

# Soccer numbers up over last year

First-year President Rick Boychuk said Monday that Acton Minor Soccer Club registrations now total 410.

That number is a significant increase over last year, when 352 players signed on.

And this year's total actually swells to 432 when adult registrants are factored in.

"We're really pleased," said Boychuk. "It's been a very healthy registration. I expect we'll actually end up with around 460 players."

Boychuk reports that the increases have come across the board, with new teams added in most age divisions.

There are eight teams competing in the Under-7 division compared to six last year. Under-9 Girls will likely field three teams (an increase of two), while Under-9 Boys will go from three to four.

Under-13 Boys increase from one to three teams (two recreational and one competitive). Under-13 Girls have added one squad and now have three.

Under-11 Girls have two teams again, while Under-11 Boys stays the same at three.

Under-15 Girls will dress one recreational team, with the Under-15 Boys putting together one competitive and one house league side.

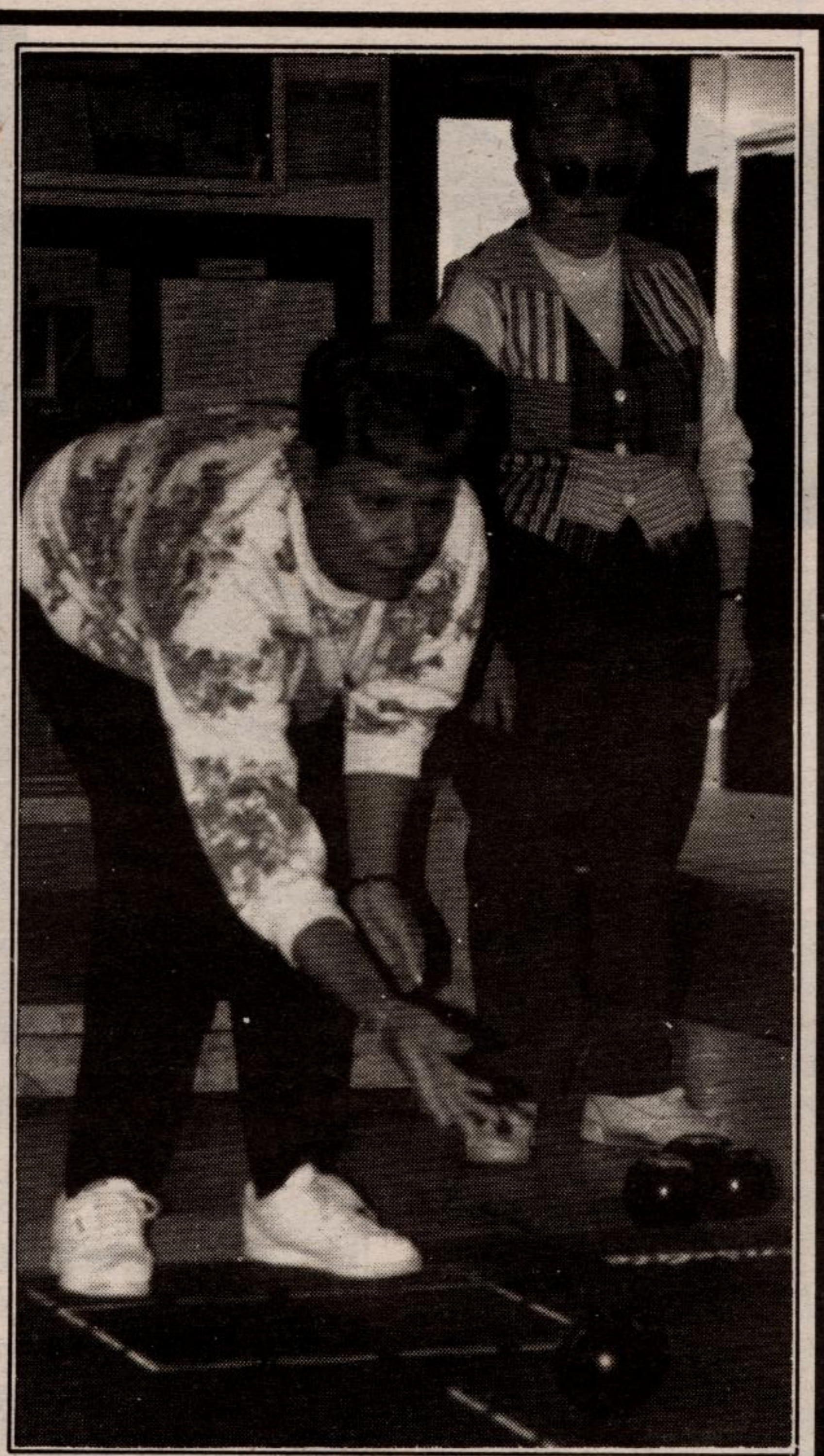
There will be one team in both Boys and Girls Under-17 divisions.

