

# High School honors its student athletes

By Brian Kirlik  
Sports Editor

Stouffville, District Secondary School's most successful year in sports is now a collection of memories after the school honored its student athletes at last night's athletic banquet.

"We've never done this well," said a delighted Dave Connell, the boys' physical education department head. "We're very proud of our coaches and athletes."

This year, SDSS has had no less than 14 team and individual championships. As usual, SDSS volleyball squads were impressive on the court with the midget

and senior boys and senior and junior girls all winning York Region championships.

The senior boys and junior girls went on to win Georgian Bay Secondary School Association (GBSSA) championships.

Other York Region and GBSSA winners included the cross-country co-ed team; the girls' golf team and most recently, the fitness challenge squad.

Individual championships went to Camille Rutherford and Tanya Townsend in the long-jump and high-jump respectively. Other winners included Anita Cheng and Lisa Zeck in doubles

badminton and the senior boys' basketball team won the Woodbridge Invitational tournament.

"We have fine athletic ability in our school in both the boys and girls," says Connell. "In fact, I would predict we'll win close to the same number of championships next year. Although, we're losing a few good kids."

"Everybody has worked a great deal in order to earn these awards," Connell said.

As for those awards, Grade 13 student Trevor Young earned the Homestead Award which symbolizes leadership, participation and co-operation with staff.

The Most Outstanding male award went to Ganesh Peraud while the Most Outstanding female award went to Camille Rutherford.

The John Turner Memorial Award was given to Derek Stem while the Coaches' Award went to Lisa Weatherill.

A special award was given to Lisa Zeck and Gary McGilvray who showed their physical ability and great moral attitudes throughout the year.

Other winners included Rob McConnell for boys' cross-country; Kathy Goldman girls' cross-country; Gary McGilvray boys' volleyball; Beth Ann

Cook girls' volleyball; Ganesh Persaud boys' basketball and Beth Ann Cook girls' basketball.

Tiina Krabi took the gymnastics award; Pam Frisby, skiing; Bernie Schopf, rugby; Mary Sled, badminton; boys' field Derek Stem; girls' track Linda Hachey; girls' field Camille Rutherford and Tanya Townsend.

Table tennis awards went to Imran and Amer Rasul and Paul Rochester. Girls' golf went to Terri Ellis; boys' golf Sean McQuigge; girls' baseball Terri Piette; boys' baseball Dave Elliot; tennis Cathy Graham.

Lisa Zeck and Paul Rochester were named this year's fitness champions.

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## SDSS triumphs at school's first fitness contest

As expected, Stouffville District Secondary School has won its first annual Fitness Challenge.

Comprised of teachers Cathy Croucher and Felix Levy and students Linda Hachey, Leslie Snooks, Lisa Zeck, Craig Thompson,

Mike Wright and Rob Reesor, the SDSS contingent dominated most of the competition's four events.

"We were geared up because we practised hard and new what we were doing," said SDSS's coach Dave Connell. "But I was

surprised at the other team's scores."

As the competition's organizer, Connell says he "was pleased with the attitudes of the visiting kids and teachers. The people from the other schools thought it was a great event."

Croucher, Zeck and Thompson all won their respective categories with Levy coming in tied for second spot, behind Newmarket's Carl Richard.

As for individual performances, Thompson finished third in the two-mile run, first in the rope-climb with a time of 5.37 seconds, first in the sit-ups with 85 and first in the straddle jumps with 200.

