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CHAMPION: Michael Vandenhoek, 13, with his dirt bike.

Michael Vandenhoek clinches dirt bike championships

By ANGELA TYLER
 The New Tanner

Challenging and fun is how 13-year-old Acton resident Michael Vandenhoek describes how it feels to ride a motorcycle dirt bike. Michael, a member of the Halton Off Road Riders, has been racing in the HARE scramble school person division for the last two years. He describes it as 1/2 motorcross racing and 1/2 enduro racing. Riders, age 8 to 15 years, race in a five to eight km track and are ranked by how many laps they can do per hour.

On Father's Day at his race in St. Williams, Michael clinched the Canadian HARE scramble school person championship. "When I asked him what he was going to get his dad for Father's Day, he told me he was going to win," said Michael's mom, Cathy.

Although he has only completed four out of the six races for this season, Michael had enough points to claim the championship. Each win allows Michael an additional entry at the chance to win a 1998 KTM 50CC SX MX bike valued at \$1,600. He still plans to race in the two remaining races in

Conestoga on July 12 and in Niagara Falls on Aug. 9.

For Michael to keep racing his parents insist he maintains an adequate report card. "He has to bring home a really good report on Thursday to keep racing," Cathy stated. Michael is in Grade 8 at St. Joseph's.

He comes from a long line of racing, including five cousins and his father John who has raced for 20 years.

When not racing, Michael can still be found trail riding locally and spending many hours each week with his dad

maintaining his bike.

Michael has been fortunate to have Brampton Cycle as a sponsor. Next year he hopes he can increase his sponsorship. "I'd like to get another three or four sponsors, to help out with tires and gear," Michael said.

"The best part about the race is the start, you're nervous and you don't know what's going to happen," Vandenhoek said. When asked what he tells others that want to start racing, he replied "Don't always think about winning, just do it."

Golf tourney to honour memory of Kelly Jupp

On Saturday July 18 the 2nd Annual Kelly Jupp Memorial Golf Tournament for the Canadian Cancer Society will be held at Acton Meadows Golf Course. In October 1996, Kelly, a great friend and well-known member of the community, passed away suddenly from cancer at the age of 24. Good friends of Kelly's held the inaugural tournament in his honour last July. The event was a great success, raising \$5,000 for

the Canadian Cancer Society. If you are interested in playing in this year's tournament, the cost is \$55 per person or \$220 for a foursome, which includes 18 holes and dinner. Space is limited.

Those wishing to make a donation can do so at the Acton CIBC Branch. Please make cheques payable to The Kelly Jupp Memorial Fund, c/o Canadian Cancer Society.

To register, please contact Paul Glass at 853-3871.

Concessions, compromises as ice time is allotted

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
 The New Tanner

Town staff said there were "no big losers" in the recent process of allocating ice time for next season to Halton Hills user groups. For the first time requests for ice time at all three Town-owned arena, including Acton was dealt with from one pot as Town staff attempted to guide the user groups to a fair distribution system.

The emergence of the growing Halton Hills Girls' Hockey league and its request for ice time, forced a different approach to allocating ice time this year. A recent series of ice user groups meetings helped sort out the demands. The group determined that all user groups, male or female should be treated equally when it came to getting ice time, and that youth teams head the line.

"As the interest in girl's hockey grows in the next two or three years other municipalities will have to cross the bridge that we just crossed," the Town's Manager of Facilities said last Thursday.

Stover said the recent series of ice user meetings resulted in all user groups in Halton Hills making some concessions and compromises when it came to allocating available ice time. There are some outstanding issues that will require further ice user meetings, including standards for practice times that currently aren't balanced between Acton and Georgetown hockey leagues.

"What we will ultimately fashion is a policy to go to council that will pretty much standardize the way is allocated because we see emergence of other groups potentially coming down the pipes too and until we get more facilities we've still got the same supply," Stover said, adding that all groups ended up with some early morning ice times, which is cheaper, but much less attractive.

Stover said there is some non-prime time ice - before school and late at night - available and that all new

groups asking for ice time would be evaluated by the Town. They are still trying to determine whether to put ice in for a fall session.

Gord Chapman of Acton Minor Hockey Association said he prefers the old practice of keeping Acton and Georgetown ice use separate.

"The reality in this day and age is that isn't going to happen," Chapman explained on Friday, adding that ice time requests from the Halton Hills Girls' Hockey league forced them to look at available ice in one block because the league has members from both Acton and Georgetown.

Chapman wants the Town to develop a policy to deal with new groups coming to ask for ice time.

"There's a time at which you will say there's too much ice (time allotted) for that number of people. For example, if our organization had three hours of practice a week per team that would be nice, but it would be wrong if it excluded other people."

Bev Baillie of the Acton Figure Skating Club, which received 12 hours of prime ice time and four hours of non-prime, two hours less than last year, is unhappy with the Town focus.

"At the rate we're going I would see figure skating, basically being pushed out," Baillie explained Thursday. "I felt that we spent most of the time at the recent meetings to decide on ice times dealing with hockey."

LACROSSE ROUNDUP

HOUSE LEAGUE - PEANUT

Henderson Pro battled Georgetown Legion to a 5-4 win on Saturday in Acton. Jeff Breedham scored twice for Henderson while Brian Timmerman, Matthew Pelkey and Justin Bannerman had singles. Ashton Waters scored twice for Legion while Casey Lyons and Ryan Kelly had singles.

TYKE

Cameron Flint had six goals and two assists as Good Morning Vending trounced Galvcast 15-1. Acton's Riley McGilloway had four goals and helped on four more. Cory McCulloch scored three times and Philip Romanet had a single. Chris Haynes had Galvcast's lone goal with help from Acton's Ethan Job and Mason Cochrane.

NOVICE

Justin Gibson scored three goals and helped on eight others as Nurseland defeated Georgetown Lions 16-10. Brenda Devine had five goals and two assists while Brett Maltby and Michael Plobner each scored twice and Greg Haywood had a single.

Acton's Ryan O'Connell scored five goals for Lions while teammate Garrett Williams scored three times and helped on two others. Kyle Fellows scored twice and had two assists.

PEEWEE

Adam Halton scored five goals and had an assist to help Jumbo Video to a narrow 8-7 win over Arnold's on Monday night. Dane Kuiken-Rogers scored twice while Matt Bronizewski had a single. Acton's Nick Newby found the net four times for Arnold's while Chad Artem, Kyle McDonald and Jeremy Webster had singles. Andrew Friolet helped on two goals.

BANTAM

Daniel Varanelli came up with a 6-4 win over M & M Pro Sports, with help from Bill McDonald who scored three goals. Brad Norton, Kyle Tak and Ryan Louth had singles.

ACTON RAMS - NOVICE

Both Braden Devine and Braden Artem scored twice as the Acton Novice Rams downed Milton in a home game last Wednesday. Devine also helped on two other goals and Artem had a single assist. Justin Gibson, Ryan O'Connell and Shawn Harkely, who also had an assist, scored singles goals. Single assists also went to T.J. Ferreira, Kyle Fellows and Michael Krasnay.



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