

Trapshooter places fourth

Leary aiming to be the best

By KEITH BOLENDER
Practice doesn't always make perfect, at least it seems that way in the world of trapshooting. One person who has made that reverse axiom come true is George Leary, from Gormley, who recently placed fourth at the world championship trapshoot at Antibes, France.

George's high placing came against Europeans who have had an exceptionally higher amount of practice and experience in international trapshooting. He's only 19 years old and he explained his excellent showing by saying "I guess I wanted it more, a greater desire. In trapshooting you can become complacent. Trapshooters in North America don't have the opportunity to shoot as much as the Europeans, so maybe we try a little harder when we get the chance."

Besides the fact the sport is much bigger and wider accepted in Europe, there is also the difference, quite vast, between North American and international trapshooting. George started competitive trapshooting when he was nine, getting into the sport from his family, who had owned a trapshooting club. His first shoot was in St. Catharines, only a few years later and competed against men. When asked how he fared, George

chuckled that he won the "booby prize", which was not exactly given for first place. From that none too auspicious start, George won the junior European Grand Prix championship last month and is now considered to be one of the finer North American, and world, shooters. However, George, like any other North American shooter, labours under a disadvantage due to the different systems. In North America the sport is under the American Trapshooting Association style, ATA — and it is an easier and less challenging shoot. George explained the different styles, pointing out that in ATA "the bird is slower, 60 to 65 miles per hour, and they come out straight, so there's less chance of missing after you've picked up the target."

"On the other hand, in international competition, the speed is anywhere between 95 and 120 miles and they can fly out at any angle and any direction. There's more skill and concentration involved," he said with a knowing smile. He then commented that in international trap the person has two shots, while in ATA only one shot is allowed per target. He quickly added that the extra shot does not really equalize the two, because of the increased variables of the target. Because all major shoots use international style, George is handicapped somewhat. His only chance to shoot international besides in meets, is in Hamilton, where they do have the facilities. The difference was illustrated when George commented that "Europeans that shoot 20,000 targets is common, to us 2,000 is common."

The sport differs in other ways. Despite the fact each system awards one point for each hit, the international system is obviously tougher. A perfect score, 200, has never happened in international, although a perfect score in ATA is quite common. The closest to per-

fection was a 199 in the 1972 Olympics and the 1974 world championship. However, George explained that near perfect scores are not wanted in international competitions, and that they are making them tougher. "There is a committee that sees that the sport does not become too easy, on the worldwide level. One way to do that is to lower the shot weight, it was dropped one-eighth of an ounce after the 72 games, and even that small difference can be noticeable. "The weird thing is," George said shaking his head, "is that ATA perfect scores are very common, but no-one is doing anything to make it tougher."

He also considers the world championship a better test of skill than the Olympics, although his biggest desire is to shoot for the Canadian Olympic team in Moscow in 1980. He explained that in the Olympics there are only two competitors allowed in trapshooting for each country, whereas there is no limit for the world championships. "If a good shooter has an off day at the Olympic trials, then he might not make the team. It seems to be an unfair system." He feels that if you win the world cham-

ionship then you have really proved yourself. At this year's world championship George missed the bronze medal by one shot, he hit 192 birds. The winner had a 197 score. It was the best showing for George, something he is proud of. The whole object of the sport is obviously to shoot down the targets that go whizzing by in a split second. And the targets differ from each system. In the ATA the targets are wider while the international has a lower width, which makes them faster. George's international experience includes meets in England, Australia, Mexico and the United States, where he had his first taste in 1971, coming third in the men's division. George is just one of the many top North American shooters that are proving themselves in international competition. Other top Canadians include, John Primrose who won the 1975 men's world championship; Susan Natrass, who took the women's 1975 world shoot and George Chasky. Many people don't realize how competitive Canadians are in the sport, despite all their disadvantages. The sport receives little publicity and therefore becomes hard to get any government



George Leary, from Gormley, displays his shooting stance that helped him win fourth place at the recently held world championship in trapshooting. He was just one shot off the bronze medal and was the top North American for the meet.

Girls hockey starts with exciting games

This year's girls' hockey season started last Sunday and both the new players and the returnees provided a lot of excitement. In the Junior division the Lions defeated Laurelea Flowers 1-0. Shari Lehman, playing in her first game, came up with a shutout in goal. Bonnie Hollingsworth scored at the 11:55 mark of the final period to give her team the victory. The other Junior match saw the Kinsmen upset Gormley Greenhouses 3-2.

