#### Community Cornerstone - for 150 years...

# The Milton Fair Board

### LUNCH BUFFET

The McGibbon Hotel

Thursday & Friday 11:30 to 2:30

Featuring:

· Salad Bar

· Roast Beef

· Baked Ham Daily Specials

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Thursday, Friday & Saturday

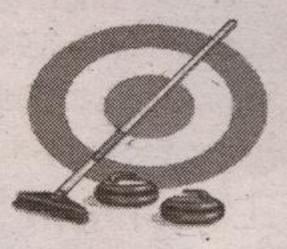
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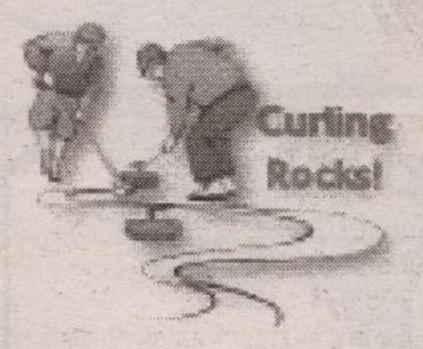
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ACTON CURLING CLUB

You are invited to an OPEN HOUSE! Enjoy FREE curling every night from 7:00 - 9:00 pm October 15 - 18, 2002. (instruction & equipment provided)





Membership Rates (+ tax) Men's \$242.00 Ladies \$231.00 Ladies One Night \$165.00 Couples \$429.00 Juniors \$ 55.00 Seniors \$135.00

For further information, call Liz @ 905-877-9890 or leave a message at the Club @ 519-853-0110.

\*\*Season registrations are due by October 19th \*\*

"Along with the entertainment, we

By DONNA DANIELLI

can continue the dairy shows, and the horse shows and to showcase the agricultural community."

The Fair has seen a number of changes since that day in 1853, a group of volunteers worked to bring the first Fair to Milton. Originally a one-day event, it was extended to three days in 1978. It has weathered Hurricane Hugo and seen RCMP demonstrations and ladies mud wrestling as some of it's entertainment. Prizes of 5 to 15 shillings were given at the original Fair to winners in such classes as furniture, flour barrels, horseshoes, rag carpets, embroidery, rice flowers, and more. These inside exhibits were displayed inside a blacksmith shop. Today's Fair takes place on the Fairgrounds purchased

by the Agricultural Society in 1864 and prize totals range from \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year.

"We've been fortunate over the years to have younger people getting involved in the Fair and working their way up to the Executive," says past President and Board Member since 1969, Robert Marshall. "I've seen the decline in the agricultural shows and it's getting more difficult to maintain your agricultural community." Exhibitors may have declined somewhat over the years, but the Home Craft part of the Fair remains popular, with a constant need to evolve to reflect a craft's popularity at the time. Exhibitors in canning and flowers have remained a constant over the years though.

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Volunteers and members of the Halton Agricultural Society marks its 150th anniversary this year. Seated from left to right: Nancy Comber and Joanne Heath. Standing from left to right: Evelyn Oates, Dianne Patterson and Robert Marshall.

## ACTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY PRESENTS THE 89th ANNUAL

The 1,000 or so schoolchildren

I who will visit the Milton Fall

Fair's Youth Day on September 27

will take away with them something

more tangible than memories of mid-

way rides and games, they will have

been given the opportunity to reach

into their heritage and touch base

with the agricultural community that

surrounds them. This Agricultural

Awareness Program that is the base of

Youth Day would not be possible

without the hard work and dedica-

tion of the volunteers of the Halton

County Agricultural Society. Formed

in 1853, a year before the first Fall

Fair and five years before Milton itself

was a Town, the Agricultural Society

marks it's 150th anniversary this year.

and the Ontario Agricultural Food

Educators to correspond Fair events

with school curriculums," says

Society Secretary Nancy Comber. "As

well, we have participation from

other agricultural groups such as 4H,

OFA, and the women's institutes,

and we give children a chance to see

and learn about cattle milking and

Craft President, who has also served

as President of the Agricultural

Society and been a member of the

Board since the mid seventies,

emphasized the need for the Board to

constantly evolve the Fair, to keep it

new last year and it draws people into

the Fair as being something that the

community wants," she explains.

"The Demolition Derby was

Joanne Heath, this year's Home

sheep shearing."

fresh and enjoyable.

"We're working with teachers

# MIDWAY - ENTERTAINMENT - FOOD

This year's highlights include:

- The special return of Greg Barrington "The Horse Whisperer"
  - The KenJen Petting Zoo
- Northern Borders Flyball Canine Show
  - Truck & Tractor pulls
- · Musical entertainment, horse shows, rides, food, plus much, much more!



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