, who haven't

committed, I know personally. They're busy individuals, but those are the ones we want because you know they're going to work."

Earlier this year, it was reported that only two members had attended regular Lions meetings, which are held the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

Glatt, who pointed out Rockwood Lions Club is strong with 31 members, is unsure why the meetings have been poorly-attended, considering the executive has been flexible in accommodating members who work out of town.

"Everyone comes up with their own reason," said Glatt. "I think people are getting their children into more activities and want to be there with them.

"But I'm busy, too. I coach hockey, have three kids and run a business. I think people in Acton would rather give from their pocket than join a group."

A source told *The Tanner* last

week that the troubles with the Acton Lions Club began when people committed themselves, but never followed through.

"I'm quite surprised they lasted this long," said the source. "A lot of people would join the club, transfer to a different job and leave town. I think they will survive, because they're good people who want it to happen."

Despite their struggle, the Lions were able to stage their annual softball tournament in June and had a booth set up at the Fall Fair.

Money raised from fundraisers has gone to groups including Acton FoodShare, the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, the public library and Camp Dorset, a family camp for dialysis patients.

"I'm not negative anymore," said Glatt. "It's gone beyond frustration and depression for me now. I know I've done all I can."

"I'm not going to give up, but I think we'd be hard-pressed to be the dynamic club we once were."

Anyone interested in becoming a Lions member should call Glatt at 853-4004.



TREATS TO GO!

Pat Johnson had her hands full of purchases on Saturday at St. Alban's Anglican Church's Women's Group annual bazaar and tea. Visitors enjoyed treats such as cookies and chocolate to go along with the craft items. (Eve Martin photo)



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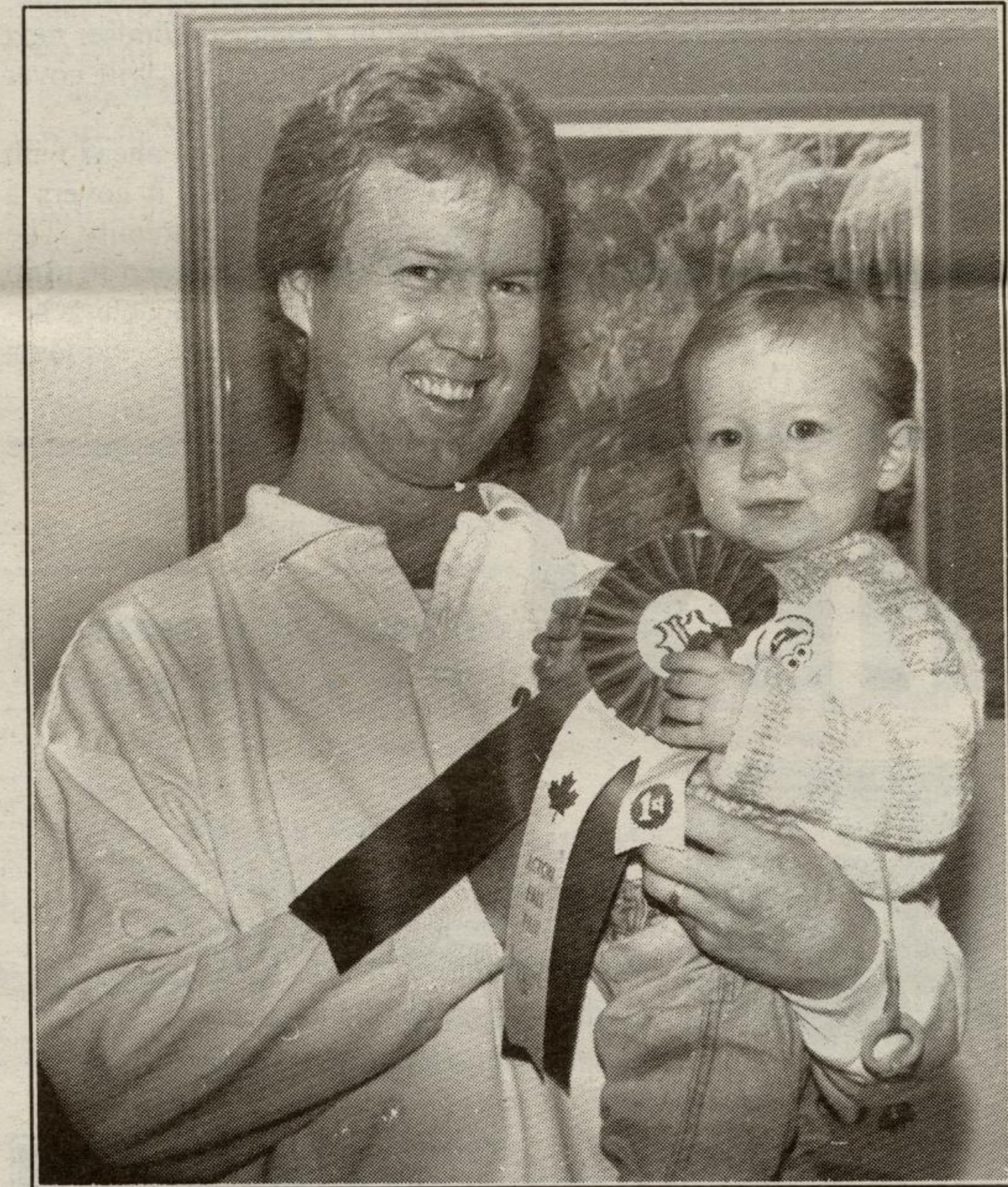