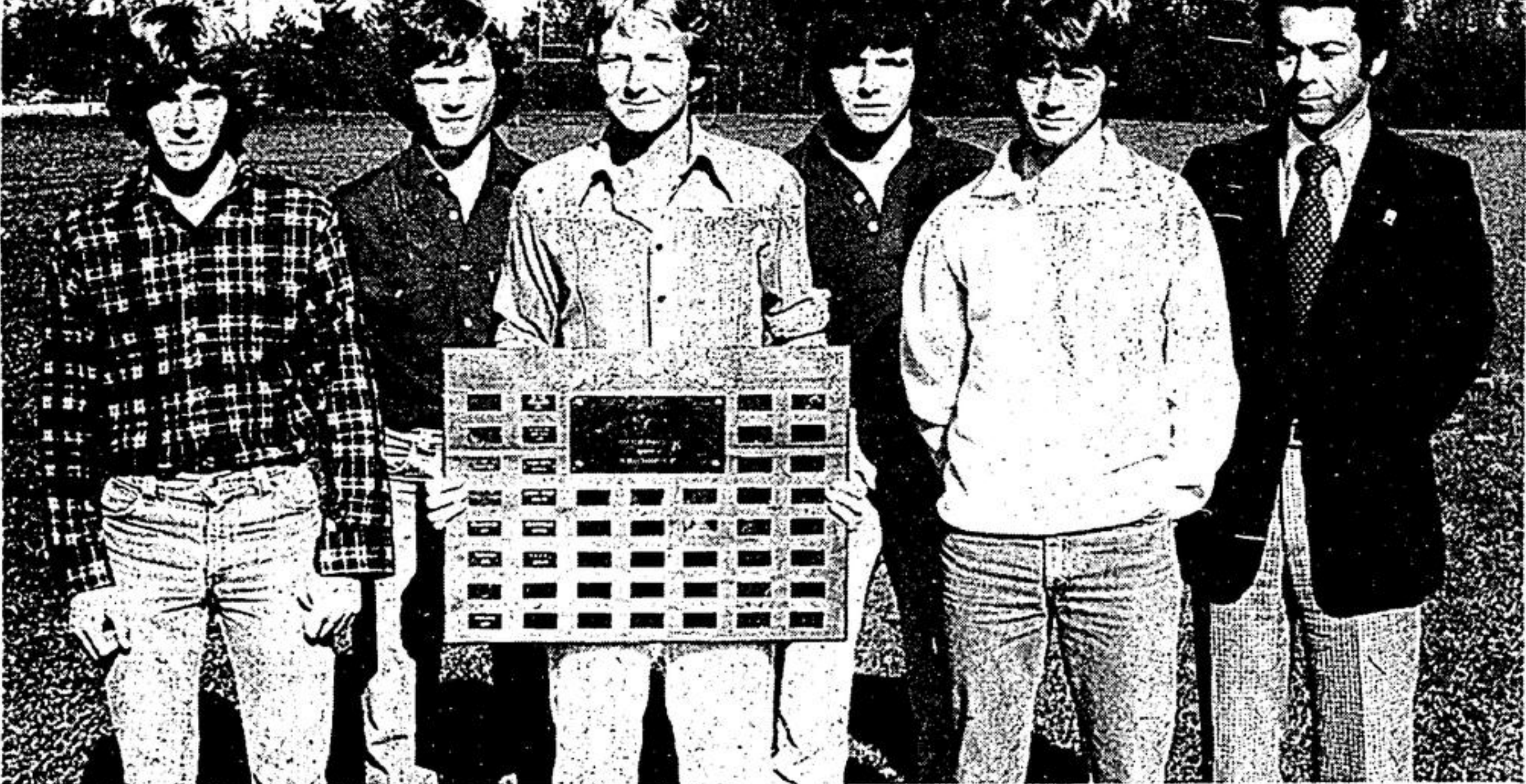
Laurie Younder scored two for Kinsmen and Julie Thompson drilled in the winner. Assists went to Erin Shephard and Jannine Smith. For the Greenhouse team it was Jackie Arment who put in both goals. Goalies: Ann Marie Lacoursiere and Tammy Petterson put in good games. The Senior division opening games had the Sales Barn defeating a short handed Credit Union team 5-1. Cheryl Singleton, Sandy Hardy, Karen Brown scored singles while Sandy Ramer popped in two. Assists went to Kathleen Kamps, Sandy Hardy, Sandy Ramer, Dawn Shell, Kim Morley and Cheryl Singleton. The lone Credit Union goal went to Diane Ermen, from Kathy Summerfield and Cathy McBeth. IGA and L & M Gardens skated to a 3-3 stalemate in the second

