

# Acton Athletes honoured

Acton hockey players, an Irish dancer and two figure skaters were among the honourees at the Town's Municipal Awards ceremony last Tuesday at the Civic Centre.

For more than 30 years, the Town has publicly thanked citizens, groups and teams whose accomplishments brought honour to the Town through achievements in educational, arts, culture, sports and recreational pursuits.

Members of the Acton Tanners Bantam BB Team – the first Bantam team to be OMHA finalists – were honoured for capturing a Silver medal at the Ontario Minor Hockey Association championships. The team – 16 wins, 10 losses and 2 ties on the season for a fourth overall finish – was known as a come back squad for always fighting back in the third period.

The OMHA championships were the highlight of the team's season, advancing final against Lindsay, and although the team put up a good fight, they were not victorious. Team members include: TJ Baker, Bradley Bollert, Christian Coleman, Owen Coulligan, Carter Ebbinge, Michael Evans, Matthew Fritz, Jasson Lockyer, Adam McCoy, Logan McNabb, Evan Oulton, Mason Overland, Todd Ratchford, Dylan Schouten, Kendra Van Der Eyken, and Zach Vanderlee.

Head coach is Mark Lockyer, assistant coaches

are Mike Vanderlee, Ruddy Holmes, and Tom Van Der Eyken, and the Trainer Gord Fritz.

Acton's Kayla Ruggle danced her way onto the International stage at the recent World Championships in Glasgow, Scotland, here she 91st of 248 Irish dancers. The Grade six student at Robert Little School began Irish dancing as a five-year-old and quickly moved up through the ranks.

She earned a berth at the International competition with a strong performance – finishing 22nd of 75 dancers – at the North American Championships in Nashville, Tennessee. She also placed eighth at the Eastern Canadian Championships and next month, Ruggle will compete at the North American Championships in Orlando, Florida.

Ballinafad's Haleigh Rees, a member of the Georgetown Skating Club, was honoured for passing two of the highest Skate Canada tests and as a member of the Novice Competitive Ice Image synchronized skating team.

Rees has competed with Ice Image to win three provincial championships and also competed at the National championships twice, finishing first in 2008 and second this year.

Also an ace on the ice, Acton's Kaitlyn Bell, a member of the Milton Skating Club, was honoured for

the dedication and hard work that earned her first place finishes in every category from preliminary star skate to competitive pre-novice.

For the past three years, Bell placed first in her Starskate category at the Boston Starskate Championships, where she qualified for the Central Ontario Championships. This year Bell placed first at the Central Ontario Starskate Championships with the highest points of all the categories: 40.09, a score that propelled her to represent Central Ontario at the Trillium All Ontario Championships for the third year in a row. This year Bell placed second

with a score of 39.43.

The Halton Hurricanes Atom AAA team – including Acton's Tyler Schouten and Zachery Snow – were honoured for winning the Gold medal at the Ontario Minor Hockey Championships.

Also honoured were members of the Georgetown Raiders Minor Midget AA team who were Bronze medallists at the All Ontario Championships.

Before inviting everyone to the atrium for a reception, Mayor Rick Bonnette told the award recipients that they should be "extremely proud of your accomplishments and your dedication to achieving excellence."



**CLOSE CUT:** Regional/Acton Councillor Clark Somerville helped raise \$3,266 by collecting pledges to shave his head at the Canadian Federation of Municipalities (FCM) conference in Toronto on the weekend. The money will help fund FCM scholarships for women who want to enter politics or civic administration. Wielding the clippers was FCM past president Jean Perrault.

– Submitted photo

### Comrades,

At the first meeting of the newly elected Branch executive, the following positions and appointments were announced:

- George DeRabbie – President
- Wes Kutasienski – Past President
- Dave Maloney – 1st Vice President, Membership
- Wayne Young – 2nd Vice President – Entertainment, PRO, Co-Chair Vets and Seniors
- Peg Graham – Secretary
- John Uiterwyk – Sports, Co-Chair Bar
- Bob Merrikin – Bar Chairman, Co-Sports
- Joyce Buchanan – Sick/Donations, Honours and Awards
- John Wagg – Poppy
- Dave Crook – Vets/Seniors

## BRANCH No. 197 LEGION NEWS

By James Hayes P.R.O.

Tom Grant – Sgt. at Arms, L.A. Liaison

Sharon Graham – Youth Education, Web Site Coordinator

Pat Graham – Maintenance

The next general meeting has been brought forward to June 7 at 8 p.m. Come out and welcome your new executive

**Decoration Day** – Sunday, June 6 at Fairview Cemetery. For our newer members, this is the day we plant Geraniums on all our Veterans' graves. It can be an enjoyable morning for the family.

Plants and mosquitoes are provided. Take your trowel and bug spray and see you at 9 a.m.

**Air Cadet Annual Inspec-**

### tion & BBQ

Sunday, June 6. Please note, the Branch will be open from 12 to 6 p.m.

### Highland Games

Georgetown Highland Games are June 12. The Branch will be serving our Scotch meat pie and mushy peas while promoting the Legion with our booth at the games. Help is always welcome, see George O'Donnell or Tom Grant.

### Sunnybrook Vets

The annual visit is Sunday, June 13.

### Honours and Awards

Sunday, June 27 in the Ladies Lounge at 2 p.m. Branch will be open from 12 to 6 p.m.

### Entertainment

Saturday, June 5th on the Patio from 3 to 6 p.m. featuring Jean Le Gendre.

I am taking this opportunity to publicly thank the staff at The New Tanner for their support and understanding for the past seven years. My final words are to wish comrade Wayne Young a successful tenure as the new Branch PRO.

*Yours in comradeship, Jim Hayes*

## Thanks for 'honest people'

To the Editor,

We would like to say a big thank you to the kind person who brought our shopping bag with all our groceries back to Sobeys recently. My husband mistakenly put the bag in a car that looked similar to ours while waiting for me.

Thanks to Sobeys for phoning us and keeping everything in the cooler until we picked it up.

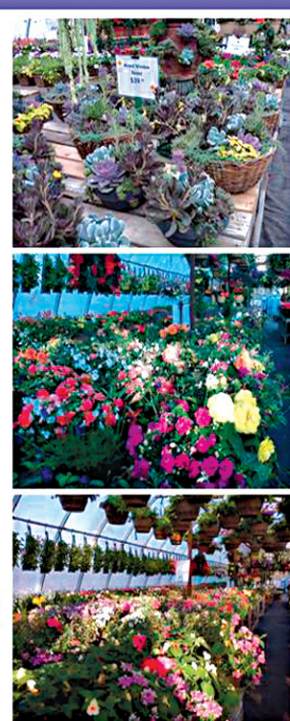
It is nice to know there are many honest people living in this area.

*Frank and Elly Holtman Limehouse*



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