

Handyman, farmer, entrepreneur Stan Morrison passes Feb. 28

Following his mother's orders from childhood, - if he took it apart he had to learn to fix it - Duncan Stanley Morrison was a man who expected to repair anything around his home until the day he died.

From acting as his own veterinarian under the guidance of the local professional, to building and repairing his own machinery, shoeing horses, building an addition to the barn and helping to build his retirement home, doing his own butchering, dynamiting rocks to clear his second farm, creating gadgets or witching for a well, Stan was never without a project.

The youngest of three children born on a Glengarry County farm divided by the provincial border with Quebec, he was the only English-speaking child in the one-room country school where his education began. He was bilingual before it was politically correct and shed that knowledge as quickly as possible. His early experiences coloured his attitudes and created a lifelong interest in politics at all levels.

After a year in Acton, the family moved to a dairy farm on Highway 7 east of Acton in 1923 where Stan attended Bannockburn public school and Acton Continuation school. He also returned to riding horses once he again had space in which to keep one.

Stan got his licence to

drive a truck on the construction crew when Highway 7 was paved in 1927.

He married Reinettia McEnery of Georgetown in 1935 and they raised Ayrshires on the family farm until their retirement in 1967.

As the only male on the farm during World War II, he was in the Lorne Scots Reserves and worked in the chrome division at Beardmore's. Later, he was a trustee on Bannockburn school board, a director on the Ontario Milk Producers' Board, and a director on the Acton Agricultural Society. He did custom baling and harvested corn for farmers throughout the Acton, Rockwood and Hillsburgh area for many years.

Having been among the Bannockburn neighbours who restored the Warden Pioneer Cemetery at the Fifth Line in 1954, he and his wife became the cemetery caretakers upon retirement and only relinquished the job for health reasons in 1998.

After retiring, Stan worked at the Limehouse Garage for several years, then became Earl VanNorman's plumber and assistant in electrical work for water tank and electrical repairs and installations. In his spare time he was a general handyman and Mr. Fixit for Acton area residents needing help with various home repairs from building fences to refinishing and repairing furniture.

His last years were spent

raising far more garden produce than he needed and building toys, furniture and gadgets in his basement workshop for his family and friends.

Born Feb. 1, 1911, he died Feb. 28, 2000 in Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital after a lengthy battle with heart disease, emphysema, diabetes and finally, cancer.

He leaves his wife, Reina at Morrison Park Nursing Home, his daughter Margaret Petrushevsky, at home, and sister-in-law Ethel Denny of St. Joseph's Home in Guelph.

He is also survived by his grandchildren and great grandchildren, Jessica Kuehnappel of Georgetown and children Christina, Vanessa and Cassandra, Julia Langford of Elora and children Bailey and Paige, Nelson Hannah and wife Jodi of Guelph and children Larissa and Ryan, and special step-grandson Alexander Petrushevsky and wife Denise of Guelph, and daughter Jaden.

He was predeceased by his parents Duncan and Christena Morrison and his sisters, Margaret Cole (1975) and Christena Morrison (1984).

Rev. Pieter Van Harten conducted a funeral service for Stan at MacKinnon Family Funeral Home on March 2. Cremation followed and a private burial will be held at the family plot in Acton's Fairview Cemetery.



CHICKS ON ICE: Members of the Acton Figure Skating Club work on their routine to a Dixie Chicks song for the club's season finale/carnival - Musical Moods for the Millennium - on April 1 at Acton arena. The Chicks include, left to right: Jody Hastings, Olivia Sroka, Jessica Cassista, Emma Bailie, Cassandra Job, Justine McIntyre and Lisa Finnie. - Frances Niblock photo

16th annual Paul Murr golf tournament May 15

The 16th annual Paul Murr Memorial Tournament will take place on Monday, May 15 at Blue Springs Golf Club.

In 1999 the tournament raised \$35,000 which was donated to the Acton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society. The goal for 2000 is to exceed that amount. This would bring the 16 year total contributions to over \$320,000.

