

# Lawn bowlers pushing new shuffleboard facility

by Walter McGilvray

Another recreational facility for Midland has finally become a reality with the completed installation of four shuffleboard courts at the east end of Little Lake, adjoining the Midland Lawn Bowling complex.

The Shuffleboard courts were constructed with a grant from the Federal Government's New Horizons program for Senior Citizens.

Preparation of the grounds and landscaping was done by

Morden Contractors Limited of Midland and the cement work by Gilbert Desroches of Penetanguishene.

The newly-formed club has a good nucleus of members to date and all interested citizens of Midland and area are invited to come out and join in this new recreational activity for Midland. All ages can participate.

Hours the courts will be open for play have been set at 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily, including Sunday.

All equipment will be furnished by the Shuffleboard Club.

A small annual fee will be charged or you may pay as you play. Proceeds will be used for upkeep and supplies.

All members will have the use of the lawn bowling clubhouse and participate in the social activities of the Lawn Bowling Club.

Here's a brief history of the shuffleboard game:

Varieties of shuffleboard have been played for centuries,

however, the seed of modern shuffleboard was planted in Daytona Beach, Florida, in 1913 when the owners of the Lyndhurst Hotel marked a court on the sidewalk for the amusement of their guests.

Vacationers, migrating to St. Petersburg, Florida, clamored so much for this recreation that in 1923 the park board constructed two courts.

Four years later there were 28 courts at this St. Pete's club and today they have approximately doubled that with grandstand seating for 500.

Almost every mobile park in Florida and southern U.S. cities have shuffleboard courts for their residents enjoyment.

Most tourist areas in Ontario and Canada have installed shuffleboard courts for their guests. Indeed, the sport of shuffleboard has become the very backbone of the ever-growing number of Senior Citizen's groups.

Quite some years ago, the town of Midland installed shuffleboard courts in Little Lake Park. They were used mainly by the cottagers and campers who visited Little Lake Park in the summers.

But this interesting and enjoyable sport seemed to be ahead of its time for Midland, and it just petered out.

Now that the sport of "Shuffling" (as it is nicknamed) has become popular around the country officials of the new club are optimistic that the courts at the Little Lake complex will see lots of activity.

Anyone wishing additional information may contact James Worfolk, president at 526-8498; Joe Cheatley, treasurer, at 526-5551; or Orvil Kitching, director, at 526-5050.



**Doing the shuffle**

Jim Worfolk (left) president of the new Midland Shuffleboard Club and Joe Cheatley pose with their new courts alongside the Midland Lawn

Bowling Club facilities off King St. The courts will be open for members or pay-as-you-play guests.

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few yards out.

"It was a direct free kick and we'd set up the wall," Cox said yesterday, "but when they took the shot it was tipped and our goaltender was caught going the wrong way. I was back to one side and managed to head it out."

It was the second of two late-game goal-line saves for Cox, who was shifted from his forward position to defence for the first time this year.

Cox's shift was part of a change in strategy by coach Malcolm Lonsdale, who decided on a more defensive approach with more calculated attacking.

"It was good for a change," said Cox. "And it definitely worked in that game."

Lonsdale was without three key players in Wednesday's matchup: Berndt Schneider, Dennis Moreau and Andy Wicksted, all strong offensive players.

"We missed them quite a bit," said Fleming, "but the guys that replaced them played a super game."

Dykstra opened the scoring in the first half on a penalty kick but Indusmin's Todd Wood

tied it up before the half was out with a 10-yard drive from the left side.

The Midland squad then took control with a goal on a penalty kick by team captain Rod Billinness and Indusmin tied to hold on.

The game wasn't completed until about 8:45 and it was too dark for overtime, so they'll go at it again, probably Monday of next week,

with the site yet to be determined.

Winner of the game will advance to the semi-finals.

Indusmin finished in sixth place in the eight-team loop, Dykstra wound up in third after a Monday night loss to second-place Barrie American Hotel, and the Autos ended up in last place with only one win to their credit.

## Stayner rink wins Belfrey

A Stayner rink took home the Alzina Belfrey Trophy mixed triples title Monday at the Midland Lawn Bowling Club.

L. Farrar, M. Farrar and B. Fair topped 15 other rinks for high three-game honors to earn the trophy, which was presented by Mrs. Belfrey.

Second-high three-game winners were F. O'Hare, V. Peele and J. Keeling from the Barrie Allandale club; high two-game winners were Bruce MacArthur, M. Parker and H. Titherington from Midland; second-high two-game shooters were B. Warner, O. Warner and M. Wilkinson from Allandale and high one-game winners were J. Bullen, F. Bullen and M. Claridge from Tottenham.

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