

# Police golfed free, paid for coffee - club owner

Some members of the York Regional Police department do have golf privileges at the Richmond Hill Golf and Country Club, one of the club's owners said

yesterday, and "they do not" pay greens fees. John A. Griffin, a principal with the club, said, however, only six officers have used the

facilities this year. Greens fees at the club are \$10. In separate telephone interviews, four police officers and one policeman were asked

about the allegation by former policeman Doug Sheldrake that they received "complimentary" golfing privileges. Those who played golf at the course all said they

paid their greens fees. One said he never had played golf at the course in his life, while another said he hasn't been at the course since 1973. The other men on the

list released by Mr. Sheldrake were not available for comment. Mr. Griffin said the courtesy has been extended to police officers "and our bank manager"

since 1961. But, he added, "I want to make it clear that the police never asked for anything nor did we get anything in return." The owner said the club

has had its share of vandalism. "Someone broke in last year and stole \$700 worth of booze," he said. "We have had to have a whole new burglar alarm system installed, which is hooked in directly to the police station."

Mr. Griffin was responding to charges levelled by Mr. Sheldrake, who released a letter to the press which listed police officers with alleged golfing privileges. The letter was written by John Moorhead, a York Regional Police staff sergeant, and it reads:

"I would again like to take this opportunity to thank you for extending the privilege of golfing at your course this year. As in past years I am submitting the names, addresses and phone numbers of officers who would appreciate your consideration."

The list submitted includes 13 names. Two people mentioned in the list are former police officers who have found other careers. The letter concludes: "Should any problem arise during the year with any member I would appreciate you contacting me and I will make sure it is corrected. Thank you again."

The letter is signed, "J.K. Moorhead." Mr. Griffin: "I feel sorry for the poor fellow who signed the letter. He has not even played this

year." Mr. Griffin said the officers except for the use of the course. "They didn't have lockers. They would put on their golf shoes in the car. They usually played during the week. We only extended them weekday privileges."

"If they ordered a cup of coffee, they paid for it," he said. "I have invited my friends to use the course sometimes," he said. "I was on the hospital board for years. I told them (directors) they could come for lunch so long as they paid."

Mr. Griffin said the courtesy has been extended to the police since the club opened in 1961. "At that time we owned the shopping centre (Richmond Heights) and we were involved in town activities. The courtesy privilege was extended to a few people; our bank manager as well as the local policemen."

"When the regional force came in we couldn't accommodate the whole force, so I asked them to give me a list of about 15 names."

Contacted at a police convention in Hamilton, Ontario night, Staff Sgt. Moorhead said he had no comment on any of Mr. Sheldrake's charges. He said he understands an investigation is in progress, and would make his comments at the "applicable time"

# Two versions why Sheldrake sacked

Ex-policeman Douglas Sheldrake yesterday accused Chief Bruce Crawford of falsifying a report documenting the reasons why he should be fired from the regional police force in 1976.

According to the chief's report, Sheldrake had been counselled on several occasions about his inadequate performance prior to his firing in October 1976. Sheldrake claims he was not counselled at all during the six months before he was dismissed. "Don't take the chief at his word just because he is the chief," Sheldrake said in an interview yesterday. He called the chief a "ruthless" man who was intent on firing him, and he said the chief's claims about his

being counselled were false. On Monday, Chief Crawford said nine superior officers had cited a long list of criticisms of the constable's performance in a July 1976 evaluation. Subsequently, the chief recommended Sheldrake's dismissal, and the police commission accepted that recommendation on Oct. 19, 1976.

Sheldrake claimed his six-month evaluation had been "stupendous." Crawford called it "acceptable," in view of the fact that Sheldrake was a relatively inexperienced policeman.

In his recommendation for dismissal, the chief said he felt Sheldrake showed no promise of

becoming a good police officer. Sheldrake's final evaluation also noted that he had a good appearance and good relations with the public. Several superiors said he had the potential to become a good policeman if he changed his attitude.

Sheldrake joined the force as a cadet on April 10, 1972, becoming a full-fledged policeman on Dec. 10, 1973, when he reached age 21.

He resigned as a fourth-class constable on Aug. 4, 1974, to go into business with his father, and was re-hired by the force on Sept. 10, 1975.

"I wanted to do a better job than I did the first time," he told reporters Monday. Sheldrake said he felt

he had done a good job, but claimed he was pressured by senior officers because he had not issued a sufficient number of traffic summonses.

When Crawford advised Sheldrake that he would ask the commission to fire him, the constable filed a grievance, claiming harassment on the traffic ticket issue and also alleging that a traffic ticket he had issued to the chief's son had been withdrawn in court.

Crawford said that claim was investigated and found to be untrue. Sheldrake conceded yesterday that his story in the grievance was not true; but at the time he said he believed the person receiving the ticket was the chief's son.

