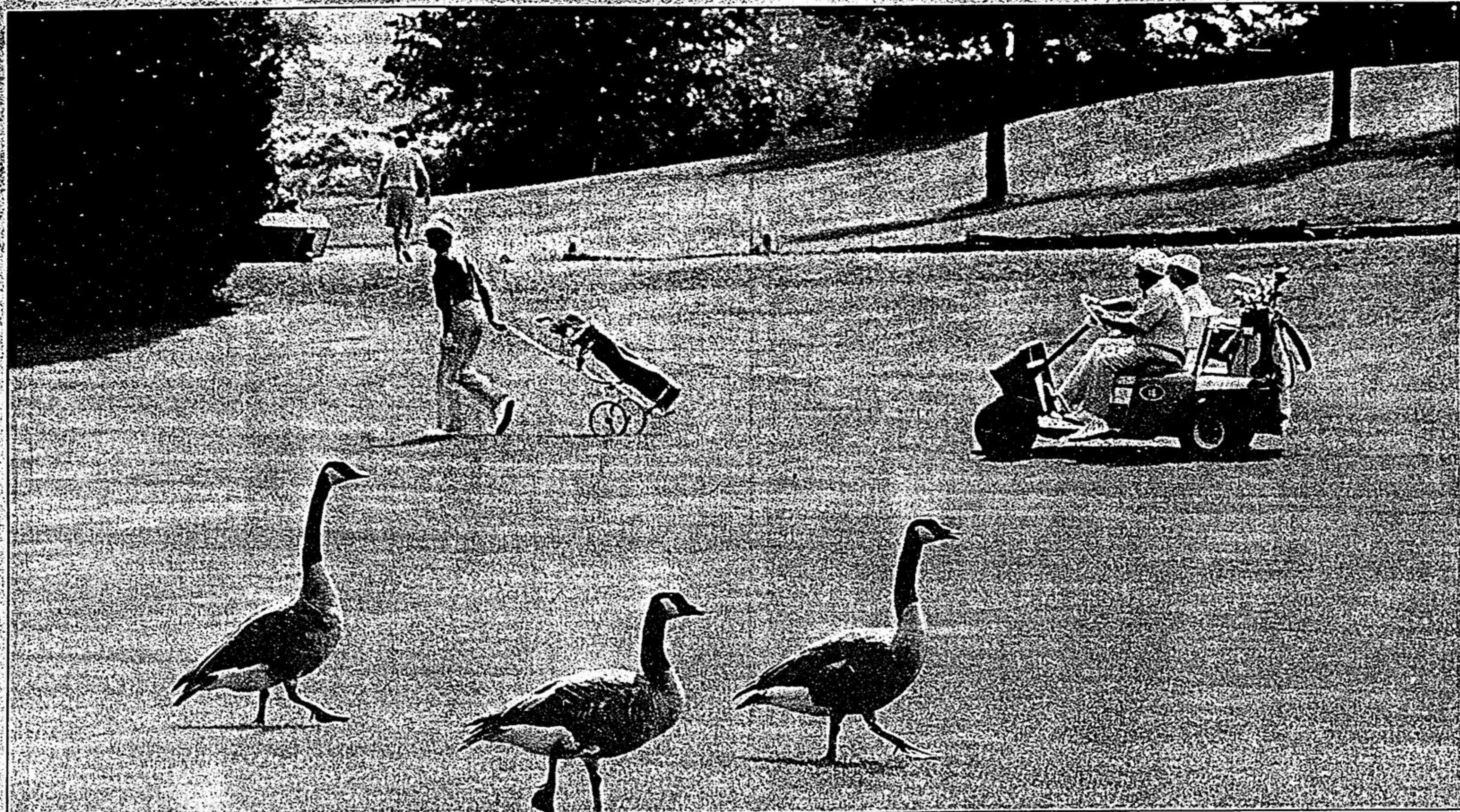


# Jackson's victory a family affair

## Sunny skies bless third annual Markham Stouffville golf tourney



There wasn't just people on the Sleepy Hollow course during Friday's third annual Markham Stouffville Hospital Golf Tournament.

But these Canada Geese seemed to have a 'you go your way and we'll go ours' attitude.

— All photos by Bill Lanning

## Wayne's 73 does the trick

By FRANK KING

Mother Nature was kind on Friday, and the result was a completed Markham Stouffville Hospital Golf Tournament.

Last year, a torrential down-pour turned much of the course at Stouffville's Sleepy Hollow Country Club into a lake, midway through the competition.

This time organizers — the Markham Economist and Sun/Stouffville Tribune, and the Markham & Stouffville Canadian Tires — were blessed with mostly cool, sunny conditions.

Apparently, that was just what lifelong Stouffville resident Wayne Jackson needed to card a two over-par 73 and claim the overall championship.

