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Over 600 participants

Uxbridge skaters brilliant

UXBRIDGE — Twelve members of the Uxbridge Figure Skating Club won awards from first to third place during the Fifth Annual Invitational Competition held in Uxbridge on the weekend.

The Uxbridge team had 25 skaters participating and of the 12 winners there were six first place wins, four second, and six third.

There were approximately 600 entries from around Ontario and both nights during the award presentations there was a full-house said Heather Somerville, committee organizer.

"Overall, it's the best response we've had from previous years," she said. "It was really great."

Local winners during Saturday's events were:

Preliminary 'B' Ladies — First: Heather Vaughan, Markham FSC.

Pre-Preliminary 'C' Ladies — First: Sandra Cassie, Uxbridge FSC.

Pre-Preliminary 'E' Ladies — Second: Cindy Sebestyen, Uxbridge FSC.

Pre-Preliminary Men's Final — First: Darren Edwards, Whitby FSC.

Preliminary Men's Final — Second: Luke Austin, Uxbridge FSC.

Preliminary 'E' Ladies — Third: Lynne Ewen, Uxbridge FSC.

Mixed Juvenile Dance — First: Savina Findlay and Anand Date, Uxbridge FSC.

Juvenile 'B' Ladies — First: Melissa Stevens and Cary Dowson, Port Perry FSC.

Juvenile 'C' Ladies — Third: Rhonda Stacey, Whitby FSC.

Juvenile 'E' Ladies — First: Debbie Graham, Markham FSC.

Juvenile Men's Final — Second: Chris McLean, Whitby FSC.

Juvenile 'B' Ladies — First: Meegan Larsen, Markham FSC.

Pre-Juvenile Men's Final — Second: Matthew Imboden, Uxbridge FSC.

Pre-Juvenile 'E' Ladies — First: Lisa John, Uxbridge FSC.

Juvenile 'C' Ladies — Third: Claudia D'Angelo, Markham FSC.

Preliminary Ladies Final — Second: Heather Vaughan, Markham FSC.

Pre-Juvenile Ladies Final — First: Debbie Graham, Markham FSC.

Mixed Pre-Novice Dance — First: Stacey Kanelos (Ajax FSC) and Neil Autton

(Agincourt FSC); Third: Nicole Page and Darren Edwards, Whitby FSC.

Interpretive Men's Final — Third: Matthew Imboden, Uxbridge FSC and first place for the best costume.

Area winners for Sunday's skating events were:

Pre-Novice 'A' Ladies — Third: Tracy Taylor, Ajax FSC.

Pre-Novice 'B' Ladies — First: Jennifer Cook, Uxbridge FSC.

Novice 'A' Ladies — Second: Jennifer Geddes, Ajax FSC.

Pre-Novice 'C' Ladies — First: Janice Fisher, Markham FSC; Third: Valerie Grosvenor, Uxbridge FSC.

Pre-Novice 'D' Ladies — Second: Dana Forder, Uxbridge FSC; Third: Amber Frost, Pickering FSC.

Pre-Novice 'E' Ladies — First: Cathy Doherty, Ajax FSC.

Novice 'C' Ladies — Third: Annette Lewis, Ajax FSC.

Junior 'A' Ladies — Second: Lisa Kirwan, Markham FSC.

Junior 'B' Ladies — Second: Jackie MacDonald, Markham FSC; Third: Nancy Meredith, Whitby FSC.

Pre-Novice Ladies Final — First: Jennifer Cook, Uxbridge FSC; Third: Dana Forder, Uxbridge FSC.

Junior Ladies Final — Second: Lisa Kirwan, Markham FSC; Third: Jackie MacDonald, Markham FSC.

Pre-Novice Competitive Men's Final — Second: Todd Guddat, Markham FSC.

Senior Interpretive Ladies Final — First: Jill Watson, Uxbridge FSC; Third: Jackie MacDonald, Markham FSC.

According to Mrs. Somerville, the bake sale and raffle the skating club held was also a success. "Everything was cleaned up the first day."