After claiming he could obtain confidential information from police sources, Douglas Sheldrake proceeded to give an apparent demonstration to reporters in his office

Monday afternoon. As the operator of his own company in Thornhill, ex-policeman Sheldrake said he often called his friends on the force to run checks on prospective employees.

These friends would check the person's criminal record through the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) in Ottawa, an information bank accessible to all police forces, Sheldrake said.

The CPIC information is classified for police use only. A policeman is subject to severe penalties if he is convicted of giving this information to civilians.

On Monday afternoon, Sheldrake attached a tape recorder to his office telephone and called one of the York police force's divisional headquarters. He knew the constable who answered, and asked him to run a CPIC check on a prospective employee.

"Ah... well, I'm not supposed to," the constable replied. "Just a little one," Sheldrake said. The constable agreed.

Sheldrake then gave a name and birth date, and less than a minute later, the constable came back on the phone and said: "Nothing, not a thing, no."

Sheldrake thanked him, said he might hire the person, and hung up. Several reporters listened to the tape through earphones to confirm the conversation.

It was impossible to ascertain from the tape whether the constable had in fact run the check, or whether he had simply given Sheldrake the impression he had run the check.

Chief Bruce Crawford said yesterday that he is investigating the incident. Sheldrake told reporters that two senior officers had run CPIC checks for him on previous occasions.

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Mr. Shulman's article appeared in the Sun yesterday morning, covering most of Page 2, and being introduced on Page 1 in bold face lettering which read: "Commission to probe police theft charges"

Mr. Sheldrake based one of his charges on a letter which listed police officers with golfing privileges at the Richmond Hill Golf and Country Club.

"When he showed me the letter, I suggested he should go to the proper authority who can con-

duct an independent investigation," Mr. Stong said. "That is the Ontario Police Commission."

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# York Police Briefs

**HUNGRY SMOKERS**  
On August 4 at 2 a.m., two men entered Maggie's Supermarket in Markham, by breaking a rear glass door. Once inside they took a quantity of cigarettes and food items.

As the result of an investigation, police arrested Gerald Ross Kalbfleisch, 31, of Main Street North, Markham, and released him for a court appearance on August 22.

Police also arrested Paul David Norton, 19, of Church Street in Markham and he took officers to the location where the remaining stolen articles were hidden.

Both men were charged with break, enter and theft and possession of goods under \$200. Norton will also appear in court August 22.

**WHEN IN DOUBT DON'T GET OUT**  
On August 8 at 5 p.m., Douglas Nairn Flucker of Wellington Street West in Aurora was driving his van from the Aurora Highlands Golf Club, trying to get onto Yonge Street.

Half way across the sidewalk, a man who was walking southbound, approached the van and started using abusive language. He also made gestures towards the driver and caused damage to the van.

Flucker got out, trying to protect his vehicle, and was struck across the face. While trying to defend himself and stop the fight, he grabbed the assailant and in the effort, fell to the ground and dislocated his shoulder.

While on the ground, the man assaulted him, causing lacerations to his face. Police arrested Richard Szeler, 23, of the Bloomington Road in Aurora, for assault causing bodily harm. He appeared in court yesterday (Tuesday) to answer the charge.

**GONE FISHING**  
Sometime between August 4 at 10 a.m. and August 7 at 9 a.m., the garage belonging to Norman Pichurski of Edgar Avenue in Richmond Hill, was entered and two fishing rods, two fishing reels, one down rigger, one fishing line and several lures all worth \$370, were stolen. Police are investigating.

**FROZEN FIASCO**  
On July 21, during the early morning hours, a man broke into the Towne and Take-out Restaurant on Yonge Street in Richmond Hill by prying the rear door open. Once inside, a quantity of frozen food was taken.

On August 9, two men went to the rear of the same premises and this time broke the rear door. As they were about to enter, they spotted police and fled. A check of the vicinity showed them to be hiding nearby.

Police arrested William Thomas Johnson, 20, of Jane Street in Downsview for break, enter and theft and break and enter with intent and also John Scott Edmonson, 21, of Brimwood Boulevard for break and enter with intent.

The first man appeared at a show cause hearing August 11 and the second made a court appearance on August 14.

**STARTING THEIR OWN CLUB?**  
On August 2 at 7 p.m., two 15-year-old juveniles broke into the storage shed at Seneca College on Dufferin Street in King. They took five motorcycles, four of which would not start. The fifth one was started and was taken. Police later located and returned it.

On August 9 both youths were arrested for theft and possession of goods over \$200 and released to their parents for court on September 6.

**WORDS**  
On August 5 at 5 p.m., a man was having an argument with a neighbor and painted swear words across the rear of his vehicle while it was parked in an area used by the residents of 100 and 98 Yonge Street South in Aurora.

