

Acton paddler competes in World Outrigger Championships

Left Jan. 19 to compete on New Zealand lake

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Acton Resident Pamela Gilverson left Jan. 19 on the first leg of her trip to New Zealand to compete in the Outrigger World Sprint Championships at Lake Karapiro from March 21 to 25. She may find herself in as many as seven races competing against teams from as many as 26 countries.

Outriggers are a part of the Maori tradition and most of the New Zealand team members are Maoris, she says.

Having won a place on the Canadian team in the time trials in Toronto on Sept. 10, Gilverson has decided to use the trip to get in touch with

some old friends, do some meditation workshops in New Zealand again and get ready for the race too.

"I'll be there a month early so I'll have time to acclimatize before the championships. If I can just find a standard canoe like they use so I can practice, I should be ready for anything."

These being rudderless canoes, some competitors find them difficult to get used to. Gilverson who began her career doing marathon canoeing which uses a similar technique, has had no difficulty with outriggers. Not being used to another type, she had no skills and techniques to unlearn in order to gain competence steering and racing simultaneously.

She shocked herself and her competition at the Toronto time trials. The trials were run in three heats and Gilverson was put in the slowest of them. Since she was racing a clock rather than a physical competitor, she had no way of judging either how well she was doing versus others, or how hard she was pushing herself.

"I'd been out of racing for so long I no longer know what my maximum is," she says.

Even winning her own heat would not automatically earn her any place on the team, so she asked what time she needed to achieve a spot. She was told her time was 21 seconds below the requirement.



OUTRIGGING IN NEW ZEALAND: Pamela Gilverson, who lives with her sister west of Acton, has been practising for the Outrigger World Sprint Championships on the Grand River at Cambridge this winter. The championships will be held on New Zealand's north island in mid-March. See story inside - Photo supplied

While improving her time by a second or two might be reasonable, "no one picks up 21 seconds," she says. But she has spent the last 20 years of her life doing mind development and meditation so she has no trouble slipping from the conscious to the unconscious mind. She went off and meditated before her second trial and figured out how long 21 seconds actually is. Then she got into her canoe and concentrated on racing.

"When I crossed the finish line their mouths were hanging open," Gilverson says with a smile. She had earned her place against all odds.

Her first stop will be in Vancouver to meet and train with the other members of the Canadian team. The other team member from Ontario was Gilverson's coach on the War Canoe team with which she competed in last year's World Masters Championships in Alberta.

She will paddle alone in the senior masters category for women aged 45 to 65 and has also applied for spots in the V6 and V12 categories where there are six or 12 women in the same canoe. The V refers to rudderless canoes, she says.

The Outrigger Cham-

pionships will not be Gilverson's only competition this year. Since Fairy Lake was frozen over, she has been practising on the Grand River at Cambridge this winter but she'll be back home with her own Olympic C1 boat later this year. The marathon team to which she belongs has a berth in the Dragon Boat World Championships to be held at Toronto's new waterfront in late July to early August.

"As a child I always dreamed of being on a Canadian team," she says. "Now (at 52) I'm living that dream."

SPORTS

HOUSE LEAGUE HOCKEY

TYKE

Inside Edge Sports - 6
Eramosa Physiotherapy - 2

Inside goals: Jakob Molinaro, Cameron Hampton (3), Jillian Banks, Jack Kennedy. Assists: Kennedy (2), Tristen Leslie (2), Brooklyn Kutasienski. Eramosa goals: John McKee, Tyler Carisse. Assists: Kenneth Harrington, Cameron Shoebridge, Dylan Vermeulen.

Acton Carquest - 3
Jescan Power - 3

Carquest goals: Zachary Snow, Ian Early (2). Assists: Marshall Harkins, Brenden Geim, Justin Lee. Jescan goals: Garrett MacMillan, Michael Allain, Evan Pike. Assists: Tanner Canary, MacMillan, Connor Fagan.

NOVICE
Yourway Auto - 8
Giant Tiger - 4

Yourway goals: Griffin Robinson (4), Cody Arney (4). Assists: Reid Roberts (3), Robinson, Matthew Lee, Tyler Tremblay, Drake Slater, Quinlan Stamp, Daniel Reynolds. Tiger goals: Kevin Giordano (3), Kristopher Imhoff. Assists: Martin Pejic, Marco Pejic (2), Damon Crumplen, Daniel Stubbington.

Daniel Varanelli - 3
End Zone Sports - 1

Varanelli goals: Craig McAskill, Sean McIntosh, Dalton Smith. Assists: McAskill, Davin Peck (2), Jordon Rowsell (2), Eric Haefner. End Zone goal: Thomas Lupinacci. Assists: Matthew Dawkins, Ryan Vermuelen.