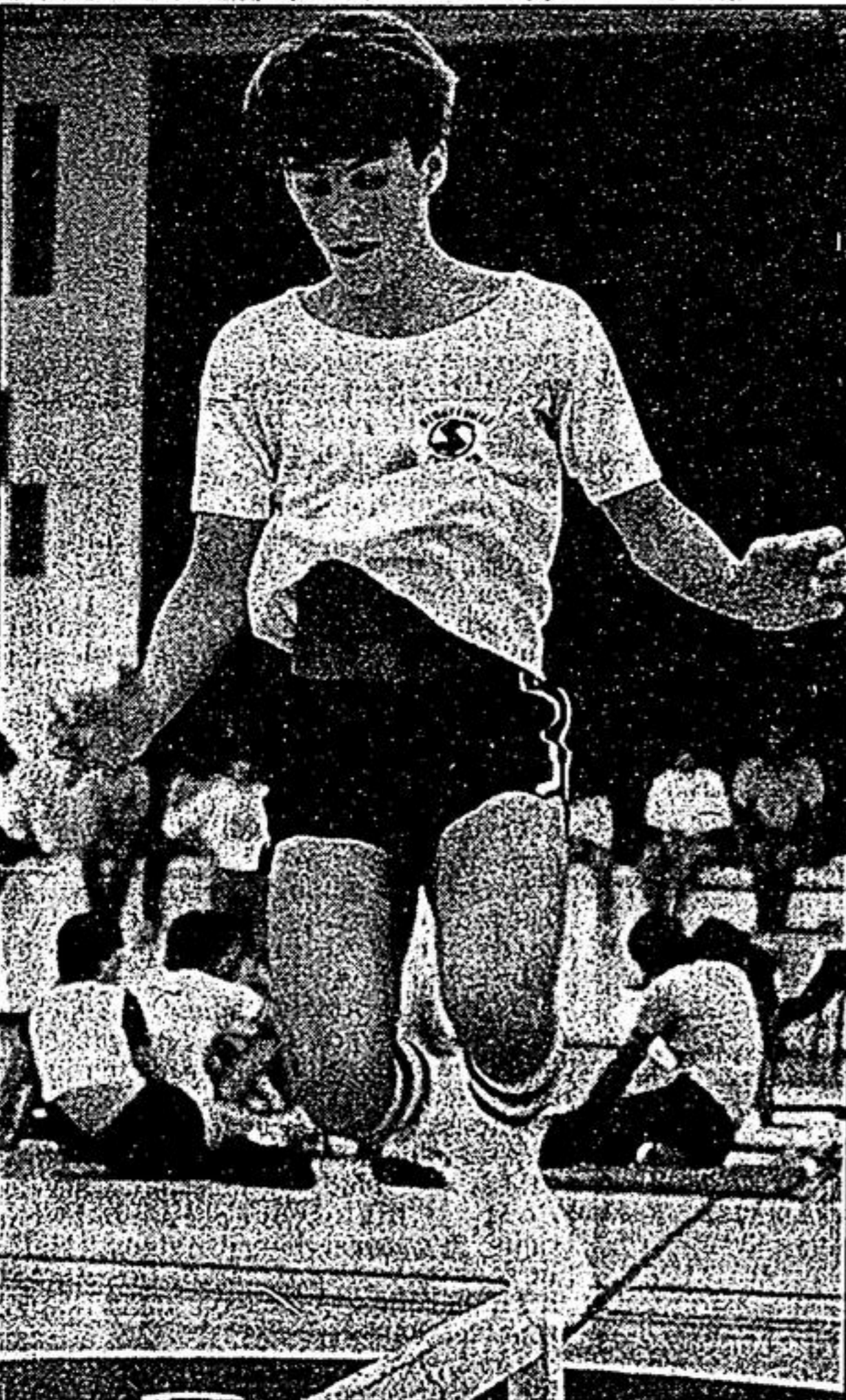
Zeck, who finished tied with Lindsay Tomlinson from Aurora, finished sixth in the two-mile, first on the ropes with a time of 8.9 seconds, fourth in the sit-ups with 84 and first in the straddle jumps with 208.

Croucher won the female teacher's loop by placing third in the two-mile, third on the ropes with a time of 14.03, second in the sit-ups with 71 and first in the straddle jumps with 123.

On the male teacher's side, Levy wound up tied for second by finishing third in the two-mile, second on the ropes with a time of 8.43, third in the sit-ups with 53 and second in the straddle jumps with 171.

Points were awarded to the athletes based on their placing in each of the four events. The object of the competition was to acquire the least number of points.

After SDSS's 130 points for first place, Newmarket was a distant second with 219, followed by Don Head with 275.



Craig Thompson, a Grade 11 SDSS student competes in the straddle-jump event of the school's first Fitness Challenge. Thompson went on to do 200 jumps in two minutes en route to winning the overall male-student title. — Brian Kirlik



Too close for comfort

The Ballantrae Judo Club held their first invitational judo tournament over the past weekend at Ballantrae Public School. The event attracted clubs from Scarborough and

Ajax and included beginners and blue-belts. A lot of clutching and grabbing brought the two competitors pictured here crashing to the mat. — Brian Kirlik

## Intermediate girls win first two, but bantams on skid

On the girls' competitive baseball scene, the Intermediates have won their first two games while the Ralph Spademan bantams have lost their last three.

The Intermediate Stingers put together a six-run third inning in their season-

opener to pace themselves to a 6-4 triumph over Zephyr.

"The girls went in there and did very well," said the team's coach Dave Fockler. "We've got some girls who can hit and some who can play defence. I think we're going to have a good year."

In their second game against Bradford, Debbie Gold's homerun in the sixth inning pushed the Stingers to a 7-3 win.

However, things have not gone all that well for the bantams as they dropped their third consecutive game after getting off to a 2-0 start.

In their last game, Stouffville's bats were still sluggish from the previous week and they were handed a 16-4 drubbing by Newmarket.

"They kind of cleaned us up," said the team's coach Cliff Dunkeld. "We took some batting practice the other night, so hopefully that will help."

While his team was short four players for the contest, Dunkeld feels Newmarket would still have won the game.

