

Saxes add a unique sound

By JUDI MCINTYRE
Move over Glen Miller, here come the members of the Markham Concert Band saxophone section!

Starting from stage front, in first chair on the Alto Sax is Ruth Kerr. Ruth is an original band member. As well as being section leader, she is also head of our Ways and Means committee. You may remember Ruth performing a solo at the Christmas concert.

Sharing a stand with Ruth on first saxophone is Nick Viggiani. He has also been with the band since its beginnings. Nick is a school teacher by profession.

Uxbridge Players set to go

Uxbridge Players will be back on the Music Hall stage May 8, 9 and 10, with a three-act British comedy.

Debby Almond is directing a production of the Peter Coke play, A Breath of Spring.

A special opening gala is planned for Thursday, May 8, featuring a wine and cheese reception. A dinner theatre option is available on the Friday and Saturday evening.

The amateur theatre group received critical acclaim for its February performances of Noel Coward's improbable farce, Blithe Spirit.

Sean O'Bonsuwin is the youngest member of the saxophone section. He is in Grade 8 at St. Joseph's school.

Gaylene Hennan shares a stand with Sean on alto sax. She has been with the band for one year after playing with the intermediate band. Gaylene is a part-time piano teacher and full-time mom.

On tenor sax is one of the band fathers, Sid Closson. He not only attended the first band rehearsal, but his daughter, Shelley, plays in the clarinet section. Sid also plays the violin and piano.

A relatively new member, Dave Johnson, is a retired engineer. He now enjoys playing his tenor sax and sailing in his leisure time.

Garry Hennan (married to alto sax, Gaylene) is the other tenor sax player. Gary is a computer consultant and has been with the band for two years.

Last but not least on the big baritone saxophone is Roger Lillie. Roger's first instrument is the clarinet and he played in that section for about four years. Last year he conducted the Intermediate Band and this year he's conducting real estate deals.

The saxophone is another in the family of single-reed woodwind instruments using the same method of playing as the clarinet.

Patented in Paris in 1846 by Adolph Sax, the saxophone is primarily made of brass and comes in various sizes. As you will note, the Markham Concert Band has three different saxophones. The smaller the saxophone, the higher the range of notes it can play. The soprano sax is the smallest and is not seen as often in concert bands

as the alto, tenor and baritone. The Markham Concert Band will hold its spring concert on Sun-

day, April 27, at 3 p.m. For tickets and information, please call 471-4133 or 475-7174.



Gaylene Hennan holds forth on the alto Sax during a recent Markham Concert Band rehearsal.

Skaters take to the ice

Nearly 200 skaters take to the ice today for two performances of Stouffville Figure Skating Club's 1986 Ice Revue.

A matinee is scheduled for the new Whitchurch-Stouffville Recreation Complex at 2 p.m., followed by a final 8 p.m. show.

The first part of the spring carnival focuses on Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs while in the second half, colorfully-costumed club members salute popular Broadway musicals.

Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children and \$2 for senior citizens (matinee only). Tickets are available at the door.

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