

BEATING THE HEAT: Mary Walsma, Joan Bateman, Shirley Hunter, and Elma Braida enjoying Bid Euchre at the Acton Seniors Centre last week.

- Julie Conroy photo.

What do false teeth, a disco ball, and a clothesline have in common?

They are all items recovered from along Canada's shorelines during the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup!

Now in its 17th year The Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup is looking for registrants to be Site Co-ordinators or Cleanup Participants during September 18-26 this year, helping to clean up our shorelines.

Acton has participated in past years, most notably students from Robert Little Public School, and every year people from communities large and small (last year nearly 57,000 Canadians registered) join together to participate and remove over 160,000kg of litter from a cumulative distance of 2,500 km of shoreline. Most shoreline litter originates from land and land-based activities endangering our waterways and oceans.

Some of the more unusual items found in the past include a message in a bottle which read "Please don't litter", false teeth, a living room set, a canoe made out of duct tape, wedding dress, disco ball, a hotel safe, a toboggan, a mini trampoline and a clothesline complete with poles and pins. Last year someone found a 14kt gold ring during clean up.

What peculiar item do you think you'll find along your shoreline? For more information or to register to participate check out www.shorelinecleanup.ca or call 1-877-427-2422.

WEVE MOVED! We are now located at the Acton Urgent Care Centre 10 Eastern Avenue. SILES Dr. Jones Chan 10 Eastern Avenue Suite 104 Acton, ON L7J OA5 519-853-1900 Separate Entrance, located outside Acton Medical Clinic

Town of Halton Hills near top of Power Pledge Challenge

Local residents, businesses and organizations are once again demonstrating their commitment to energy conservation and sustainability by choosing to participate in the 2010 The Power Pledge Community Challenge – an initiative which encourages energy conservation (www. powerpledge.ca).

As of mid July 2010, thanks to the active participation of Town residents, businesses and organizations, the Town of Halton Hills now ranks in sixth place out of 89 participating municipalities - representing 82% of Ontario's population! Within its population category, Halton Hills ranks third! With every new Power Pledge added, Halton Hills moves closer to winning the competition. Every resident, business and organization is invited and encouraged to take The Power Pledge.

Currently, over 1000 Halton Hills participants have taken The Power Pledge. If each of these individuals fulfills their Pledge:

- Over 2.2 million kilowatt hours of energy will be saved each year;
- Nearly \$500,000 worth of energy costs will be saved annually; and
- Approximately 231,000 kilograms of annual green-

house gas emissions will be avoided.

To make the Community Challenge a success, the Town (Office of Sustainability) has partnered with Halton Hills Hydro, Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce and Practically Green Solutions to raise awareness of energy conservation and sustainability.

The winning municipalities will earn the right to be considered Ontario's most conservation-conscious communities, as well as win valuable "green" awards such as \$10,000 Renewable Energy Award that can be used towards the installation of solar panels on a municipal property.

"It is very rewarding to see that so many local residents, businesses and organizations have chosen to take The Power Pledge. By doing so, the community is again demonstrating its interest and commitment to energy conservation, which is one way of helping to make Halton Hills a more sustainable community. I encourage all residents and businesses to take The Power Pledge and thank all those that have already done so! With every new Power Pledge, we are that much closer to winning the competition and being considered one of Ontario's most conservation-conscious communities." Mayor Bonnette said.

To take The Power Pledge and help the Town win the competition, visit www. powerpledge.ca.



