

Bowlers a courteous lot

Stouffville threesome off to Canadian final

STOUFFVILLE — The spectators watch the match green silently, applauding only briefly for a particularly able shot. Then, quiet returns.

Lawn bowling, you see, is just not the type of game that invites to much cheering or jeering.

Explains lawn bowler Eleanor Crossen of Church St.: "Spectators aren't supposed to show any partiality. It takes the friendliness out of the game."

Mrs. Crossen ought to know: she is the skip of the winning "trebles" team of the Ladies

Provincial Lawn Bowling Association. Reta Laushway and Dorothy Wagg, both of Park Drive North, are the other members of the team.

The trio won the championship in Ottawa on July 30.

The provincial win against teams from Brockville, Kingston and Ottawa has entitled them to compete in the Canadian championships to be held in Winnipeg August 19-21.

Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island will be the only provinces

not represented in the national tournament.

Competition is nothing new for these ladies, who in previous years have been triples, doubles or singles champions. The same three won the provincial finals in 1958 and were runners-up in 1970.

Eleanor Crossen and Reta Laushway won the doubles in 1952 and Mrs. Crossen was a singles winner in 1954 and 1966.

The women attributed their success in the sport to a mixture of luck and skill.

"We've been fortunate," says Mrs. Crossen. And Mrs. Laushway adds, "We don't go out with the idea that we're going to win this."

In triples competition, three "bowls" or balls are thrown by each player in one end. The number of ends can vary from 12-15. The object of a team is to roll its "bowls" nearer the "kitty" or "jack", a white earthenware ball 2½" in diameter, than the opposing team.

Unlike curling, the target can be moved in the course of the game as the "bowls" may nudge the jack to any position within a set boundary area.

These Stouffville women compete in about 5 tournaments, both mixed and ladies' events, throughout the season. But it's not just the thrill of the contest that has kept them playing for about 25 years.

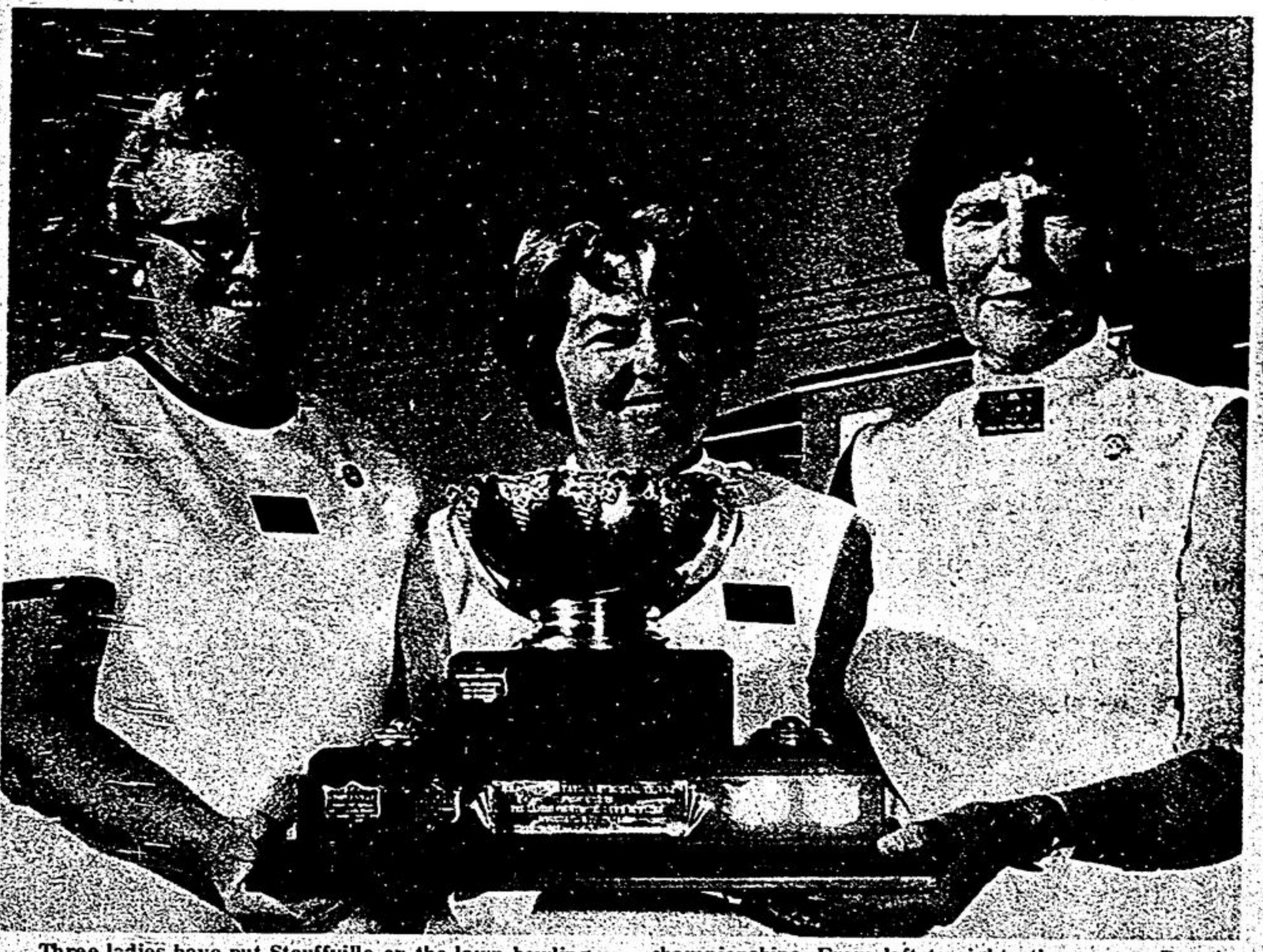
Mrs. Laushway concedes she plays, "for the sake of competition—but you meet a lot of people and that's important."