On discovery of the damage to his car, the owner entered the home of the assailant and seized the black paint and brush used for the job. A dispute arose, at which time the victim of the paint attack threw a tin of varnish over the other man, injuring his eyes and ears.

On August 9, police arrested Desmond Paul Smith, 21, of Hill Drive in Aurora for being unlawfully in a dwelling and assault causing bodily harm.

George Daniel Fowler, 20, of Yonge Street South, Aurora, was charged with mischief to private property.

**COOL THEFT**  
Sometime between August 10 at 6 p.m. and August 11 at 8 p.m., a trailer belonging to Atco Eastern Limited, on 16th Avenue in Thornhill, was entered by unknown means.

It was parked in the northwest corner of the owner's lot. Stolen were six 6,000 BTU air conditioners and one 8,000 BTU unit, all worth \$2,800.

**TIPS WERE NO GOOD**  
Between the months of April and July, 1978, a 41-year-old man was employed as the head waiter at Aubrey Inn on Major Mackenzie Drive in Maple. From information from the owner, Ferdinand Boulanger, it was learned he had stolen about \$3,000 in guest receipts. He cannot be located so a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

**HITCH-HIKING VICTIM**  
On August 12 at about 3 a.m., an 18-year-old girl was hitch-hiking on Steeles Avenue just east of Yonge Street. She was picked up and the driver took her to Leslie Street north. She jumped out of the vehicle and tried to run away but was caught by her attacker. He then forced her to the ground and raped her.

The suspect is described as: male, white, 25-years-old, 5'10" to 6" tall, 150-160 pounds, having dark hair and a trimmed moustache, smoking Player's filtered cigarettes.

The vehicle he was driving was a dark-colored, older model, two-door, medium sized car, in good condition with bucket seats and blue interior and having a black centre console.

**CAR HAD EXTRA DOOR**  
On August 13 at 9:30 p.m. two youths were observed leaving Ryan's Auto Wrecking on Woodbine Avenue in Markham in the second boy's vehicle. At that time they were stopped and it was learned the car turned up a car door.

A search of the door had been stolen from Ryan's. Police arrested Dean Barry Jones, 16, of Apple Orchard Pathway in Thornhill and Richard Stanley Daurio, 17, of Silver Aspen Drive, also in Thornhill and charged them both with theft under \$200 and possession of goods under \$200.

They will appear in court on August 29.



Richmond Hill Parks and Recreation Department gave out canoeing awards to participants of the developmentally handicapped summer playground program last Friday. Children had to name parts of the canoe and paddle and know the basic strokes for a level one certificate and those who were awarded level two had more difficult manoeuvres, such as getting in and out of the canoe by themselves. Heather Tomczuk, recreation supervisor for the town who handed

out the certificates said many of the kids did not know they were receiving an award and she said "the thrill on their faces was unbelievable." Front row from left to right is Cindy Lovie, David, Richard Carr, Rodney McPhail, and Elizabeth Ridder. Back row, Program Supervisor Lynn Olsen, Debbie Rice, Neal Gatten, Freeman Easton, Wayne Clarke, Jim Hinchcliffe and Jim Craig.

## No ticket-quota system but coppers "prodded"

"Quotas" are part of the York Regional Police make-up, but Chief Bruce Crawford says some of his men do need "prodding". Charges of police quotas are nothing new to the chief, who has piloted the force since its inception back in 1971.

The latest came this week from former police constable Doug Sheldrake, who said officers didn't have a specific number, "but there was something".

"At the end of the month, it's dynamite out there," he said. "You've got to get your tickets up."

(A story in the Toronto Sun yesterday said on radar duty, the quota was four tickets an hour, 32 a shift. However, Sheldrake told reporters Monday that no numbers were given to officers. Sheldrake also was the source for the Sun story.)

Police superiors, Sheldrake said, would check the number of tickets, "and the low guy would get hell."

Officers with poor performances were "threatened with transfers and withholding promotions," Sheldrake said.

"If you don't have enough tickets, you go on straight radar (patrol)," he said. "York is ticket crazy."

Chief Crawford, who has heard it all dozens of times before, said there is no quota, but his men must be motivated.

"The thing you people have to remember is that the coppers out there are only human," he said. Some, he said, will "do as little as possible."

"I would not tolerate damn policemen and I don't intend to tolerate them," the chief said.

The chief said he has an obligation to the York taxpayer and believes a police officer should "give us a good day's work for his money."

"This isn't the welfare department," he said.

Chief Crawford said only a limited number of police officers have to be told to work harder.

Sheldrake, meanwhile, related the story of an accident report he filled out which was re-investigated by another officer. Three charges which had been laid by Sheldrake were subsequently withdrawn, Sheldrake said.

"But I got to keep my three tickets (tickets on my worksheet)," he said.

"A ticketee a day keeps the sergeant away" was the saying at the police station," Sheldrake said.

# Stong says Sheldrake carried story too far

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