

Trio delivers respectable debut at novice provincials



DISTRICT CHAMPS: Triples team members (from left) Lynda Miller, Silvia Linder and Nicola Austinsmith display their District 9 championship pennant.

With this being their debut at the novice lawn bowling provincials, a relatively early exit was neither shocking nor heartbreaking for Nicola Austinsmith's ladies trio.

But the District 9 champs drew the line when it came to playing pushover.

Refusing to accept that role, the local triples team, completed by vice Silvia Linder and lead Lynda Miller, battled back from sizable deficits in their first and final games last weekend in Sarnia.

The result was a highly respectable first showing at the 16-team championship — for players with five years or less experience — in which they squeezed in a 17-7 victory over an opponent from Hanover (District 8).

Enjoying three and four-point ends through the early going, the Milton trio

was never in any real threat of losing its second-round contest.

"We were all pretty consistent and made the shots we needed to," said Austinsmith, whose team delivered a near-perfect district championship run to reach the provincials.

Milton's 1-2 Ontario showing also included hard-fought losses to District 1's Chatham (15-13) and Oshawa of District 14 (22-15). The local ladies looked poised for a serious beating in both games before strong finishes narrowed the gap.

That was particularly true against Oshawa, who held a 22-6 hammerlock after the fourth end before Austinsmith and company turned things around.

"At that point (after fourth end) we said 'Okay, they're not getting any more points,'" said the local skip. "We actual-

ly won 11 ends in that game but three ends early on just killed us. Overall I think we did well, and there's always next year. We'll be back."

In a silver lining finish to the Labour Day weekend, Austinsmith skipped her pairs team — with Betty Curley — to an unbeaten title run at the Troy's Diner-sponsored Milton Lawn Bowling's club championships Monday.

Charity barbecue set for tomorrow

Every kid should get the chance to play organized sports, and enjoy all the benefits that go along with it.

That's the belief behind the Rick Jeffrey Foundation, a locally-run organization that aims to help underprivileged children avoid falling through the cracks when it comes to athletics.

To date the foundation has sponsored a half-dozen young athletes, and is in the process of helping three more.

Those wishing to support the group's efforts can do so this coming Saturday, when a fundraising barbecue will be held at the Health Centre of Milton (Main and Ontario streets plaza).

Set to feature some entertainment as well as tasty treats, the event runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To find out more about the foundation, contact Shailene Papple at (416) 418-0378 or rickjeffrejkidsfoundation@cogeco.ca.

MAC to start tryouts Sept. 15

Mountain Athletic Club (MAC) Volleyball will be holding tryouts for its girls teams starting September 15.

Girls 13 to 18 years of age are invited to audition for one of six teams that train and compete out of St. Mary's Secondary School in Hamilton. The cost to try out is \$25 per player.

Boys' tryouts have yet to be announced.

For more information, contact Jos Nederveen at (905) 528-0214, ext. 465 or www.macvolleyball.com.

HAIR RAISER 2008

Great Hair Cuts For A Good Cause

Milton, Ontario — Get a \$50 haircut for only \$25 with all proceeds going to Halton Women's Shelter. SG Hair Design will host its first ever cut-a-thon fundraising event "The Hair Raiser" on Sunday, September 14th, 2008, at 550 Ontario St. South, Unit 10, Milton (NW corner of Derry Rd. and Ontario St.) from 10 am to 5 pm.

Wanda McCulligh, owner of SG Hair Design, is launching this special fundraiser to honour the memory of her niece Angela, who was tragically lost to domestic violence two years ago. "Having an event to celebrate Angela's life will bring happiness to a very sad anniversary," Says McCulligh.

"If you don't want a haircut, you can still be part of the event — there will be live music, silent auction, raffles, and a barbecue. It will be fun," McCulligh adds.

In addition to the SG Hair Design stylists, there are stylists coming in from Hamilton, Fergus, Kingston, Fort Erie, Kitchener and Milton, to volunteer their time and talent to help raise

awareness of domestic violence. "I am so pleased with the number of people wanting to support this event," expresses McCulligh.

Halton Women's Place is the only emergency shelter for abused women and their dependent children in the Halton Region. It operates annually at 112% capacity and between the two shelters in Milton and Burlington there are 50 beds available on a daily basis.

"Halton Women's Place is grateful to Wanda and the staff at SG Hair Design as we need the community to be involved and help to raise awareness and funds to help stop the violence," explains Christina MacKay, Special Events and Volunteer Coordinator for Halton Women's Place. Volunteers from halton Women's Place will also be on hand to help out at the event.

We hope we can count on the community to come out to SG Hair Design's first Hair Raiser to support the vital work of Halton Women's Place," McCulligh concluded.



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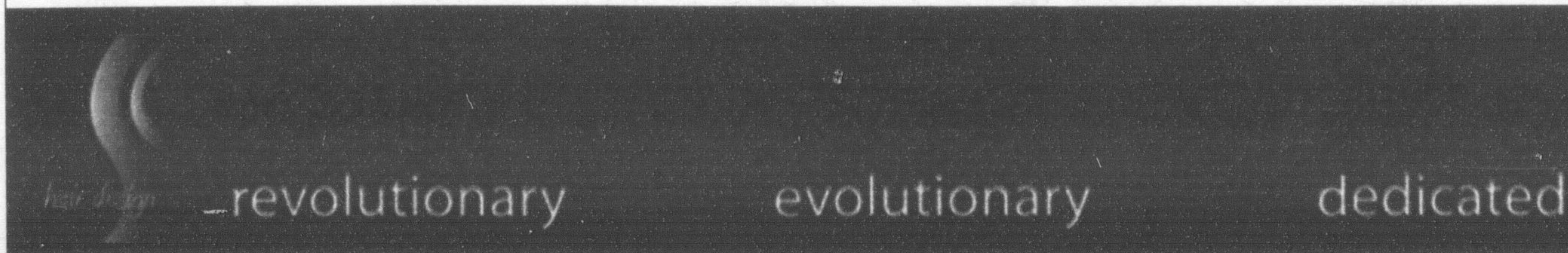
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