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Lapointe named to golf hall of fame

Induction into a Hall of Fame is usually an event that caps a career years after an athlete's best days have passed.

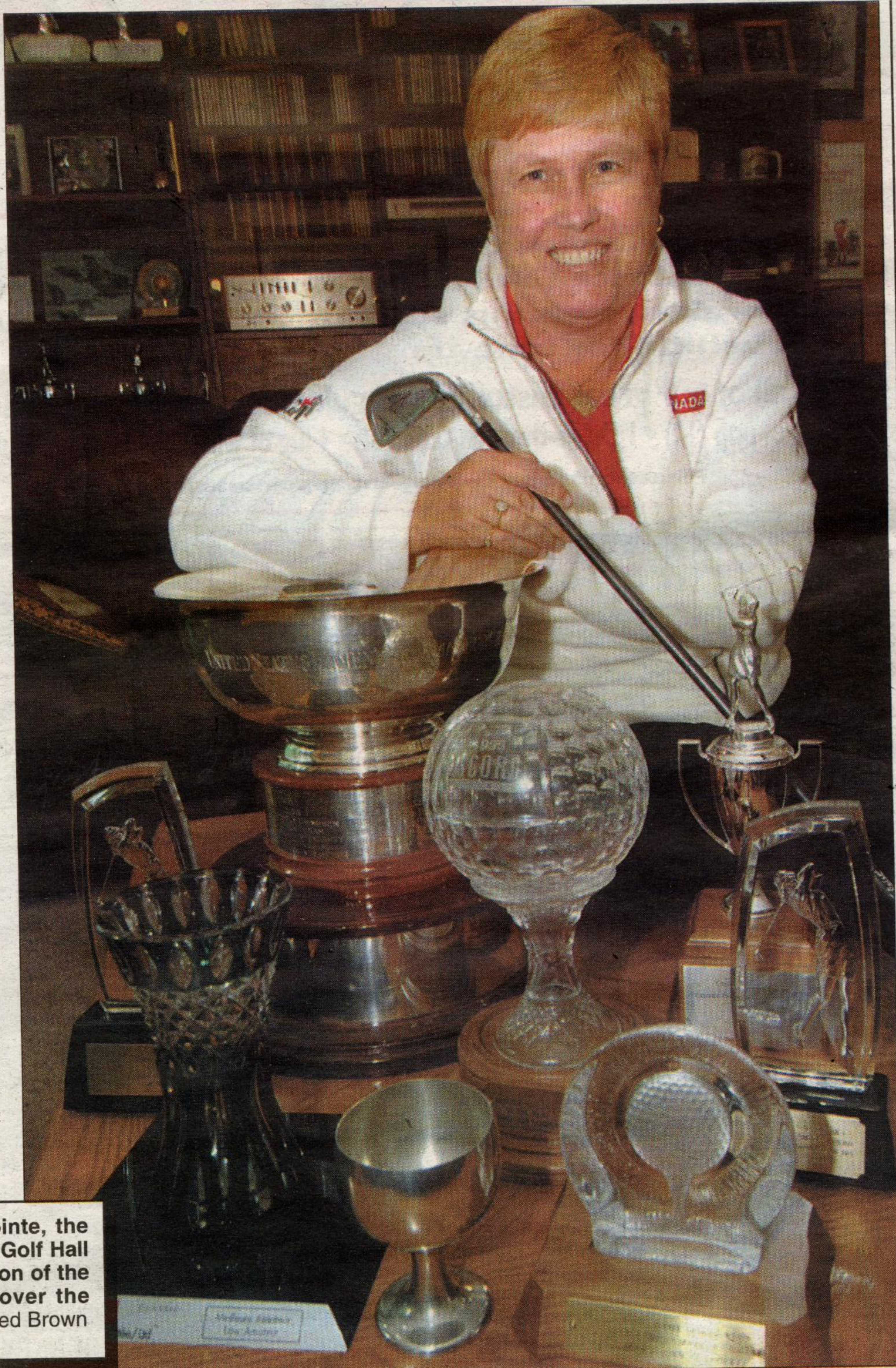
Not so for Mary Ann Lapointe. "I'm a late bloomer. I haven't peaked yet," Lapointe said Wednesday after being informed she had been named to the Ontario Golf Hall of Fame. "I feel I'm still getting better."

That's probably the last thing Lapointe's opponents want to hear. Last month Lapointe earned her 21st Ontario title by shooting rounds of 67 and 68 to win the Ontario Mid-Amateur by 18 strokes.

"She's in a different league. She smoked everybody," was how Julie Green summed up her North Halton clubmate's victory.

At 45, Lapointe has compiled a list of accomplishments longer than one of her trademark drives. Her 12th Mid-Amateur victory set an Ontario record for the most wins at one event. She is one of only four golfers—and only the second since 1935—to win four Canadian Ladies Amateur titles. Lapointe also owns five Ontario Amateur titles, six Quebec Amateur championships, four Ontario Match Play victories and six wins at the Eastern Provinces championship.

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Georgetown's Mary Ann Lapointe, the newest member of the Ontario Golf Hall of Fame, displays a small portion of the hardware she has collected over the years.
Photo by Ted Brown

Traffic the No. 1 problem rural residents tell forum

Doing something about traffic gridlock on north Halton roads was a message that came through loud and clear at a meeting hosted by Halton Region and Halton Police in Milton Tuesday night.

"The number one concern in the region continues to be traffic," said Halton Regional Police Service Chief Ean Algar at the Rural Community Forum that drew about 40 north Halton residents.

He said Halton Region and Halton Police are trying to respond collectively to gridlock.

Regional Chair Joyce Savoline said, while it may seem backward that roads are reconstructed after development occurs, it is done that way because development charges are collected after an application is made for a subdivision.

"We need to have the cash in hand, otherwise we need to raise taxes (to do the roadwork)," said Savoline. "It's a way that's protected our investment in the community."

Halton Hills resident Geoff Knuff voiced his frustration with traffic on Trafalgar Rd. and Regional Road 25 at the meeting, held at Halton Region Museum.

"Are there any other alternatives to getting the job done?" asked Knuff who suggested the region secure long-term loans to improve roads before it collects development charges.

Savoline said borrowing for roads is not something the Region has done in the past.

"It's unpredictable. It can take 20 years for development to occur," said Savoline.

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