Although Lynda Belisle turned in another fine pitching performance, striking out eight, "we're still not getting the hits," said Dunkeld.

"They're the type of trophy you'd be happy to have on a livingroom table, rather than collecting dust on the shelf somewhere," Atanasoff continued.

The dinner M.C. is Unionville's Glenn Crosby, a well-known resident with a notable gift for humor.

"Glenn will be a riot," said Atanasoff. "He'll break just about everybody up in laughter."

Response to the tournament concept has been excellent so far, he pointed out.

"Many members of the business community have gotten behind it in terms of sponsoring holes, donating prizes, and buying tickets. But we're still looking for more help."

Tickets are available at the following locations: the Markham and Stouffville Canadian Tire stores; the Markham, Stouffville Hospital office; Markham's Main St.; Sleepy Hollow Golf and Country Club; and the offices of the Economist and Sun and the Stouffville Tribune.

Tickets are also available for just the dinner. They're \$35 each, and \$15 of that is tax deductible.

## Golf tourney aids hospital

By FRANCIS KING  
The Markham Stouffville Hospital Fund, already standing at \$5 million, could be more than \$10,000 richer still thanks to a special benefit golf tournament on the boards for August.

The Markham Stouffville Hospital tournament is sponsored by the Economist and Sun, The Stouffville Tribune, and the Markham and Stouffville Canadian Tire stores.

It's set for Friday, Aug. 23 at the Sleepy Hollow Golf and Country Club on Hwy. 47, just north of Stouffville. The event has a noon shotgun start.

Tickets are \$100 each, and according to tourney organizer Don Atanasoff, at least \$65 of that is tax deductible. He also noted that for the fee, golfers will get their day on the course, dinner afterwards and a "grab bag" containing at least \$50 in assorted goodies.

The goal of this tournament is to raise, between \$16,000 and \$18,000 for the hospital fund, said Atanasoff, the Economist and Sun's news editor and a very good amateur golfer.

"We're raising that money in three ways — by

the sale of tickets, sponsored holes at \$300 each, and by selling tickets for lucky draw prizes at the dinner."

He added that a personal concern is to make the tournament as classy an affair as possible. One way

is through the grab bags, and another way is in the trophies. They're Eskimo carvings similar to the Canadian Open trophies.

Smaller replicas of the carvings will be given to the low net and gross winners.

### Sports Shorts

#### Fund-raising dance

In their never-ending battle to raise money for their trip to Denmark this Christmas, the bantam Clippers hockey team is holding a 1950's dance this Saturday at the Arena. Tickets are \$5 at the door. According to the team's coach Grant Nesbitt, they have raised just under half of their \$30,000 goal.

#### University graduates

Former SDSS students Jyl Langly and Peggy McBride have graduated from Queen's University with degrees in physical education. McBride, 25, is off to post-graduate studies at the University of British Columbia in bio-mechanics. The two were heavily involved in SDSS's athletic department.

#### Correction

In last week's Tribune, an article on SDSS's fitness competition said Officer Reesor did 115 straddle jumps. Robert Reesor did only 118 straddle jumps.

### Brian's Banter

#### Washed up athlete

Over the past couple of weeks, I have watched with considerable amazement and jealousy the efforts of numerous Stouffville District Secondary School students in a variety of fitness-oriented events.

Whether it was Lisa Zeck jumping her way to a staggering total of 208 straddle jumps in two minutes, or watching Craig Thompson scurry up to the gym's ceiling via a rope, for this old fellow, I got tired just watching them.

And to think that old age would never catch up to me.

Here I am, an ancient 21 years, and the mere thought of attempting to do two minutes worth of sit-ups is simply nauseating.

Three or four years ago, when I too was a stunning example of a Model athlete, a competition such as the one held last week at SDSS would have been a great way to measure my level of physical fitness.

But alas, being physically fit is now but a dream locked into my brain's right hemisphere a long way from my bulging stomach.

After years of playing hockey, baseball, football and basketball, my athletic life now consists of an occasional game of slow-pitch and typing at my VDT.

After a recent baseball game with my cohorts at the Markham Economist & Sun, for two days I could barely walk up the stairs to my office.

While we did extremely well, winning 26-6, running the bases for 26 runs became a marathon. When I went up to the plate, I wasn't thinking homerun, I was thinking single because the bases were too far apart to run all at once.

Looking back, it was my decision to attend college that ruined any chance I had of being the next George Bell or Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Instead of participating in athletics at college, my classmates and I undertook a different challenge at a near-by tavern: It always tasted great, but it was definitely not less filling.

And while things have generally slimmed since I left the campus, my waist-line will never be the same.

But, that's okay with me. I won't start to worry until I can't see my feet. Besides, who really wants to be a professional athlete and make millions of dollars playing sports?