

## GOLF CLUB MEETING MAY 30TH

The Aguasabon Golf Club is pleased to announce that there will be no increase in golf membership fees this year.

As of May 19th green fees will be charged to those who have not purchased their membership for this year. Memberships can be bought from anyone on the golf club executive or at the club house when it opens shortly.

The semi-annual meeting of the golf club will be held May 30th at 8:30 p.m. at the club house. Everyone is invited to attend and to express their opinions and join in discussion concerning the activities the golf club will be or should be doing this year. We have been fortunate with such a good spring this year and expect lots of good golfing weather this summer. Won't you join us?

## STAFF MEMBERS HELPING ADOLESCENTS

Since January of this year three staff members of the Regional Children's Centre, Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital, have been devoting two nights and three afternoons per week to Thunder Bay's troubled adolescents. And through a series of individual, group or family therapy sessions the trio, George Llewelyn, Nancy Phillips and Dave Howard, are helping 13 to 19 year-olds from throughout the community solve a variety of personal problems.

As part of the Confederation College based ACCESS program the group is fulfilling a basic, but often ignored, need in the community.

"A 1972 survey of local agencies revealed a program designed for community

adolescents was one of Thunder Bay's biggest social needs," reports Miss Auldene Johnston, Co-ordinator of the Regional Children's Centre. "Troubled persons in this age bracket needed to talk with professionals but were reluctant to approach clinic or hospital staff for help.

"We decided that one way to get this help to them was to move out into the community - to be accessible."

While some of the 30 persons now receiving counselling from ACCESS have sought help on their own, most have been referred to the program by parents guidance counsellors, family doctors or local agencies. Majority of problems encountered have revolved around school or family situations and an expected influx of drug-oriented difficulties has not materialized. "Drugs and alcohol are usually a symptom of a deeper problem," says Mr. Howard, "and rarely can they be considered the main issue."

In some cases an initial interview and assessment will be sufficient to help individual adolescents find solutions to their problems, says Mr. Llewelyn. "Sometimes all they need is an opportunity to express their problems to talk things over with an objective party."

Should further help prove necessary ACCESS staffers evaluate each case to determine if another social agency is better equipped to help. If ACCESS provides the only immediate answer and if the adolescent consents, discussions with family doctor or parents may take place.

Family counselling is an important part of the program's service. "We try to get those involved to sit down together in order to find out what is really troubling each of them," explained Miss Phillips. "Often we find it's a vicious circle - the parents are unhappy with their offspring because he's doing badly at school; the youth is unhappy because his parents are continually nagging; and his teachers are unhappy because - cont'd page 18 .....

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# MONSTER BINGO

ALL PROCEEDS DONATED BY  
THE LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE  
MAY 24TH - DOOR PRIZE  
BUS LEAVES SCHREIBER AT 7:30 P.M.

THE TERRACE BAY MINOR HOCKEY STANLEY  
CUP POOL WINNER WAS STEVE BREND WITH  
A TIME OF 8 MIN. 13 SEC.