Centrepiece workshop

The Acton Horticultural Society's next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 21 at Knox church at 7:30 pm.

The club is planning a Christmas centrepiece workshop. This is a hands-on experience that you should not miss. Experts will be available to help create your floral arrangements. Bring your own supplies.

Cost is \$5 for membership. For details, call Trina at 853-0519 or Max at 853-0001.



BEAUTIFUL BABY!

Young Joshua Campbell turns 1-year-old today (Wednesday). The Acton youngster took first-prize at the Acton Fall Fair's baby contest in the 7 to 12-month-old category. Josh is being held by his father, Jamie. (Doug Harrison photo)

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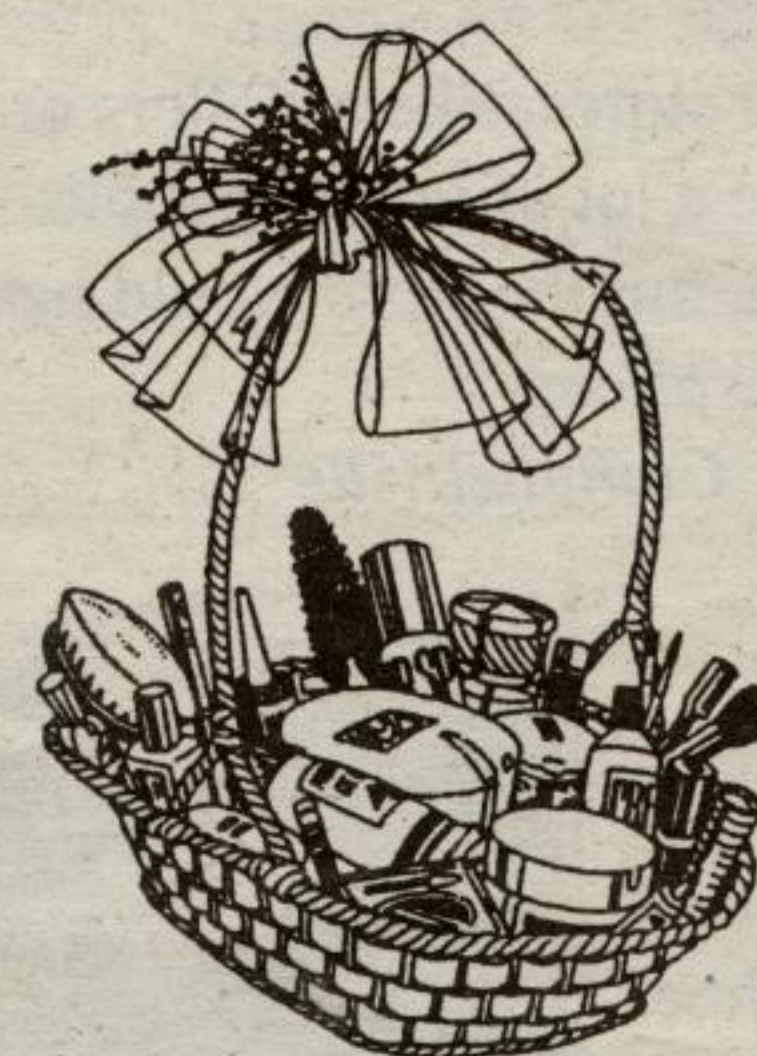
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