

Legal battle brewing with Guelph Gun Club?

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The Guelph Rod and Gun Club may be squaring off for a legal battle with Guelph/Eramosa Council after council passed a new bylaw Tuesday denying the club Sunday hours of operation.

Councillors said they had no intention of curtailing the club's activities, but had received legal advice confirming their right to restrict the club's hours of operation.

The club's lawyer, Rob Mullin, requested council delay action on the bylaw for a month to give the club the opportunity to negotiate with neighbours complaining

about noise from the club.

Mullin likened the club to Pearson airport. Both the club and the airport operate under federal regulations so they are federal enclaves and not subject to municipal control, he said. He warned that rejecting the club's appeal for more time might end its conciliatory attitude.

Coun. David McCrae accused Mullin of "calling council's bluff" and said he felt this was an issue worth fighting over if it came to that.

Coun. Chris White said council had tried to remain neutral but decided to take a stand when what had appeared to be an agreement between the club and its neighbours

"fell apart" hours after the agreement was reached. The battle has been going on for a year and a half.

No one is trying to shut the club down, he said. They just want it shut down for one day of the week. The club is free to juggle its hours over the other six days.

Council acknowledged that the club had been in operation since 1958, has 22 acres to operate upon and has worked with an acoustic engineer to build buffers which will decrease disturbance to its neighbours.

The club does not operate on Wednesdays and council suggested it should shift its Sunday hours to Wednesday. Council

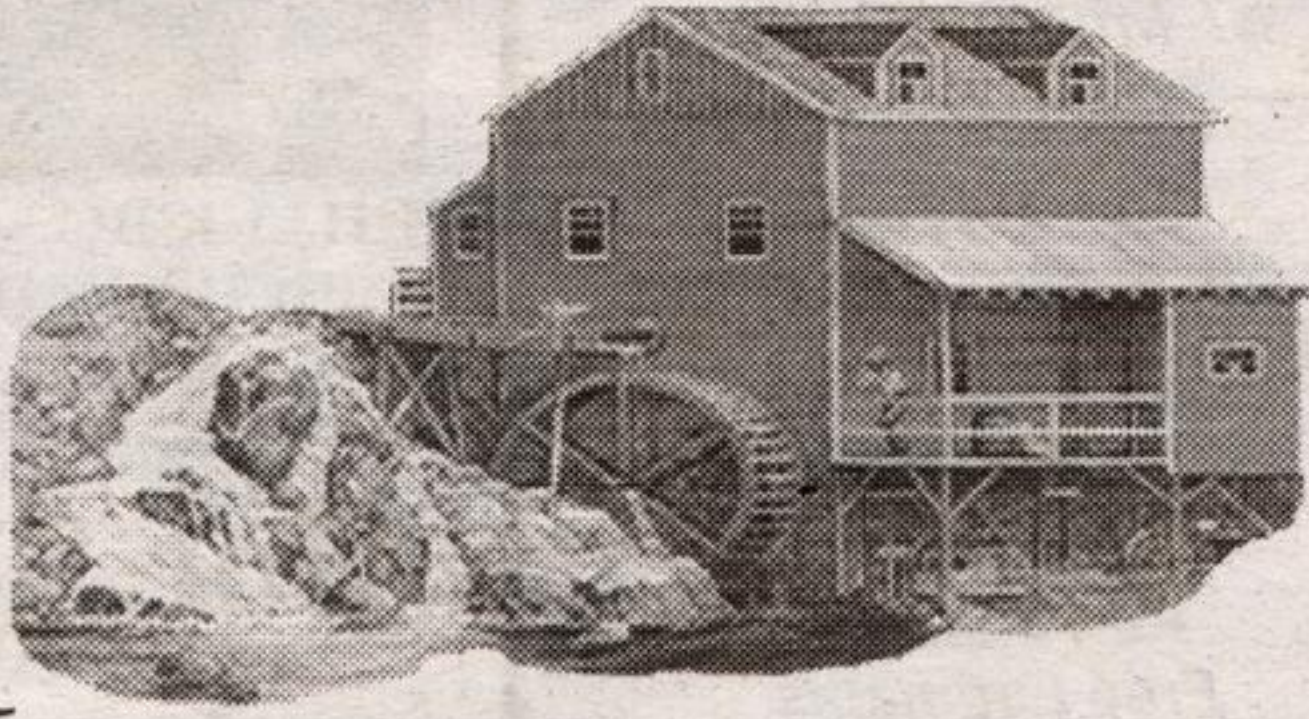
ignored Mullin's protests that club members need Sunday hours because of their busy schedules.

Mayor Clint Martin supported the motion to delay action on the bylaw but warned Mullin that gun club representatives needed to "come (to September's meeting) with some authority to negotiate" or there was no point in delaying the bylaw.

When the vote was called only Martin and Coun. Les Foote supported a delay.

When council passed the bylaw restricting the club's hours, club representative Borden Zazinsky refused to comment on the club's next move "on the advice of our solicitor".

