# Acton parent wants skateboard ramp repaired for kids' use

By FRANCES NIBLOCK The New Tanner

An Acton parent's attempts to generate interest in repairing a homemade skate-board ramp for local youths seem to be paying off. The Town likes the plan; the ramp builder is enthused and initial overtures to the local Scouts were promising.

Julia Rogers, whose sixyear-old son Dane uses the ramp located at the Scout Hall on Old School Lane, wants to see it repaired for the skateboarders, rollerbladers and BMX riders who use it on a regular basis. While Roberts was impressed with the attitude of the kids using the ramp and their willingness to share the facility and give pointers to her son, she's unhappy with the poor condition of the ramp, built about 10 years

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Skateboarder Dane Black, 6, of Acton.

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ago by BMX enthusiast Chris Kempton of Acton.

"We were appalled at the condition of the ramp – their (the youths') major source of summer recreation here in Town," Roberts said, adding that it wouldn't take much money or wood to fix it.

"Can we not, as a community, pool some resources and complete this project for Acton teens? Roberts asked, noting that the facility would go a long way to getting skateboarders off the street.

Kempton, who said he no longer can afford to put money into regular upkeep of the ramp – one side is unfinished and needs a plywood deck – is pleased that Roberts wants to fix it up.

"A friend of mine who lived near the Scout Hall and I made the ramp and allowed everybody to use it. It would be great if it could be repaired because it gets a lot of use," Kempton said on Sunday.

Town recreation coordinator Stacey Green likes the plan to repair the ramp and meet the needs of Acton youths, in Town.

"We're certainly interested in working with Julia Roberts, other parents and the youth in Acton. We have been for the past year – we've invited Acton youth on a number of occasions to get more involved with SIBHH (the Skateboarders, In-Line

Skaters and BMX Bikers of Halton Hills)," Green said.

The Town, in partnership with the SIBHH, is currently working on a plans to build a concrete and asphalt skate-boarding and in-line skating facility in Georgetown and Town staff said that they will arrange transportation for Acton kids to the Georgetown facility.

Staff said that they looked at putting portable skate-boarding ramps in the Acton arena this summer but that ramps were in bad shape and needed to be rebuilt so they decided to offer field trips to other facilities while plans are finalized for the Georgetown facility, which could be built this fall.



GETTING READY FOR FALL: The Acton Bowling Lanes are busy at work refinishing the lanes for the fall leagues. – Ted Tyler photo

#### Rainbow arcs on Mighty Chickens

T-Ball

Amanada Kurpieweit hit a triple as Rainbow Trophies met the Mighty KFC Chickens at Sir Donald Mann last Tuesday. Brothers Brandan and Taylor Power both had great hits to centre field for Rainbow. KFC fielders Josh Tremblay, Kelsey Kirkpatrick and Shailynn Reid showed great skills and Bas Payne hit well.

Grasshopper

Brian Larose had three home runs as A & S Engraving handed IGA a 26-14 loss in game one of round-robin playoffs on Monday at the Robert Little diamond. Both Cole Peragine and Shane Carr also had home runs while Jennifer Garvie went 3-for-3. Mark Wells had two singles and a double and Eric Niblock had a single and a double. Bradley Kri had three singles and Matthew Hartnagle had three singles and played well behind the plate. Dylan Jubinville had a triple and two singles for IGA. Jessica Pond

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advancing the puck

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went 3-for-3 and Dallas Black had two doubles. Katelyn Roesner displayed all-star fielding and Kyla Reid had two singles.

Both Nikki and Jesse Spurrell had home runs as Galvcast met IGA. Nikki also had a triple and five RBIs while Jesse also had a double and three RBIs. Devin Gaudet also had a home run, two doubles and four RBIs for Galvcast. Matthew Kutasienski had a home run and two doubles for IGA while Dallas Black had two solid singles and Robert Laing went 3-for-3.

Atom

Carolyn Diegel had three home runs as the Atom girls ended their season in third place after the championship games on the weekend in Morristown. Acton defeated Ponsonsby 18-15 in the first game and dropped a 13-7 decision to Puslinch in game two. Both Renee Strickland and Megan Masini hit homers in a 10-8 game three loss to Rockwood. Both Lesley Clark and Meagan Masini pitched well with multiple strikeouts. Puslinch won the championship.

#### Novice Rams 0-2

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Brantford handed the Acton Rams a 10-8 loss last Thursday in Acton putting the team and 0-2-0 in total points, round robin playoffs. Greg Henry, Justin Gibson and Garrett Williams all scored twice for Acton while Sean Nellis and Brendan Devine had singles. Assists went to Braden Artem and Gibson with three each and Williams, who had two.

The Novice squad dropped a 7-4 home game decision to Fergus last Tuesday. Gibson had three of Acton's goals while Artem had a single.

PEEWEE

Kyle McDonald scored three goals as Acton defeated Arthur 6-4 last Wednesday in total points, round-robin playoff action for the "B" trophy in Acton. Single came from Nick Newby, Chad Artem and Jesse Sparks. Assists went to goalie Brady Masters, Brett Manes, Scott Williams, Newby, Sparkes and Artem who had three.

TYKE

Mike Keenan gets the shut out as Acton II blanked visiting Elora II 9-0 in rep. lacrosse playoffs last Thursday to take the 'B' division three-out-offive championship. Evan Lavallee and William Poirier each scored twice in the rout. Assists went Dylan Hanzelka, Riley McGilloway, Patrick O'Connell, Brock Hamilton and Colton Burgan.

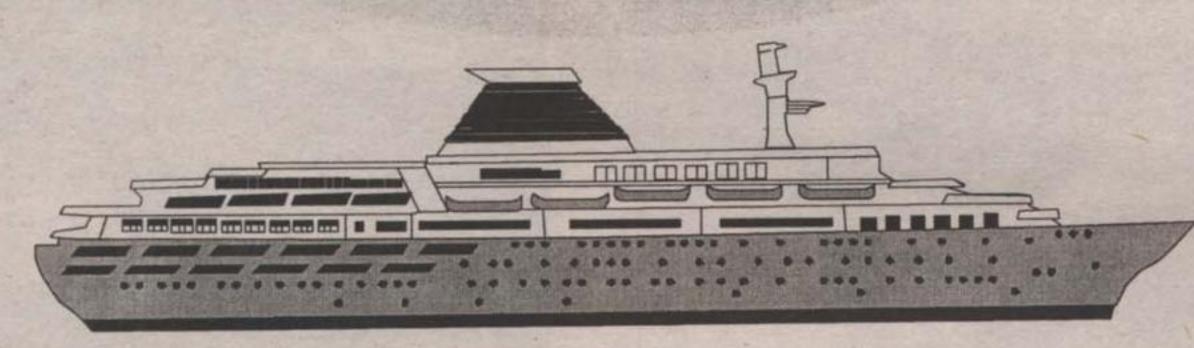
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