The tournament has expanded its capacity and can accommodate 288 players with shotguns tee offs at 7

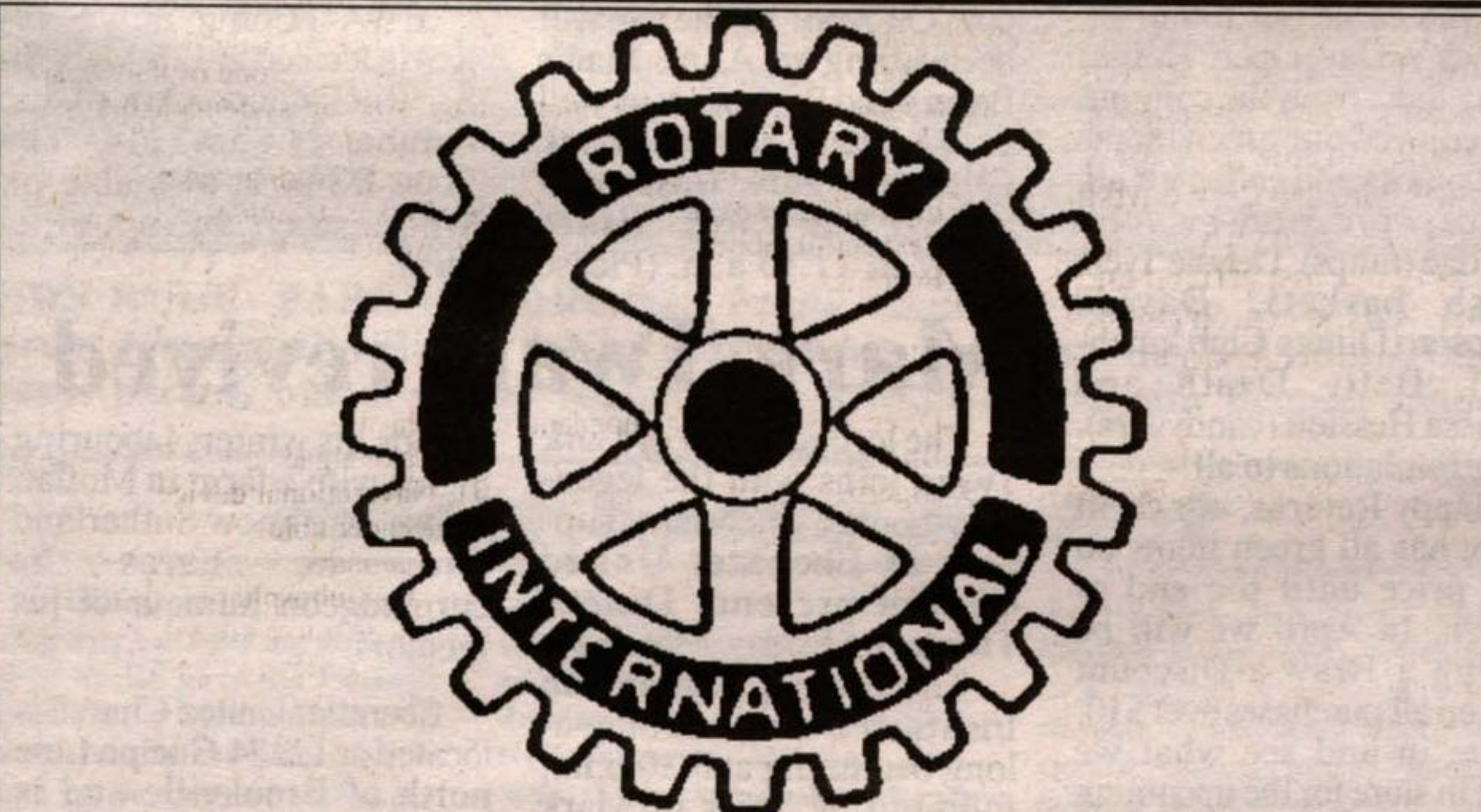
a.m. for regular or scramble golf and 1 p.m. for scramble golf only. Fees are \$120 and \$150 respectively and include 18 holes on the championship Turtle Lake course, power cart, driving range, NY steak buffet dinner and entry into random draws for over \$4,000 in prizes.

A significant portion of our revenue comes from corporate and small business sponsorships. The cost for this is \$150 (which is tax deductible) and a sign identify-

ing the sponsor is prominently displayed on the course.

Letters have gone out to previous sponsors. However, anyone interested in participating or purchasing a sponsorship should contact John McNabb at 853-5615 for a registration form and details.

Traditionally, the tournament fills up quickly and interested players are urged to contact John promptly, says Allan Hall, spokesman for the tourney.



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