The Rockwood MILLER



Residents wonder why hall not available for rental

Guelph/Eramosa council wants to know why Rockwood Town Hall is not available for evening rentals to local residents.

Ray and Betty Death told council they were recently refused permission to rent the hall for the Presbyterian Church strawberry social. As recently as last fall, however, the hall was available.

Since the Deaths were among a small group of residents who worked for five years to raise the funds to restore and refurbish the hall, they were more than a bit annoyed to be refused the right to use it.

"If the nursery school is running it, then the nursery school should be paying all the bills too," Mrs. Death said.

Coun. Chris White said facility rentals are handled by the municipality's Recreation and Parks department and he asked that the situation be looked into.

The Deaths said they were offered the use of the room in the fire hall instead of the town hall but they did not find it to be suitable.

Rockwood Rebels first overall in Intercounty League ball

Rockwood Rebels Pee-Wee Girls are first overall in Intercounty League play. With only one defeat in the regular season, the girls continue to beat their opponents.

With 14 teams in their division, the Rockwood girls have stepped up their hitting averaging more than 17 runs a game, reaching double digits 11 times. What was once felt as the weak link, it has become the team strength with contributions up and down the order. Five games remain in regular season play.

The Rockwood team travelled to Niagara Falls for the 19th Annual Teddy Bear Tournament. The girls finished first in their pool, going three games undefeated. A tough, two-game day in the finals found the girls facing two strong Tier 1 teams. In spite of the valiant effort, the girls came away defeated, placing a strong fourth overall in the tournament.

The Rebels travelled to Brantford for a one-day Novice tournament and brought home the silver medal. The girls eager for a win, defeated their first three opponents with a total run spread of 46 runs. In the gold medal round, the girls faced a tough Toledo team who gave up no runs for the entire day. Rockwood came away with the silver, scoring 2 runs against the team.

AnaMarie Smelsky and Taylor Box lead the batting for the day, with Smelsky hitting 2 home runs and Box hitting three.

ORSA playoffs

The PeeWee girls began their first round of Provincial play July 17 against Copetown. In best 2 out of 3 play, the girls defeated Copetown 16-5.

A home run in the 4th inning by Alicia Anderson drove in three runs and a grand slam by Emma Bauman in the 5th secured the win.

With their second game in Lynden on July 26, the girls came out swinging

once again scoring 5 runs in the first inning. Strong pitching from Kayla VandeKemp and Taylor Box kept the Copetown team at bay. Defensively, Rockwood played tough allowing only 3 runs from their opponent. Final score 14-3.

The girls move to the second round against Ennismore. First game was on Monday at Lloyd Dyer Park in Rockwood. A win in this series will put the girls straight into the championship round.

The Rebels are appreciative of the sponsorship this year from Jescan Power, Quality Tree and Fusion Homes.



GOLDEN GLOW: Guelph/Eramosa Mayor Clint Martin and his wife, the former Kathleen McCully, entertained family and friends at Rockmosa Community Centre Sunday to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. The Martins were married July 30, 1955 in DeBert, Nova Scotia while Martin was serving with the Royal Canadian Navy. The couple has four children and seven grandchildren. They returned to Martin's home in Eramosa Township in 1957. — Maggie Petrushevsky photo

Seeking Volunteers for Our On-Call Listing

Do you have a few hours to spare every now and again? EWAG is putting together a small listing of individuals in the community who would be willing to do some volunteer work for seniors. Often we receive calls from seniors looking for assistance in their garden, shoveling snow in the winter and odd fix-it jobs around their home. If you would be willing to be added to this list, please call Sue at 856-2113. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Spare Clothing Racks?

If you happen to have clothing racks that you are trying to get rid of, please call Sue at 833-9696. The Encore Shop is looking for a sturdy rack to display our special 'sale' items.

EWAG Third Annual Golf Tournament—

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out and support EWAG during our 3rd Annual Golf Tournament being held once again at WildWinds Golf & Country Club on Tuesday, August 16. The cost is \$100 and includes 18 holes of golf, a shared cart, a full steak dinner and a great day with friends. There will be prizes for best ball foursomes, longest drive, closest to the hole and a putting contest. There is also a silent auction with some great golf items. For more information please contact Mary at 833-9696 ext 230.

BAG SALE at Encore Shop—Help us clear out our summer wear by coming in during the month of August

and stuffing a grocery bag. Anything summer can be placed in the bag that is given to you when you come in. One bag will cost you \$4, 2 for \$7 and 3 for \$10. This is your last chance before we start loading the racks with fall and winter fashions. Shop early for best selection.

Fashion Show—For the second year EWAG will be holding a fashion show displaying the awesome finds that come into our 3 thrift stores. On Thursday, September 22 at 7 p.m. grab your friends and join us for a fun evening of amazing fashion finds. Volunteers will 'model' the lovely clothing and then all will be available to purchase after the show. This year we are holding the event at the Stonecroft Inn in Erin. Tickets are \$5 each and are available at all of our locations. For more information call Mary at 833-9696.

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