

Terry Fox Run Sunday honours Canadian hero

By Jon Hurst



"Canada's Greatest Hero" as voted by Canadians in 1999. - Courtesy of the Terry Fox Foundation

In 1977, at the age of 17, Terry Fox was diagnosed with osteogenic sarcoma (bone cancer) in his right leg. Within four days, his leg was amputated six inches above the knee.

The night before his surgery he read about an amputee runner who had run in the New York City Marathon, and he dreamed of running across Canada. While receiving treatment during the following 16 months, Terry was overcome by the suffering and pain endured by his fellow cancer patients. His desire to do something to make a difference culminated in the planning of his Marathon of Hope.

At the conclusion of his treatment, Terry began training, running over 3,000 miles during the next 15 months. He recruited sponsors and the promise of promotion and support from the Canadian Cancer Society.

On April 12, 1980, Terry dipped his artificial leg in the waters of St. John's Harbour, and his odyssey began. He averaged 26 miles a day, the equivalent of running a marathon a day, and his run progressed, Canadians became aware, and involved.

Many Acton and area residents were fortunate to see Terry as he passed through Acton early on the morning of Wednesday, July 23, 1980. He had been honoured the previous evening at a Canadian Can-

with family by his side, Terry Fox passed away.

Terry received many awards, including becoming the youngest Companion of the Order of Canada; British Columbia's highest civilian award - The Order of Dogwood; The American Cancer Society's highest award - The Sword of Hope; the Lou Marsh Award in 1980 for outstanding athletic accomplishment; the Canadian Press Award as Canadian of the Year in 1980, and again, posthumously, in 1981; inducted into the Canadian Hall of Fame in 1981; chosen as Athlete of the Decade by The Sports Network; chosen in a poll in 1999 as Canada's greatest hero.

To this day, people have not forgotten him and each year hundreds of thousands of people honour him and continue his dream by participating in the annual Terry Fox Run. The Acton Terry Fox Run will take place on Sunday, September 16 at Acton High School from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine. Pledge forms are available at all banks, schools, variety stores, Prosperity One Credit Union, Home Hardware, LCBO, M&M's and Leathertown Lumber.

Information can be obtained by calling 853-2015 or on the internet at www.terryfox.org.

Terry once said, "How many people do something they really believe in? I just wish people would realize that anything's possible, if you try; dreams are made, if people try."

cer Society banquet held at the Lions Club Hall in Georgetown.

After 143 days and 3,339 miles, having run through six provinces and completing two-thirds of his run, Terry was forced to stop just before reaching Thunder Bay. His primary cancer had spread to a secondary location, his lungs, and he was flown home to British Columbia for treatment. Terry's father, Rolly, commented that he felt it was unfair, but Terry responded by saying, "I don't think this is unfair; that's the thing about cancer. I'm not the only one. It happens all the time, to other people. I'm not special. This just intensifies what I did. It gives more meaning. It'll inspire more people."

On June 28, 1981, one short month after his 23rd birthday,



The Acton Tanners Minor Hockey Association Golf Committee

gratefully acknowledges the following, whose contributions made our tournament a great success. 32 youth and 54 adults golfed under sunny skies. With your help we raised over \$7,000 for the organization. A Special thank you to Galvcast Manufacturing and Achilles Mazda for their generous contribution to our Hole-In-One Contest

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We would like to take this opportunity to again thank our volunteers for their time.

The Chefs - John Hoare, Kerwin McPhail, John McNabb. Debbie Harding for sitting on the 18th hole waiting for the elusive hole-in-one and running the putting contest. Caroline Artem for all her help. Dave Woolford and John Whittaker, our blackjack dealers. Joanne Gordon, Mary Cardin, Helen Kirkwood and Helen Bentley for the baked goods.

Thank you!

Christine, Rose, Pat and Karen
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