The Jackson family must be quite good at the game, because Wayne's brother Glen shot a 35 in nine holes to win the aborted 1986 tournament. This year he shot 80.

Wayne credits his brother for much of his golfing skills, noting "I used to hit the ball cross-handed, but Glen turned me around. I was probably 16 years old then."

Jackson, 37, finished two shots ahead of 43-year-old John Labus (who's been in all three hospital tournaments).

Bob Cooper was third with a 76.



Markham's Matt Short takes time to show us just who his favorite golfing partner is. And why not? This little guy keeps quiet about Matt's final score.

Dale Stringer finished fourth with the same score, and Gord Beddome completed the top five with a 77.

As far as his tourney-winning performance goes, Jackson noted "I've been playing fairly well this year, so I thought a 75 or 80 would be good. But I putted well, and I know this course well."

In fact, Jackson (who golfs at least once-a-week) revealed that he once worked in the pro shop 20 years ago. "So this win meant something a little extra to me."

It's his third tournament championship, having won the first Stouffville Chamber of Commerce annual competition and the 1977 Stouffville Legion event.

In this tourney, he managed to collect three birdies, but double-bogied Sleepy Hollow's second hole, then bogied the fifth and sixth holes.

He credits his great finish not only to his putting, but to sticking with his style. "You have to play your own game. You can't try to outdrive your partners."

As for second-place Labus, he had two birdies, but missed three birdie putts from inside two feet.

Amongst the other notables, Stouffville resident/Minnesota North Star Keith Acton carded an 80 ("That's a little low for me").

Markham's resident Toronto Maple Leaf, Steve Thomas, finished with a 95. "That's quite a few over!" what he normally shoots.

Peter Hiscott was the low net winner with a 66. Bill Armstrong placed second with the same result, while Glen Jackson was third with a 68.

The same scores were recorded by fourth and fifth-place finishers Ross Grey and Peter Bahen.

Closest to the pin-honors went to Gord Beddome (sixth hole), Wally Barrett (eighth), Tim French (13th) and Ted Puccini (17th).



Stouffville's Helen Schell proves that she, too, is a master at body English to coax the ball into the hole.

## More money for our hospital coffers

By FRANK KING

Not only was the third annual Markham Stouffville Hospital tournament a success for the golfers, but also for our hospital coffers.

Unlike last year (where a last-minute cancellation kept the event from being a sell-out), the '87 competition was the golf equivalent of standing-room only.

The maximum number of golfers usually put on a regulation-sized course for a shotgun start is 144 — two foursomes per hole.

But an overwhelming demand for tickets forced organizers (the Economist & Sun/Tribune, and Markham & Stouffville Canadian Tire stores) to up that number to 148.

That meant shifting some numbers around, and putting extra threesomes on Sleepy Hollow's par-fives. However, another 30 of the \$100 tickets could have easily been sold.

"The only problem was we oversold it," confirmed Stouffville Canadian Tire owner Grant Larmer. "Some people assumed that tickets were still available. But our intent is to keep this personal, so we should limit it to 144."

The participants didn't seem to mind the slight overflow. After starting at 11 a.m., they poured into the clubhouse about 5 p.m. and had dinner at 6.

A slide show of the day's golf (photographed by Sjoerd Witteveen) followed, with appropriate commentary by Unionville's resident funny man, Glenn Crosby. Trophies and prizes were handed out afterwards.

The combination of more golfers and more \$300 hole sponsors could result in this year's

donation to the hospital topping the \$16,000 raised in 1986.

On the other hand, this year's draw prize (for a \$400 trio of Persimmon woods, donated by

Lloyd's Bank) raised less than half of the \$1,100 picked up last year.

But that too is partially balanced by fewer trophy ex-

penses, since the '86 low net award wasn't given out due to the awful weather.

This year's sunny conditions were certainly on the minds of tournament committee members Bruce Annan and Frank Hickey.

"The weather was perfect and the tourney was very well organized," said Hickey, a one-time Toronto Argonaut who now owns the Markham Canadian Tire store.

"When the weather is nice and the cause is good, then the people of Markham and Stouffville will turn out," he continued.

Annan, publisher of the Economist & Sun/Tribune, was "delighted that we could have such a beautiful day on a fine course, and that so many people could have a great time raising money for such a worthwhile cause."

The previous two tournaments have raised about \$30,000 for our \$75-million hospital, being built on the Ninth Line just north of Hwy. 7.

According to Crosby, a tournament committee member and hospital trustee, the building's foundations have now been started by two climbing cranes on the site.

Sewer and water connections are also complete, and the hospital is scheduled for completion in late 1989.



Tournament winner Wayne Jackson (second from right) holds onto the Markham Stouffville Hospital Golf Tournament trophy. With him are tourney committee members (from left) Frank Hickey, Grant Larmer and Bruce Annan.