She said the club is over one hurdle, but has another to go. Their next upcoming event is a carnival planned for April 14 and 15.



Savina Findlay, 12, (left) of R.R. 2, Uxbridge and Anand Date of R.R. 1, Claremont won first place in the Mixed Juvenile Dance competition Saturday. Both skater also won other awards during the Fifth Annual Invitational

Skating Competition, which was sponsored by the Uxbridge Figure Skating Club. For more pictures see page B-2.

Editor's Mail Community consoled

Dear Editor:
Re: Claremont Water Supply

Because there has been much concern in the community, and as there appears to me to have been a good deal of misunderstanding about the role of the Town and the other parties involved in Claremont's water system, as your Mayor I feel I should try to clarify this whole question.

In 1974, when the Regional Municipality of Durham was established, the responsibility for municipally owned water and sewerage systems passed to the Region. Previously, the Town, or as it was then, the Township of Pickering, had this responsibility, but with the present municipal structure we no longer do. As you know, three members of my council and I serve on the Regional Municipality of Durham Council which has a total of 31 members drawn from the Region as a whole.

For water and sewerage systems which are privately owned, such as those now used in Claremont, as private citizens the homeowners are responsible for the installation, maintenance and operation of these systems.

Anyone who wishes to substantially modify an existing well, or drill a new well, may do so. New wells should be drilled by a well driller licensed by the Ministry of the Environment. Any additions or changes to septic tank systems are likewise the responsibility of the homeowner, subject to approval by the Health Unit of the Regional Municipality of Durham, which undertakes this function on behalf of the Ministry of the Environment.

Under a special program, the Ministry of the Environment commissions and pays for studies of private water and sewerage systems in cases where there is evidence of deficiencies. If, as a result of such studies, it is shown that improvements to systems are needed, then under this same program the Ministry will pay up to 75

percent of the cost for these improvements. If, however, it is found that a better overall solution is to provide a communal system to replace the wells and/or septic tanks, then the Ministry would normally be prepared to pay for improvements or repairs to the private systems.

I would like to mention briefly the situation for small municipalities that are not included in the Regions. If Claremont were located in a municipality which is not part of a Regional Municipality, then, as in Pickering, as former days, that municipality would be responsible for municipally owned communal systems, and it could turn to the Ministry of the Environment for assistance under yet another financial program to help defray the costs to the municipality.

However, because Claremont is part of the Regional Municipality of Durham, the Region would normally only qualify for a subsidy from the Ministry of the Environment of 15 percent of the capital cost of the works for Claremont or any other communal systems.

Obviously, this is not as attractive to homeowners, and this is an anomaly in the Ministry's assistance programs which I hope can be rectified.

You will probably find my explanation complicated to say the least, and I fully understand your concern that you feel caught up in a muddle of confusing responsibilities. As your Mayor, I will do whatever I can to obtain the best solution for Claremont.

However, the Town cannot become directly involved, as the Town does not have the mandate to do so. I hope, in due course, you will find that the best solution for the citizens of Claremont will be implemented, and I can assure you that is my sincere wish.

Yours sincerely,
John E. Anderson,
Mayor of Pickering

New town business starts Hobby Horse Arms opens

BY AUDREY GREEN

UXBRIDGE — A touch of history and a glimmer of England is conveyed from the pub and dining rooms at the Hobby Horse Arms restaurant, 43 Main St. North, Uxbridge, which officially opened last week.

Converted from the eighteenth century Commercial Hotel, Hobby Horse Arms provides customers with two different menus, English type beers, and a cozy atmosphere.

Since July 1983, owner Ronald Tindley, has had the old hotel renovated and redecorated. Although all the dining rooms are not ready for service they're coming along "slow, but sure," said Mr. Tindley.

"We're interested in getting the first floor and bar open before the whole restaurant," he stated.

The dining rooms are all decorated in a different fashion which gives them individual characteristics.

