



Rick identifies players on Four Town Tourney champs

To the Editor,

The picture in last week's *Tanner* sure brought memories. I remember that tournament like yesterday. Acton were huge underdogs going up against the two larger towns. Georgetown was about 8,000 and Milton was about 7,000. You'd know better than me but Acton was about 4,000.

We beat Milton 3-1 and then we beat Georgetown 7-0. These games took place in Fergus. The picture has

me holding the Four Town Tournament trophy. Back in the 60s that was a huge tournament. It was Acton, Georgetown, Milton and Fergus. Every year a different town would host the tournament. The respective Legions would supply the lunch for all teams. Each town took great pride when it was their turn to host the event. We had a great team. Here is a list of all of the players and there were two who were

missing.

Back Row: Coach Bill Knight, Randy Downes, Ken Hurren, Pete Morrison, Dave Foster, Ron Louttet, Rod Gibbons, Treth Armstrong, Randy Coker, Manager Ken Marshall. Front Row: Mike Pope, Harry Lawson, Steve Marshall, Rick Bonnette, Randy Marsh, and Jim McNabb. Missing from the photo is Dave Braida.

Rick Bonnette

ACTON SENIORS' RECREATION CENTRE

BY ENA GIBSON

The Guelph Miniature Show on Monday Jan. 12 was very well attended and we heard lots of oohs and aahs about the skills of the members. I also understand that some of our members are considering taking up this hobby.

We had no mooners last week in Bid Euchre but don't forget the trip to Casino Rama on Wed., Jan 28. Call Ruth at 853-5124 for further information.

Marg Dodgson would like to thank all of her committee members for doing such a great job on our "Chef's Night". Your recipes were a hit and everyone enjoyed their dinner. Winners of the prizes were: Annie Saunders, Lorraine Fox, Teresa Downey, Ron Saunders, and the 50/50 draw was won by

Betty Green. The Milton Seniors' Kitchen Band was very musical with their washboards and spoons. A great evening was enjoyed by all. Don't forget the Valentine Dinner on Thurs., Feb. 12 at 6pm.

Line Dancing has started again on Wednesdays at 11:30am and costs \$37.00 for six weeks.

There are a couple of seats still available for the trip to Toronto to see the Diana exhibit on Tues., Jan. 27. Call the Senior Centre if you are interested in this once-in-a-lifetime showing.

The "Easy Does It" workout is on Tuesdays at 1pm. Another chance to get that body moving for better health!

On Tues., Feb. 3 at 1:30pm Tan Jay will be putting on a

fashion show. For just \$5.00, you can see the spring fashions and enjoy refreshments.

The Computer Refresher course starts in February. There is more information about this activity at the Centre.

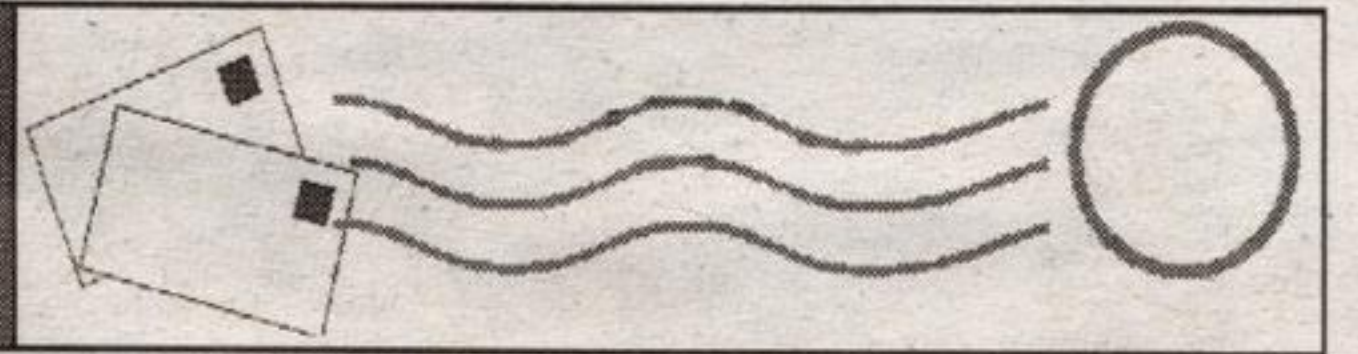
On Wed., Feb. 18, we have a trip to the Niagara Falls Aviary. Watch for more information.