Mrs. Wagg contends she wouldn't play if there were "squabbles" on the court.

The "competitive spirit" of other sports is not strongly evident in lawn bowling.

"Generally speaking, people don't look at lawn bowling like you're going to beat the pants off your opponents," says Mrs. Laushway.

"It's more the actual enjoyment of the game" that counts, the ladies concluded.



Three ladies have put Stouffville on the lawn bowling map with a win in the Ontario finals of the ladies threesome. They are undefeated and head to Winnipeg for the Canadian championships. From left to right they are — Dorothy Wagg, Reta Laushway and Eleanor Crossen.

Corn roast to kick off campaign

DICKSON'S HILL — A corn roast Sept. 7 at his Dickson Hill home will provide the kick-off of the campaign by Ron Moran for election as regional councillor. Elections this year are Dec. 3.

Mr. Moran has represented Ward 6 of the Town of Markham for the past two years. He will have opposition for the higher office from Harold Lawrie, defeated in 1972.

Mr. Moran said in a news letter that the corn roast will start at 2 p.m. Sept. 7.

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Victoria Square Joint picnic in peaceful lake setting

By Mrs. W. Sandle

VIC. SQUARE — The Women's Institute and the United Church Women invite everyone to attend their annual Sunday outing at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Fraser Gee at Duclos Point on Lake Simcoe this coming Sunday. Bring a potluck lunch. Dishes and cutlery will be provided.

There are no services at the United Church for the month of August and on Sept. 1. Services will resume Sept. 8 at 11:30 a.m. with Rev. Victor Shepherd in charge.

Good, used, saleable articles are required for the annual Auction and Rummage Sale of the Victoria Square District Lions Club to be held in the Community Hall on Saturday, Sept. 21.

For pick ups, call Lions Don Boynton, 887-5348 or Jack Walker, 884-2882, or any of the Lion members. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

A miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Shirley Nelson and Mr. Keith Oliver will be held in the Victoria Square Community Hall on Wednesday, Aug. 21. Please accept this notice as your invitation to attend. The young couple is being married on Aug. 31.

Birthdays greetings to — Patricia Boynton, Aug. 14; Fraser Gee, Aug. 15; Jean Rummy, Aug. 16; Debbie Boynton, Aug. 17; Mrs. Treanor Canning, Aug. 18; Cathy Boynton, Aug. 18; Robbie Henderson, one year, Aug. 19; John Tyndall, nine years, Aug. 21; Muriel Mortonson, Aug. 22; Mrs. Stanley DePoe, Aug. 22.

Special Birthdays greetings to Rolph

Boynton, who on Aug. 20 will be celebrating his 87th birthday. Congratulations Mr. Boynton!

Wedding anniversary greetings to — Mr. and Mrs. Bill Boyd, married four years, Aug. 15; to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Vanderkoo, married 24 years, Aug. 16; to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Brumwell, married 15 years, Aug. 22.

Sherry and Shelly Brumwell of Barrie spent last week here with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brumwell. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Anderson of Beaverton spent Sunday with Mabel Frisby, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Frisby and girls.

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