

Sports

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Success at Special Athletes Track Meet

Three students from the Life Skills Class at McKenzie-Smith Bennett School in Acton officially opened the 23rd Halton District School Board's annual Special Athletes' track meet on June 4 in Burlington.

The meet has become a Halton tradition that integrates a competition for athletes with physical challenges concurrently with a junior track meet for Burlington-area schools.

It has grown from 12 students 23 years ago to 130 students, with a variety of physical challenges, from 43 Halton elementary schools taking part this year.

The special athletes' events included running races, distance and pre-

cision throws, a slalom event for students with wheelchairs, T-ball, bocce plus beanbag, softball and frisbee throws.

Athletes also took part in the four-person team relay and the 50-metre assisted roll for students with wheelchairs.

"This is always a great day for teachers, educational assistants, Student Services staff and parents to come out and greet old friends, support our special kids, and be so inspired by the joy on the faces of the students and their determination in setting and meeting goals," says Susan Pritchard, Special Education Coordinator with the Halton District School Board, adding she's thankful for the support of educators

to hold the track meet.

"While we do this for the kids, we always say that we get so much out of this when we see the smiles on the faces of the students, their joy in their collection of ribbons and their pride in completing a task they've worked hard to accomplish."

Mark Wickens, former Halton District School Board administrator and a key track meet volunteer, says the organizing committee for the event is top notch.

"This is a committee that is one of the most amazing committees in Halton. They are the kind of team that you give tasks, they get them done and ask if there is anything more to do," he says. "They are a well-polished team."



HOCKEY CIRCA 1947-48: Members of the Acton House League Hockey team, sponsored by the Acton Athletic Association, posted for this post-war photo. The squad included, back, from left: Bill Somerville, Alan Holmes, Coach Kerwin McPhail, Don Deforest, Bill Watkins and Ed McHugh. Front, from right: Unknown, unknown, George Smithhurst, Wayne Arbic, Bill Coon, Hugh Sirrs and Danny Smith. – Submitted photo

Acton sports history on display at museum

The Halton Hills Sports Museum & Resource Centre is dedicated to the conservation, preservation and interpretation of the sporting heritage of the communities of Halton Hills. Located in the Heritage Hall of the Mold-Masters SportsPlex in Georgetown, the Museum is open to the public on

Sunday afternoons from 1 - 5 p.m. during the winter months and Saturday evenings from 6 - 9 p.m. during the spring. Our summer hours are 1 - 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Admission to the Museum is free, and we invite everyone to come and view the sporting history of Halton Hills. At present, we are honouring athletes and builders in our Sports Hall of Fame which include inductees from Acton. Also, our major exhibit this year highlights the history of lacrosse in Canada and in Halton Hills. Sir Donald Mann, who was born in Acton and is also buried

in Acton, is famous for donating the Mann Cup for the Canadian Senior Lacrosse Championship of Canada.

Much of our sporting history is being preserved through the generosity of the citizens of Acton who have kindly donated photographs, newspaper articles and equipment to be included and preserved in our archives. If you possess sporting photographs and articles from Acton's past and would be willing to donate them to our archives, we will scan them into our computers and return the originals back to you. Please call Bruce Andrews at 905-877-1162 to make a donation.



CYCLING REST STOP: More than 300 cyclists made a pit stop on the Fourth Line at Highway 7 in Acton on Saturday on their way to Niagara Falls from Toronto as part of the 300-kilometre ride to Conquer Cancer. – Frances Niblock photo

Acton Minor Ball

Blastball

The Godfathers team had a great outing on Tuesday evening. The team had some great offence thanks to some big hits by Connor Shoebridge. Michaela Salisbury followed up with great defensive plays in the infield.

Grasshopper

The Chudleigh Grasshopper Team played the Giant Tiger Grasshopper Team on Monday night. Jaret Rosenberg had a couple of great hits while Wade Murray and Paulina Walberg were outstanding on defense.

Send us your scores

There are soccer, lacrosse and baseball games being played at all of Acton's sports fields and facilities, yet the results are not known, as almost no one sends The New Tanner any game reports.

Send reports, stats and photos before 9 a.m. on Monday.