MacMillan's - 5
Hotline Electric - 3

MacMillans goals: Owen Jubinville (3), Dylan Stokes, Matthew Toebes. Assists: Toebes, Stokes (2), Taylor Leonard (2), Justin Gear, Ryan Payne, Brant Cropper. Hotline goals: Brad Corpe (2), Craig Borden. Assists: Borden (2), Andrew Blight (2), Kyle Robinson, Mitchell Turton.

ATOM
Georgetown Chrysler - 3
Mr. Sub Acton - 2

Chrysler goals: Jenna Gaetan, Tyler Barrand (2). Assists: Matthew Henstridge (2), Joe Shaw (2), Megan Adema, Savannah Muir. Mr Sub goals: Josh Doucette (2) Assists: Colin McDonald (2), Ryan Millington, Tanner Dirski.

Herbal Magic - 4
Ron's Burner Service - 4

Herbal goals: Mitchell Griffiths (2), Mitchell Weber, Simon McNally. Assists: McNally, Steven Weaver, Tyler Brown (2), Ryan Warrington, Connor Turton, Joey Gallant (2). Ron's goals: Connor Mayner, Jordan Milne, Travis McGill, Cameron Phelan. Assists: Brian Morris, Neil Campbell (2), Vincent Marciano, Jan-Willem Lamberink, Phelan.

Halton Power Line - 5
Nova Training - 3

Power goals: Nicholas Molinaro, Jonathon Armstrong (2), Braden Leonard (2). Assists: Leonard, Molinaro (3), Avery George,

Eric MacCallum, Mathew Grabauskas. Nova goals: Scott McLean (2), Adam McCoy. Assists: Scott Clark (3), Chris Porty, Jon Remacka, Dylan Crofts.

PEEWEE

No results supplied

BANTAM

Gibbons Painting - 4
St. John's Trophies - 1

Gibbons goals: Mark Wells (2), Conor Gibbons (2). Assists: Eric Otten, Scott Worthnan, Alex Wenzel (2), Joe Aitken (2). St. John's goal: Jacob Botelho. Assists: Jesse Kuenzig, Collin McKinnon.

Atlantis Photography - 7
Acton Legion - 1

Atlantis goals: Daniel Gaetan (2), Scott Weber (2), Steven Mitchell, Tory Hayes, Mitchell Lewko. Assists: Scott Weber, Mark Weber (2), Ted Smith (2), Gaetan, Hayes, Mitchell, Curtis Howsen, Evan Cunard. Legion goal: Kieran Taylor. Assists: Tyler Bell, Luke van Dinther.

Acton Terminal Warehouse - 7
M.A.D. Air - 6

A.T.W. goals: Tom Rivers, Troy Weaver (3), Adam Amato (2), Drew Backman. Assists: Backman (3), Rivers, Amato (2), Weaver, Wesley Sadgrove (2) Matt Kutasienski (4). M.A.D. goals: Shane Pyman (4), Joe Frechette, Connor Crumplen. Assists: Carr (2), Aaron French, Lucas Foster (2), Jesse Case, Pyman, Dillan Couture, Tyler Fram (2).

Atom BB Tanners, Lincoln playdown series tied 2-2

The third game in the OMHA playdowns played out on home ice as the Acton Atom BB Tanners faced off with the Lincoln Blades, Saturday afternoon. With the series tied at one game apiece, each team needed this win but the Tanners got it. Fourth game of the series will be played in Beamsville.

Lincoln was the first to score in the first period. Walter Kirkness answered their goal with a slick shot, low in the left corner, to tie up the game at 7:43.

In the second period at 8:27, Ryan Dunlevy drilled it in on a great pass from Carter Ebbinge and David Bickers. The Tanner forwards worked the Lincoln goalie and Evan Oulton fired an amazing shot into the net as the buzzer sounded to end the second period. The referee ruled the buzzer beat the puck into the net. No goal.

At 14:36 in the third period, Bradley Bollert got the assist as Evan Oulton once again fired the puck past the Blade goalie. Michael Evans sent in the final Atom BB goal at 7:01, from Carter Ebbinge.

There were many scrimmages around the Blade net by Billy Mowat, Jasson Lockyer and the rest of the

BB forward lines. TJ Baker, Dylan Schouten, Brodie MacFarlane, Matt Fritz and Michael Fatrdla all played a great defensive game and helped the forwards get into scoring position.

Acton placed 21 shots on net.

Goalie Billy Reid had a spectacular game in net, facing 26 shots from a strong Lincoln team.

Final score: Acton 4 - Lincoln 2.

The team appreciated the

support of local fans at the game.

Lincoln ties it

Game four of the series was played Monday night in Beamsville and the Tanners fired 18 shots on the net to Lincoln 8 but Lincoln picked up the win. Each team now has two wins.

The final and deciding game of this series will be played in Acton on Tuesday, February 7 at 7p.m.

Please come out and support our team.

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Feb. 11/06 Acton Arena 10 am - 2 pm
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