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PODIUM PERFORMANCE: Acton's Maja Vermeulen, 16, and partner Andrew Doleman (left couple) had a podium skate with a Silver medal finish at the Canadian Junior Nationals in Brampton on the weekend. — Frances Niblock photo

Acton dance pair win silver at Skate Canada Jr. Nationals

By Frances Niblock
Acton's Maja Vermeulen and her ice dance partner Andrew Doleman of Ham-

ilton won the Silver medal at the Canadian Junior Nationals held in Brampton on the weekend.

Vermeulen and Doleman, skating partners for four years, were just 0.15 points off the Novice Gold medal winners, finishing first in the Blues compulsory dance, second in the Paso Doble compulsory dance and second with their *Lord of the Dance* free dance, for an overall second place finish of 76.63 points.

Vermeulen, who attends Acton High School, and Doleman, set a Canadian record for Novice dance with 78.42 points at a competition in November. They were fifth at the Junior Worlds last year.

They will represent Ontario at the Canada Winter Games in Whitehorse, in the Yukon, which run from February 27 to March 10.

BRANCH No. 197 **LEGION NEWS** By James Hayes P.R.O.

Comrades,

Winterfest Update:

Our Winterfest Day is quickly approaching. Make sure you mark this Sunday, Feb. 18 on your calendar. This function is open to members, their children, and or grandchildren. It will run from 1p.m. until 4p.m. The first 50 kids to arrive will receive surprise loot bags.

There will be snowmobiles available for rides, therefore, we are asking parents to remember to bring helmets if possible, and dress the kiddies warm. Also, do not forget your skates. There will be a big bonfire to warm up the hands.

Free tickets on draws for door prizes for both the children and the adults will be given out on arrival. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be available, plus hot chocolate and coffee. This is a great family event... don't miss it!

The organizers can always use extra help on Sunday, why not offer your help now to Bev and her crew?

Sunnybrook Bus Trip:

Sign-up sheets are posted in the Branch; please put your name down if you wish to go and visit our veterans on Sunday, March 11. Branch 197 and Auxiliary members and their families only please.

That Chili Cook-Off is still in the works. Wayne is trying to set a date.

Dates for your Diary:

Branch General Meeting – March 12 at 8p.m.

Annual Ham Roll – March 31 from 2-6p.m.

Yours in comradeship,

Jim Hayes,
Branch PRO.

Ladies' Auxiliary News:

Sunday, March 11, Ladies' Auxiliary ladies with Branch members will be visiting the vets at Sunnybrook. Anyone interested, there is a sign-up sheet at the Legion or you can contact me.

March 3, we have our zone euchre, held in Acton.

Yours in comradeship,
L.A. President,
Annamarie Lowin.

Daughters of Knox embark on busy year of activities

Daughters of Knox, the mission group at Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton, have embarked on what promises to be a busy year, beginning with the installation of officers by Rev. Pieter VanHarten during the Sunday services on January 14.

They will be hosting the World Day of Prayer service at Knox on Friday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m., with representatives from the other churches in town participating. Everyone is invited to attend, whether affiliated with a local church or not.

On Friday, March 16 at 6 p.m. they will be serving their annual St. Patrick's Dinner, and tickets will be on sale soon. In order to have an idea of how many will be served, they are trying to encourage people to buy tickets in advance. Numbers will be limited, so only tickets which are not pre-sold, if any, will be available at the door. "Two D's and a B" will be entertaining after dinner.

Daughters of Knox are continuing efforts to better understand the problem of HIV/AIDS, particularly in Third World countries, and to raise funds to help those suffering from the effects of this terrible affliction. They also help with many needs closer to home, and appreciate all the support they enjoy from friends and neighbours.