The downstairs English style pub takes customers back about 100 years. Large beams line the walls while a built-in fire place extends a certain warmth. Various trinkets are scattered throughout and a portrait of Winston Churchill stands propped on the fireplace mantle.

The Handle Bar menu offers soups, salads, and entrees like a Ploughman's Lunch or Melton Mowbray Pie with salad. This menu, which is equivalent to a lunch menu,

ranges in price from special soup of the day at \$1.65 to a Hobby Horse steak sandwich on garlic bread with salad for \$6.95.

The evening menu differs in price and variety. Appetizers like Oysters Rockefeller or smoked trout are less than \$6 while entrees like lemon tarragon chicken, pork and veal medallions with raspberry sauce, or veal cordon bleu range from \$7.85 to \$11.95.

To end a meal a selection of desserts are available. They range from fresh homemade pies at \$1.95 to individual baked Alaska at \$4.25.

Mr. Tindley has hired Paul Nowosiadly of Beaverton, to man the kitchens. Chef Nowosiadly, a graduate of Humber College's Hotel and Restaurant Management program, came from Toronto where he was second-in-command at the Lambton Golf and Country Club.

"We've worked on our own menu and added a bit of English," he said.

The restaurant's name, Hobby Horse Arms, comes from the 1791 bicycle known as the hobby-horse. It was a bicycle with no peddles which was operated by pushing the feet backwards on the road.

When asked how business has been to date, Mr. Tindley replied "excellent."

Team wins two awards

BY AUDREY GREEN

UXBRIDGE — Uxbridge Race Masters recently returned home with two first

place wins and a close second from the tenth annual Bass Lake Drag Races in Orillia.

Driver, Ron Beach, of R.R. 1, Uxbridge, said the five member snowmobile racing team participated in the two-day event which involved about 250 drivers. They won the 340cc Modified class on both days and came a "close second" in the Open Modified race.

"We had a bad weekend," said Mr. Beach. "We had a lot of problems due to the heavy snow."

The team, which has three drivers and two crew members, drag race snowmobiles which have been modified. This involves adding special exhaust systems and beefing up the machine's horsepower anywhere from 50 to 100 per cent.

"Anything goes," explained Mr. Beach. "Drag racing is a very safe sport...it's a lot of fun."

The team, Race Masters, has been together for four years, he said. The drivers include; himself (Mr. Beach), John Seymour, and Jerry Vico and two crew members — Ron Hope and Victor Spillman, all of Uxbridge.

Mr. Beach said the team

wasn't up to their usual standards at the Bass Lake race.

"We usually do extremely well." The team is sponsored by various companies like Taylor's Marine, in Oshawa; Petro Canada, and Gates Rubber Company.

Race Masters have four modified snowmobiles and although, Mr. Beach explained, it's a fun sport it tends to be costly. Each engine is worth approximately \$3,000 and on top of that, it costs a couple of thousand dollars extra to beef them up.

"You may have \$5,000 worth in one engine." According to Mr. Beach, the drag racing season doesn't last too long (usually six weekends) because when the ice starts to melt or crack the sport finishes for another year. This year's races have included meets in Keswick, Orillia, and Port Perry this weekend.

Race Masters will also be attending the Canadian Championships in Keswick Saturday, Feb. 25 and Sunday, Feb. 26.

"We have a good chance," he predicted.



Ron Beach of R.R. 1, Uxbridge participated in a recent snowmobile drag racing competition held in Orillia. Mr. Beach is a member of Race Masters, an Uxbridge based snowmobile team. They brought home two first place awards which were won in the 340cc Modified class.

Snow routes okay

PICKERING — After several complaints by residents regarding poor snow removal service in the rural areas of Pickering Township, Ward 3 Councilor, Norah Stoner, has found "it's not a big problem."

She said a report had been submitted on the snow plowing service and the findings had satisfied council members.

The report outlined the number of hours worked by town employees and that, when plowing was needed, the snow plows were out on the roads by 1:45 a.m.

"You can't ask for more than that," said Stoner. "You couldn't ask for better service, then what the men were out doing."