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'The Foursome' to open Players' new season

Friendship play hits stage next Friday

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The Champion

Golf might not be your forté, but if you have friends and know what it's like to spend an afternoon catching up, the Milton Players Theatre Group's latest offering is for you.

"It's for anyone who has had friends and drifted apart, and then wanted to renew friendships," said Gino Raimondo, director of *The Foursome*, which opens next Friday at the Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, 500 Childs Dr.

The *Foursome* is part of a series of three plays by Canadian playwright Norm Foster scheduled for this season in celebration of the Players' quarter-century anniversary.

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The play introduces the audience to four college chums who, when they return home for a 15-year class reunion, get together for a round of golf.

It's set on the 18 holes of the golf course and follows the friends as they re-live old times and catch up on their problems, successes and failures. The play is broken down into 18 little scenes — one at each hole.

"Anyone will enjoy the format," Mr. Raimondo said, adding, "It allows for some pretty funny stuff."

Featured in the play are veteran actors Tim Beddoes and Gary Metcalfe, plus relative newcomers Brian Hickey and Norm Champoux.

This is Mr. Raimondo's debut as a director, but by no means is he a newcomer to the Players. He's been acting with the local group for the past eight years.

He said he jumped at the chance to direct a Norm Foster production.

"The nice thing about Norm Foster is it's not (about) the plot per se, it's more about the relationships between the four characters," Mr. Raimondo said.

By the end of the play, he said, the audience ends up caring for each character.

Mr. Raimondo said it's come as a bit of a surprise that he's enjoying directing so

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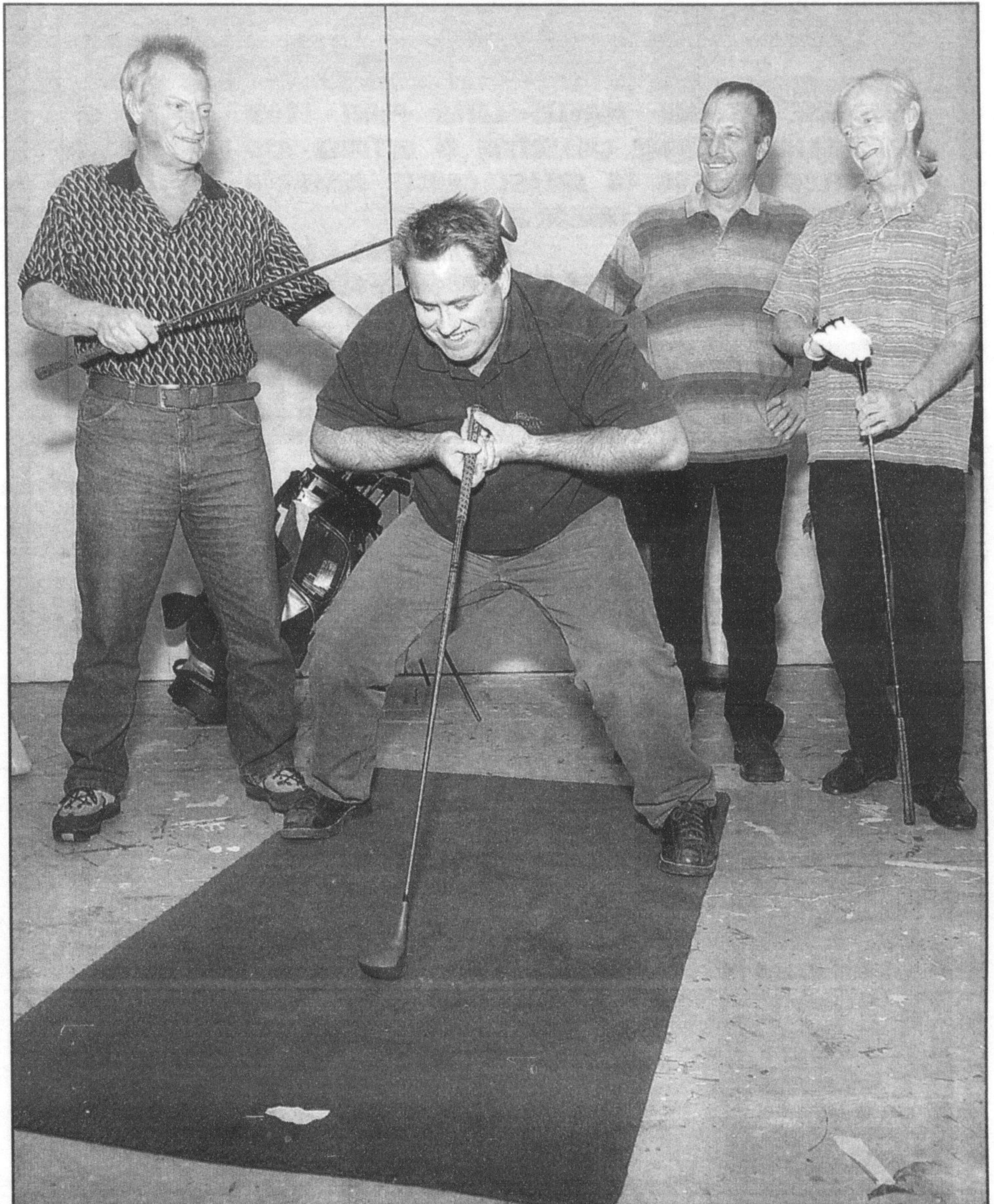


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From left, Tim Beddoes, Brian Hickey, Norm Champoux and Gary Metcalfe star in Milton Players' latest production 'The Foursome'.

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