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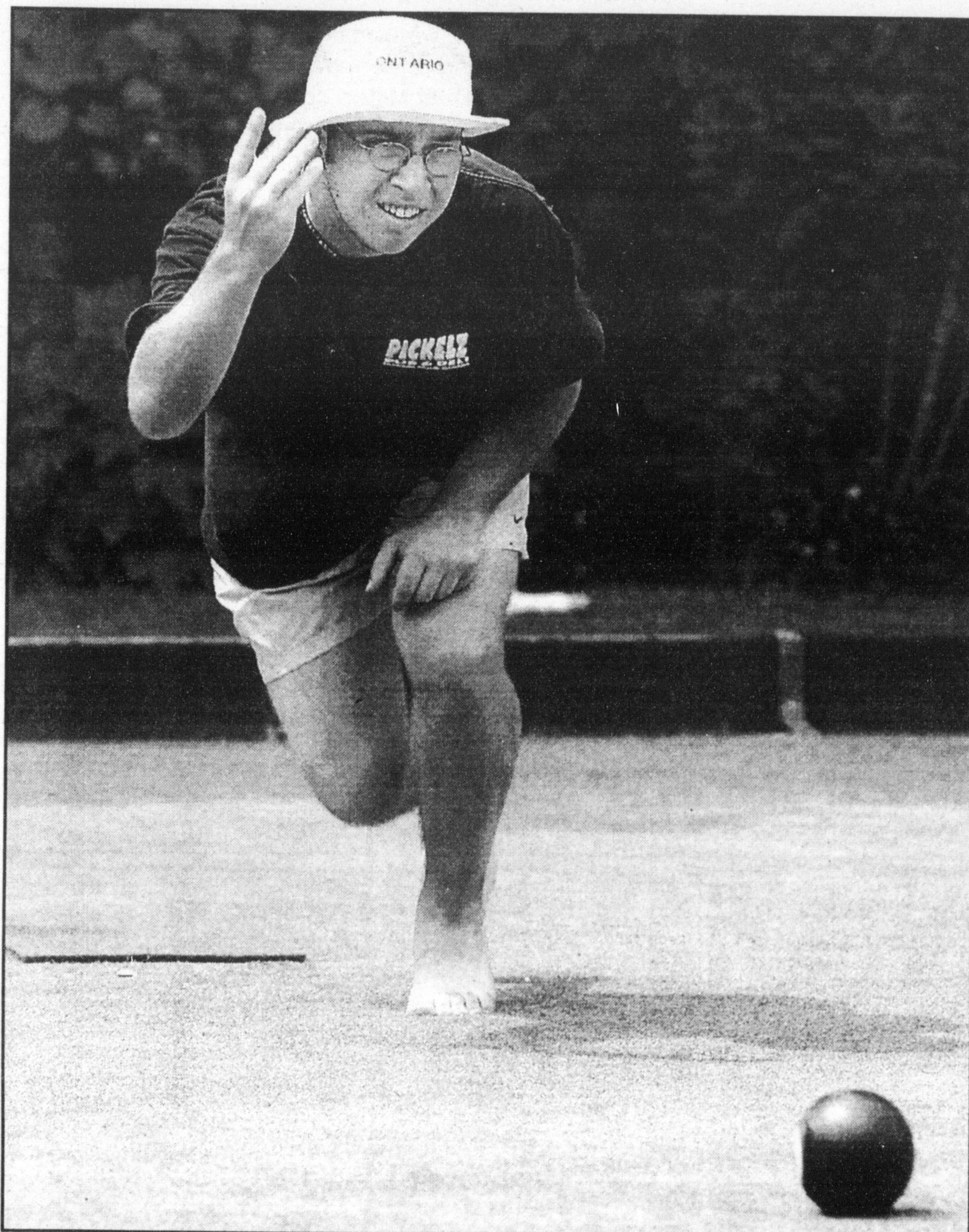
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Ryan Stadnyk lets this bowl fly while he and his fellow Milton lawn bowlers (above) display a cheque for \$5,000 to the Milton District Hospital Foundation during their record-breaking event last Friday. The six bowlers surpassed the world benchmark for ends in a 24-hour period with several hours to go, reaching 260 (right) at about 2:30 p.m. last Friday.

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Milton lawn bowlers shatter world records

By **STEVE LeBLANC**

The Champion

Milton lawn bowlers enjoyed a record-breaking weekend — Guinness style.

Six players, four of whom took provincial championship honours a couple of years ago, set out to establish a new world record for most bowls in a 24-hour period. They didn't just break the old benchmark, they absolutely annihilated it.

Throwing more than three bowls a minute for an average of 200 bowls per hour, the local contingent added 1,488 bowls to the previous standard — for a new total of 4,832.

The old record of 209 ends in a day was also topped — as the

group played 302 during their marathon competition, which ended with Team Stadnyk eclipsing Team Sandford 277-273 at 6 p.m. last Friday. Joining Ryan Stadnyk were brother Chris and Ken Armstrong while Dave Anderson and Jack O'Donnell were part of Mark Sandford's squad.

"That was my last 24 hours of anything," quipped Armstrong. "Honestly though, it was really cool (breaking the record) and a lot of fun."

Although bypassing the bowls record with a full eight hours to go at 10 a.m. last Friday, the local six-pack maintained its grueling pace amid sweltering conditions to set a new benchmark that'll be — to say the very least — difficult to beat.

The amount of lawn bowling they turned in was the equivalent of roughly seven tournaments.

Competition between the two teams was just as fierce as the race to become new world record holders. The game was deadlocked with just minutes remaining when Chris Stadnyk nailed the target to pull out the victory. A Team Stadnyk five-ender with about a half-hour to play also aided in the comeback win.

Milton District Hospital was also a big winner as a result of the record-breaking event.

More than \$5,000 was raised for the hospital by local individuals and businesses who came out to test their bowling skills in exhibition play prior to the record-setting campaign.

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