Put Tuesday, Feb. 24 on your calendar and plan to come to our Annual Meeting at 1:30pm. This is a chance to meet your new executive and find out about all the activities at the Centre. Take time to enjoy the refreshments and talk to your executive and friends.

Are you interested in Carpet Bowling? The equipment for this great activity is stored in the backroom and we'd like to see it being used. A sign-up sheet is at the Centre and we are suggesting Monday afternoons at 2pm for this group.

GST (Goods, Services, & Talents) Auction, Saturday, April 17, is on a roll! All funds raised will benefit the Acton Seniors and the Community Support Program provided by HHCSI. If you are interested in trying out your voice as an auctioneer or have some goods, services or talent to donate, please call the Centre at 853-5951. We would sure like to hear from you.

Letters



No one has right to tell family how to grieve

To the Editor,

I have never written a letter to the editor of a newspaper in my life, but Bonnie Bennett's comments in this week's *Tanner* moved me so strongly that I could not remain silent. This woman, through no fault of her own, had her life drastically and tragically changed forever in the blink of an eye.

I have thought of her and her family every day since New Year's Eve. No one, including me, can even begin to comprehend how she feels or what her life is

like now. How is it possible then, that some person or people actually believe they have a right to judge her much less criticize her?! I was utterly shocked and furious when I read that she feels ridiculed for her behaviour.

Here is my unsolicited opinion: First of all, no one has a right to tell anyone how they should grieve, period.

Second, I absolutely applaud what incredible strength of will it must take to make her little girl's days as happy and normal as possible.

Third, everyone has a right to their own opinion, but how could anyone be so thoughtless that they felt she had to hear it?

Fourth and finally, I think Bonnie and her family deserve every nice thing that ever happens to or is given to them for the rest of their lives because no amount of love and support and money will ever come even remotely close to making up for their loss.

*Sincerely,
Susan Bergin
Acton*

Trust fund, dance created for community in mourning

To the editor,

Re: court hearing

After reading the above article, my wife and I were saddened and angered to hear that Bonnie Bennett and her family are taking criticism and being accused of taking advantage of the community's support and kindness. The trust fund and charity dance for Raymond Getty were created for a community in mourning who feel they need to express in some

manner their deep sympathy for the family's loss. Not all of us know the family or Raymond personally, but still wanted to find a way to help.

Whoever the members of the community are that feel they needed to express their unwanted opinions should feel disgraced with themselves. Like many in our community, we can only imagine how difficult it must be to deal with the death of a child.

It is a true shame that

Bonnie and her family must now deal with the ignorant opinions of people who have no right opening their mouths. No one has forced anyone to contribute to the trust fund.

We live in a small community where it makes us proud and comforted to know that we can support each other in our times of need. This is what makes our community stronger.

*Signed,
Sympathetic, yet
disgusted.*

Hard for all three families

To the Editor,

I would like to say that reporters need to get their stories straight when they are writing about the stuff in the community. One of the stories I am talking about is the death of Raymond Getty. In the story you have the accused mother who went to the wake, but was not invited to the funeral. The accused's

mother did not go to the wake, but she sent flowers and her sympathy. She also did not go to the funeral.

I know Raymond's family is going through a tough time, but has anyone thought about the other families involved? For an eleven-year-old to see that, and his family to hear what has happened is tough.

It's going to be hard for

all three families, I know. But that's what friends, family and the community are for.

*Thank-you for your time.
From a friend of the
families.
Name withheld by
request*

Editor's note: This letter was edited since it contained comment which is illegal under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

Surprised by article re more police presence in Acton

To the Editor,

I was surprised by a front page article that appeared in the *New Tanner* edition on Jan. 15 about a greater police presence in downtown Acton. The article indicated that a petition had been circulated by local businesses and the Acton Women to Women business association and presented to the police and also to the Town. I was also surprised as no comment was printed by the BIA.

As a downtown business owner and member of the Acton BIA I was surprised to read this. I never did have either petition presented to me to sign nor did a number of other businesses in town that I had talked to. I have not even heard of many complaints from

other business owners over our police coverage. When I am open late I always see a cruiser or an on foot officer passing by.

The BIA has long worked with our Village Constable to maintain a presence on Mill Street. We have enjoyed an excellent relationship in the past and look forward to continuing it in the future.

I think the unnamed business owner and The *New Tanner* did a disservice to both our youth and our Police Service by the article.

*Regards,
Monica Galway,
Owner, Profile Hair Salon*

Editor's Note: A signed petition was circulated and The New Tanner only reported the facts.