



DANCING UP A STORM: Youngsters (above) gave it their all in a special performance for parents and visitors at the end of the Town's Dance Camp last week at Acton High school. Then (below) to keep everyone awake, the camp instructors got their audience up and active learning to do the Pony. - Maggie Petrushevsky photo



Concern for environment in plans for golf club

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The New Tanner

Developers of a proposed 27-hole golf course east of Acton expressed tremendous concern for the environment in their presentation to their future neighbours Tuesday.

They hope to make the course eligible to be part of the Audobon Sanctuary program, one of only a handful of such courses in Canada, says co-owner George Tidd.

Project consultant Glen Schnarr brought along several experts to explain specifics of the plan as well as development principals Dick Kirkpatrick, George Tidd, Glen Toth, and Bob and Barb Monckton.

Schnarr said the original plan was to build a 36-hole course north of Highway 7 between the Fourth and Fifth Lines. However, after an environmental review of the 225-acre property, they reduced the proposal to 27 holes in order to protect the various sensitive areas, including both branches of the creek.

Tom Hildtich, an environmental engineer with ESG (Environmental Services Group) International, said in from several sources like Credit Valley Conservation and the Ministry of Natural Resources, he did an on-site review of the property last fall.

From that, 65 acres have been identified as needing protecting and preservation.

No changes are required to permit construction of a golf course because the land is above the brow of the Niagara Escarpment and considered less important for agricultural production.

Halton Hills' Official Plan would also permit the course in its rural area. However a

deferral was applied to that section when the plan received Ontario Municipal Board approval. Now the developers will ask the Town to lift that deferral from their specific property in order to let their plan proceed.

Christopher Crozier, a water resources engineer with Burnside Development Services, said irrigation water will be taken from the creek during March and April when flow is heavy and stored in newly created ponds for use in low-flow periods from June through August.

Two streams join on the property to form a tributary to Black Creek and eventually part of the Credit River. Both these streams as well as Mann's Creek are considered to be cold water fisheries and important Brook Trout habitat.

Crozier used actual weather data for the past 22 years to prepare a computer model of historical water flows in the area. From that it was determined diverting three to four per cent of spring flow or runoff from summer storms will provide sufficient water to irrigate the course.

He said irrigation water would always be taken from groundwater.

Paul Bowen, an hydrogeologist with Terraprobe, said his firm will locate a well and septic system to service the proposed 15,000 square foot clubhouse. Neighbours' wells will be monitored during the well's construction to ensure the new well does not interfere with them. He predicted these facilities would have much less impact on surrounding groundwater than the existing farm operation, saying they would be equal to about 10 to 12 homes.

Schnarr said the course is expected to attract most of its

customers from Brampton, Mississauga, Oakville, Guelph and Kitchener. The conversion of Acton's Blue Springs course to private has left a market for mid to higher end facilities.

The tees and greens will be elevated, Tidd says, and will require some irrigation because of their special grasses. However drought resistant grasses will be used on the remainder of the course so they require little pesticide, herbicide, fertilizer or irrigation.

Tidd says the developers will be planting more than 1,000 trees on the property and the only heavy, earth-moving will be to create the storage ponds for irrigation. Soil from those will be used to build the tees and greens.

Schnarr said the ponds may be lined with clay or synthetic materials to prevent the collected water leaking into the ground.

Tidd says developers expect 350 to 375 golfers per day on weekends with much smaller crowds through the week. The course will be closed in winter with no plans to add extra facilities like a tennis bubble.

"We want to be the best neighbours we can possibly be," said Tidd, who is gathering at Churchville Community church to hear the presentation.

Jupp golf tourney

On Saturday, July 17 the third annual Kelly Jupp Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at Acton Meadows Golf Course. Once again the tournament is a complete sell out. To date, the tournament has raised \$12,500 for the Canadian Cancer Society. This year there will also be a dance at the Acton Legion on Saturday at 8:30 p.m. Cost for non-golf participants is \$5. For more, call Ian Munday at 853-5686 or Paul Glass at 853-3871.

Fined for income tax evasion

An Acton area car salesman has been fined \$23,933 for income tax and GST evasion.

Carlo D. Peruscello of R.R. #4, was convicted of

understating his income by \$65,000 on his personal income tax returns between 1991 and 1994. Peruscello worked as a car salesman in Acton and also operated his

own used car business from his residence. During that four year period he purchased and re-sold more than \$1 million in vehicles. He charged his customers \$4,550 in GST which he kept instead of remitting it to Revenue Canada.

The maximum penalty for tax evasion and failing to remit GST is 200 per cent of the amount evaded and/or a two year jail term.

Car accident claims life of Georgetown man

A single vehicle accident on the Eighth Line around 2:25 a.m. Monday has claimed the life of a Georgetown man.

Carl Deblasi, 30, was killed when his northbound car left the road and struck a tree.

Halton Regional Police are investigating the accident.



COME ON IN: With temperatures hovering in the mid-80's the Prospect Park wading pool has been getting a lot of action since it opened last week. Kids and parents alike have cooled off at the supervised pool which is open Monday to Friday from 1:30 to 4 p.m. - Frances Niblock photo

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