Junior division game. L & M opened the scoring on a goal by Julie Parish with assists going to Janet Dunkeld and Karen Brown. IGA came back to tie the score then take the lead on goals by Cathy Kealey and Jolynn Aytote. Assists went to Maureen Kamps, Nancy Hutchinson and Jolynn Aytote. The Gardens then tied up the game and went ahead 3-2 on goals

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Stouffville District Secondary School's golf team won the Georgian Bay tournament, last weekend. The team, from left to right on the front row, are: Steve Middleton, captain Dave Huxtable who also had the best individual score, and Dave Raymer. Back row, left to right, Steve Schell, Randy Smith and coach Lynn Jones.

Golf team takes tourney

This season's sports at the Stouffville District Secondary School got off to a good start last week with the school's golf team leading the way. The team captured the Georgian Bay golf tournament held at the Gormley Greens, taking both team and individual honors. The squad, comprised of captain Dave Huxtable, Steve Middleton, Steve Schell, Randy Smith and Dave Raymer competed against 96 other players from 24 schools. Lynn Jones is the coach. Their winning team score was a 344 and Dave Huxtable led the way with a brilliant 77, the next lowest individual score was an 82. The team regained the trophy which they had won two years ago.

Two days before the Georgian Bay tourney, the golfers placed third at the York County tournament at Richmond Hill Golf and Country Club. Their total was a 365, eight shots off the winners. Steve Middleton had the second best individual

score with an 83, only one shot off the best. They now go on to Bolton's Glen Eagles Golf Club to play in the Ontario Federation of Secondary School Athletics tourney. Play starts this Friday, October 7th. In other golf news,

the Stouffville school has for the first time a girls team. They are: Peggy McBride, Sandra Ramer, Sussi de Groot, M. McLean, Bev Hammi, Jane Petersen and Terry Kelly. Their first competition takes place at the Golf Haven Country Club in Gilford.

Bowling underway with high scores

In last week's Tuesday night mixed league, it was George Dutton that had the high triple, scoring 425 (233, 215). Other scores were: Neil Logan, 424 (234); Bud Feaver, 613 (250); Darlene Johnston, 203; Grace Nesbitt, 231; Rex Tolton, 227; Marie

Tolton, 233, 212; Rick Hollin, 202; Durken Hollin, 242; Robert Gleave, 231; Garth Good, 205; Audrey Good, 244. Legion Ladies: Lois Bartley, 647 (202, 256); Milzi Aida, 628 (202, 233); Mae Budd, 620 (249, 201); Gladys Clarkson, 607 (251); Pat Appleton, 258; Bev

Marshman, 234; Ruth Winterstein, 225; Barb Thomas, 219; Gaye Lehman, 219; Dot Dyck, 219; Georgina Sleeth, 217; Betty Turner, 215; Muriel Gibson, 213; Anna Fretz, 212; Opal Lehman, 207; Hazel Wilson, 202; Damiana McGuigge, 200.

Bantams: Chris Irwin, 144; Brian Lilleberg, 129; Tina Hie, 332 (141, 191); Donna Yeomans, 140; Greg Vitek, 305 (188); Robbie Sleeth, 134; Vonnny Hunter, 127; Craig Vaughan, 291 (151, 140); Lewis Cottage, 271 (169); Sandra Blacklock, 139; Mike Burrows, 281 (169).

Juniors: Cathy Knabb, 150; Norman Doole, 615 (206, 199); Kim Sleeth, 532 (164, 187, 181); Julie Ireland, 466 (192); Robert Brooks, 480 (180, 161); Leslie Ericksen, 156; Charles Minaker, 542 (168, 177, 197); Murray Pattenden, 457 (195); Lisa Ericksen, 156; Kim Tuck, 491 (168, 186); Derek Schop, 466 (155, 159, 152); Karen Sleeth, 520 (170, 180, 170); Jimmy Vaughan, 462 (173); Doug Oldham, 169; David McCracken, 186; Mandy Vaughan, 500 (186, 186).

