

The practice swing

Most of you can say -- and with justification -- that your practice swing is better than your actual swing. The practice swing is usually smoother, better paced, and finished in better balance.

I believe there is a psychological barrier imposed as soon as the ball is placed in front of the average player. The hit impulse takes over. During the practice swing the player will accelerate beautifully through the imaginary ball. There is no contact with the ball and therefore nothing to fear.

My old friend Moe Norman says there are two key words to describe what goes on in a golfer's mind just before he swings. Hope and fear. I hope I hit it but I am afraid I won't.

You can use your practice swing to rid yourself of this phobia. You must reverse your thinking. In golf, the most important thing is the swing. Make a good golf swing and let the ball get in the way. Don't try to make the club get in the way of the ball.

A famous golf instructor was

Golf tips

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giving a lesson one day and the pupil was chopping and slashing and digging holes in the turf. The teacher stopped him and said, "Take a practice swing and show me how you would like to swing." The student made a near perfect practice swing.

"I would like to swing like that but I can't," he said.

It is really a question of ignoring the hit impulse. Duplicate your best practice swing and just let the ball get in the way.

During your range practice, take a couple of practice swings between each shot. Make your actual shot with the same tempo. It won't be long before the two swings resemble each other.



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Chief Scouts

Five Milton scouts have received their Chief Scout Awards at the Halton Region Chief Scout and Queen's Venturer Award presentation ceremonies held recently. They are front row from left: Ken Trickery, Mike Lonergan, and Scott Feaver, all of First Milton. Back Row from left: Paul Gordon, Sixth Milton; and Blair Wallhouse, First Campbellville.

Balloon release tags all hit the same town

A great debate has ensued inside the Milton cub movement about whose balloon from a Cuboree May 31 travelled the farthest.

The balloon release was held by 120 cubs on the site of the Woodlands cub and scout area.

On Wednesday there were three returns. All three came from Snyder, New York, and -- believe it or not -- two of those were found on the same street. Snyder is an eastern suburb of Buffalo.

The balloons were found on the

front lawn of 68 Lorfield Dr. and 30 Lorfield Dr. in Snyder while the third was found on Huxley Dr. in Snyder.

There is a prize offered to the cub whose balloon went farthest, but Milton cub officials are treating it as a three-way tie for the time-being or until a farther entrant comes forth.

The three cubs whose balloons were found are: Anthony Rosiello and Jeremy Marshall, both of 3rd Milton Mohawk; and Derek Mitchell, of 9th Milton.

Dateline

Dateline is a free listing of coming events only, available to local community groups to assist in promoting their future events. Only charitable or non-profit community groups may use this service. We can only guarantee one issue of publicity closest to the date of the occurrence although more insertions are possible if other demand is low.

Notices for Dateline should be written and handed in at the office of The Champion, 191 Main St. E. or mailed to us at Box 248, Milton L5T 4N8. The final deadline is Friday at 5 p.m. for Wednesday's edition and Tuesday at 5 p.m. for Friday's edition. No items for Dateline will be accepted by telephone.

Wednesday June 18

The YMCA will operate **SUMMER FITNESS CLASSES** Wednesday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m. First class June 18. Babysitting available. Call YMCA at 878-8711 to register.

The regular board meeting for the **MILTON BIG SISTERS** will take place at the board room of Maplehurst Correctional Institute at 7 p.m. More board members are needed. Please phone Ann at work at 1-459-9100 ext. 213 or 1-663-2742; or Sue 878-1931 (work) or 876-4137 (home). We need your input.

MILTON TOURISM COMMITTEE meets at 8:30 a.m. in the Committee Room of Milton's town hall. Interested members of the public are welcomed and may volunteer to serve on sub-committees. Minutes of previous meetings are available at the Milton planning office or the Milton Chamber of Commerce office.

Thursday June 19

THE THRIFT SHOP will be held from 9:30-11 a.m. at St. Paul's United Church. This will be the last one until September and all clothing will be at half price. Also available are white-elephant articles, books, toys and games. Proceeds to Milton District Hospital for equipment.

Friday June 20

A **STRAWBERRY SOCIAL** will be held at Ebenezer United Church, north of Guelph Line, from 5:30-8 p.m. Strawberries will be served at \$3.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Pre-schoolers are free. For information, call 1-519-856-9507.

Saturday June 21

A **CAR WASH** will be held by the senior young people of Knox Presbyterian Church at North End Nissan (beside McDonald's) from 9 a.m. to noon. Proceeds go to sponsoring a foster child.

