

Penetang's still percolating

by
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In keeping with the spirit of competition that pervades at Penetang Curling Club this year, members from the Ladies League entered two rinks into the Southern Ontario Ladies (double entry) Curling Association Tankard Championships.

The ladies were very patient with me while they explained the rules to this rather unique competition.

Please grant me the same courtesy. It appears that the two named rinks from the club are entered into divisional playdowns. Together they are pitted against doubles from other entered clubs in sudden death elimination competition.

Both scores are added together and the combined totals are compared with the scores of the opposing two rinks to produce a winner.

The Penetang twin threats quietly scythed their way through the early rounds until they finally found themselves in with a chance to win the divisional playdowns in Orillia on Monday, February 17. Much to their own

surprise, they emerged victorious from that encounter.

This put them into the heavy stuff. On the Monday before last they journeyed to Parry Sound for the semi-finals and to crush the opposition. They terrorized Bracebridge with an intimidating beating of 24 to 6 in morning play.

Bracebridge gracefully conceded in the eighth end, can't say that I blame them. Lindsay were their victims in the afternoon. Our girls (if they will forgive the term of endearment) rolled over them 27 to 7. Lindsay surrendered to them inevitable in the ninth end.

That stunning victory put the Penetanguishene ladies through to the Ontario finals which will be played in Port Perry on the 26 and 27 of March.

The girls have kept their normal lady-like composure through the preliminaries but I must admit that they were a little moist when I interviewed them at the club last week. Anne Ross, skipper of rink A, said, "Not bad for novices eh Ed?"

Rosemary Marchant, skipper of the B rink, appropriate to her position as chief

librarian at the Penetang Library, said, "Considering that our girls are not really competition-wise, we did quite well."

Rosemary's team is rounded out by Diane Rushton, Jackie Gyte and Debbie King. Debbie is being pulled two ways.

Husband Terry won a trip for two to Las Vegas in the recent Shriners raffle draw.

Trouble is they are supposed to take off on the day the finals take place. Terry is awaiting her decision. Anne's rink is comprised of Annette Merkley, Bernice Haley and Mary Smith. Annette is a valued member of the Mr. Grocer staff in Midland, Mary is a noted area housewoman.

All the others are self employed in running very successful households.

Council meeting

Penetanguishene's Town Council is scheduled to gather Monday night for their regular March meeting.

The session is slated to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers of the Municipal Office.



Our Lord Jesus Christ

The song "May the Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ," with Rev. David Barker (right) on guitar, has become a tradition during the 9 a.m. Sunday family service at St. Mark's Anglican Church in Midland. Last Sunday, Guest Preacher The Most

Reverend French Chang-Him (left), archbishop of the Indian Ocean, later sat with the children and described his home life in Seychelles, a small country north east of Madagascar.

International service Sunday

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Special guest preacher, the Most Reverend French Chang-Him, archbishop of the Indian Ocean, charmed and inspired the congregation of St. Mark's Anglican Church in Midland, during three services last Sunday morning.

Although the Archbishop's home is in Seychelles, a small country composed of 92 islands north east of Madagascar, he was visiting Toronto last week for an international assembly of Anglican Primates and other church meetings.

With Midland so close, he took advantage of the opportunity to visit with his old friend the Rev. David Barker, the incumbent at St. Mark's

Anglican Church on Third Street, since September 1985.

His Grace preached at the regular 8, 9, and 10 a.m. services.

His soft voice drew the attention of the congregation with its pleasing blend of English, French and Creole accents, typical of the Seychelles.

A highlight of Sunday's visit came during the 9 a.m. family service, when the Archbishop invited a small group of children to sit with him on the floor, in front of the altar at the head of the church.

By asking, and answering questions, he explained to them about life in the Seychelles, and how it differed from Midland.

He told them it was always warm there, and

you can swim all year round.

The only snow is found in refrigerators while sometimes people in Seychelles (pronounced say-shells) ride on giant tortoises.

After his brief sojourn in Midland, the Most Reverend French Chang-Him will be returning home to his wife

School

Simcoe County Board of Education's next regular meeting is to be held on Wednesday, March 26 at 8 p.m. in the Education Centre at Barrie.

The Board is to meet in private session at 7 p.m. before the 8 p.m. public session.

Orser in fifth after compulsory

Huron's Brian Orser finished fifth in yesterday's compulsory figures at the World Figure Skating Championships in Geneva, Switzerland.

Although Orser hoped to finish around third position in his quest for the gold medal and the World Championships, he can make up a lot of ground in the short and long programs, which combined, are worth 80 percent of the total marks.

The six time Canadian Champion has been hard at work this winter preparing for this week's events, especially working on a triple axel/triple toe loop combination

which will likely form a major part of his long program.

Orser will be skating his short program tonight, (this afternoon, our time), before he has a day off to rest for the long program which will take place Thursday night. Orser will likely use the R&R to his best advantage, but prefers to keep skating without a break until it's over.

Brian would like to receive a telegram from everyone, if possible. If you would like to 'pump Brian up,' address the telegram to: Brian Orser, Hotel Intercontinental 7-9, Petit-Saconnex 1211, Geneva 19, Switzerland. Telex number is 23130.



Tomorrow's Gift of Life goal: 350 units

Nothing makes a Canadian Red Cross Society courier, like Mike Robinson (above), happier than a full truck load of blood donations for delivery to Toronto's central storage facility. The Huronia Branch of the Red Cross hopes to put at least 350

units of live giving blood, aboard the courier's refrigerated truck, after tomorrow's blood donors' clinic, noon to 8 p.m. in Midland's Yonge Street Civic Centre.