Wed. 7 p.m. Mixed: Howie Lockhart, 200; Jean Dart, 618 (267); Terry McVicar, 218; Bill Menar, 213, 221; Gord Duck, 636 (232, 219); Mary Drewery, 203; Lois Bartley, 722 (240, 251, 228); John Wilson, 231, 215; Al McVicar, 252; Bob Sleeth,

Whitmore, 686 (259, 255); Bill White, 722 (257, 252); Ron Cook, 707 (273, 250); Joe Paynter, 703 (263, 256); Earl Rowe, 674; Dave Ratcliff, 676 (289, 250); Larry Brown, 685; Glen Jackson, 794 (289).

Thurs. Aff. Ladies: Jean Dart, 645 (222, 267); Andrea Corner, 281; Dot Thorn, 211; Opal Lehman, 202; Lois Bartley, 203, 289; Mary Moffatt, 256, 201; Mae Spence, 220; Audrey Holden, 222; Betty Hoey, 213; Ev McKay, 230; Linda Blacktop, 209.

Senior youth: Susan Armstrong, 640 (220, 207, 213); Andrea Tuck, 544 (180, 169, 195); Stephen Ireland, 626 (169, 232, 225); Steve Rigby, 541 (196, 191, 154); Dan LeBlond, 572 (283, 125, 164); Cheryl Bond, 619 (240, 171, 208).

Wed. 9 p.m. mixed: Dave Gaudette, 636 (252, 212); Dale Knabb, 630 (203, 233); Harvey Atkins, 219; John McCracken, 213, 223; John Wilson, 202; Marg Sprague, 200; Hugh Bingham, 206, 205; Henry Ostrevski, 211.



Captain Robert Naccarato recently accepted the trophy for his PeeWee team that finished first in the league standings. The award was handed over by Becky Wedley at the final game of the season.

Horse trainer wins open jumper stake

Manny Cachia, instructor and trainer at Cedar Hollow farms, recently won the Rothmans' Open Jumper stake at the Lindsay fair. It's one of the toughest classes to do well in and Mr. Cachia's feat is even more impressive because he was riding a horse he had

never seen before. The horse, purchased by Bill Gibson, was entered in five classes at the fair following a quick decision to enter it. It was in the final event that Mr. Cachia won, under very muddy, wet conditions. Mr. Cachia picked up a \$300 award and horse blanket for his efforts.

Brochure on mouth guards

A new brochure, designed to encourage greater use of protective equipment for the mouth in sports, is now available from The Ontario Dental Association. The brochure, "Mouth Protection - In Contact Sports", emphasizes the need for protection of the teeth in minor hockey, football, lacrosse, soccer and other sports. Injuries to teeth, jaws and mouth are greatly reduced when protective mouthguards are worn, the association says.

Minor hockey and football league officials and advisers in Ontario have recognized this fact by making mouthguards required equipment. The association recommends "rigid, fixed position external mouthguards as the most effective single way of preventing sports injuries to the teeth, gums and tongue. When playing either football, hockey or lacrosse, both a fixed external and a fitted internal mouthguard should be worn.

There was public skating at the Stouffville Arena last week, and many came out to take advantage of it. The picture above shows the easiest way to take a spin around the rink, under someone else's power. The little girl thoroughly enjoyed the trip in her father's arms.

Clippers open season

The Junior C Stouffville Clippers open their 1977-78 season this Saturday, October 8 at 8 p.m. in the Arena. Their opponents are Uxbridge and Clippers' coach Murray Sinclair will be returning with just seven of last year's players, who are: Rick Marshman, Geoff Roy, Perry Brown, Ted Assinck, Doug Taylor, Scott Connor, Bill Meakes and Andy Leitch.

With the tryouts just about completed the following players have now joined the Clippers: Steve Kirkland from Unionville Juniors; Brad Leitch from Newmarket; Steve Schell from Stouffville Midget A and Tim Quinn from Box Grove.

Future games see the Clippers play in Port Perry on Sunday, October 9th and their next home game in on Saturday, October 15. The team is again being sponsored by K.R. May Real Estate. Don't forget the hockey dance on Friday, October 21 at Cedar Beach.