MILLSIDE TOWERS TENANTS ASSOCIATION will hold a yard and bake sale at Milton Meadow, the empty lot next to Millside Towers at 82 Millside Dr. from 9 a.m. to noon. Will go underground if weather poor. Proceeds go to a fund to fight a 15-per-cent rent increase. Trophies for all bargain hunters. Satisfaction guaranteed for any sweet tooth. Large or small, we satiate them all.

Sunday June 22

MILTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY visits the Ontario Agricultural Museum. Cars will leave from the Milton Library parking lot at 1:30 p.m. Museum admission is \$3 (senior

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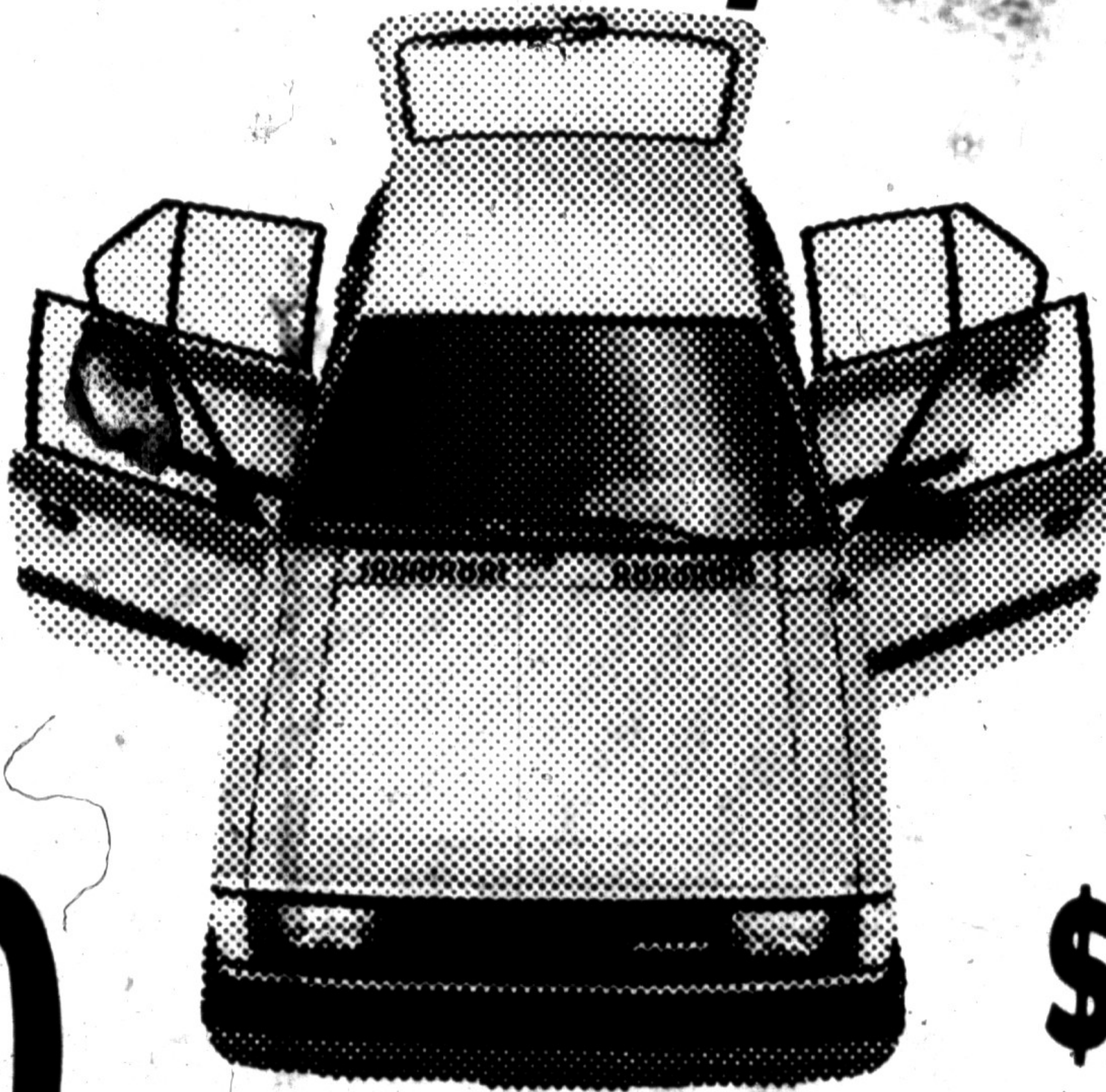
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