With all the new players, Boychuk says the club could use more referees and more soccer fields in '96.

"We have to get a message to the Town that we're a growing club and that we really don't have a suitable dedicated soccer field in Acton," said Boychuk.

Boychuk said exhibition games will begin on May 11. League action will commence the week of May 20.

Other executive members include Paul Chumley (past-president), Richard LaRose (Boys' V.P.), Pat Graham (Girls' V.P.), Ann Stewart (treasurer) and Dolores Gallagher (acting secretary).



## STEEE-RIKE!

Anna Arnold releases her ball during a game of carpet bowling played on Wednesday at the Seniors' Rec Centre in the arena. Olga Thompson watches over Anna's shot. (Karen Wetmore photo)

# Atom Sabres end with tourney win

It was a fitting way to cap off a fantastic year.

Acton's Atom 1 Rotary Club Sabres skated away with the championship at the Aurora Tigers' Atom A hockey tournament on the weekend, defeating the host team by a convincing 4-1 score.

Michael Borg and Adam Lindsay both scored a pair of goals in the final game to account for all of Acton's scoring, while Lindsay and John Field each had a pair of assists in the win.

"The defensive hockey the kids played was just outstanding," said Coach Steve Marshall on Monday. "Not just our defencemen, but the whole team really played a great defensive game."

On Friday night, in the first game of the four-team round-robin tourney, Acton lost to Aurora by a 3-1 margin.

Field, unassisted, scored the lone Sabre marker.

On Saturday morning the locals climbed back into contention with a big 8-1 victory over Weston Hawks.

Lindsay and Shawn Prentice both fired a pair in this game, with singles coming from Adam Brouillard, Peter Glatt, Sean Kirk and Novice call-up Kyle Strong.

Steve Atkinson and Patrick Sherren each passed for a pair of Sabre assists in this game, while single helpers went to David Lyons, Michael McDonald, Mark Pawlak, Strong and Matt Wolfer.

Later that night the Sabres defeated the Bradford Bulls 5-2 on the strength of two goals each from Kirk and

Lindsay. Borg had the other.

Assists came from Field, with two, and Atkinson, Borg, Lindsay, Lyons and Pawlak.

That win set up the final encounter between Acton and Aurora on Sunday afternoon.

"You could just see the pride our players had," said Marshall. "They wanted to finish off the year on the right note because they've had such a great season."

Marshall said his netminding duo of Max Schaefer and Jason Strong anchored the team on the weekend.

The Aurora and Weston teams compete in the Metro Toronto Hockey League, while Acton and Bradford are OMHA squads.

Last weekend the Atom 1 side travelled to Etobicoke to compete against more MTHL competition.

In that tournament's first game, the Sabres defeated the host West Mall side 3-1.

Acton then dropped its next match by a 2-1 score to the Humberview Sharks.

The Sabres drew 1-1 with Lorne Park in their third game, then lost 5-1 to eventual tourney-winners Erindale Iroquois.

"We played well against the MTHL teams," commented Marshall. "In fact, the opposing goalies were actually named First Star in our final three games of the tournament."

The Atoms finished the year with 48 wins to go with just 17 losses and eight ties. They reached the OMHA playoff semi-finals before bowing out to Six Nations.

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