

Golf tournament Aug. 16 to benefit research for multiple sclerosis

The Maples of Ballantree is hosting a golf tournament Aug. 16 with proceeds to be donated to multiple sclerosis research. Tickets are \$65 including dinner and there will be four

major prizes offered during the event, including tickets for two to Florida. There will also be a raffle drawn with tickets limited to 200 at \$10 each and the lucky winner will receive a 21 inch

color remote television. Tee-off time is 1 p.m. and participants will receive a tax receipt of \$50. For more information or to register, call Tom Aird at 640-6377.

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Zoning bylaws may be re-examined

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Whitchurch-Stouffville will likely review its zoning bylaws once York Region completes its official plan in September, said the town's chief administrative officer last week.

Merlin Dewing told *The Tribune* that land zoning within the community of Stouffville will have to be reviewed once the region formulates its official plan - a document which will affect and determine future growth in all nine area municipalities.

That means local bylaws, which set rules and regulations regarding lot size, height and uses on each piece of land,

York police reach deal

A social contract agreement was reached by the York Regional Police Association Thursday at 10:30 p.m.

The association's social contract share is set at just over \$6 million, with 1.5 million being saved in the first year of the three-year deal. In the second and third years, the target to save is \$2 million each year with an additional \$500,000 being salvaged in the final months of 1996.

The pension surplus will be accessed over three years, and overtime and medical benefits will be capped, said association president Paul Bailey last week.

The association is also looking to voluntary leaves of absence and early retirement opportunities to meet the target, but as yet the number of unpaid days off for officers has not been set, Bailey said.

could be changed or amended in some areas, Dewing said.

"Right now it's difficult to set a bylaw which deters natural growth," he said, but added a secondary plan within the community could call for an overhaul of the town's zoning and accompanying bylaws.

Dewing said the town will have no choice but to "take a total look at town zoning" once York has completed its official plan.

He said setting up a secondary plan of the community's zoning is expensive and time-consuming and is only one option to consider.

Dewing said he is aware of some local controversy sur-

rounding the construction of a home on a 50-foot lot on Church Street, but added the town is merely a "watchdog of the current laws."

If a secondary plan is consid-

ered in the next few years, however, bylaws could be changed to restrict the size of lots or severances in certain areas of town and the size of houses to be constructed on those lots.

"Zoning will be looked at, there's no question of that - but York Region's official plan will dictate our timing," he said. "Anything can happen," he concluded.



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Out at home

Stouffville Mites catcher Jordan Marshall tags out Squirt Baseball Tournament over the weekend at a Bramalea runner at home during the Mite and Memorial Park. See the Weekender for results.

Tribune Exclusive

Stouffville relief worker returns from Somalia

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It's one thing to read about the horrific reality of life in Somalia; it's quite another to experience it first hand.

For Stouffville resident Faye Rosenberger, the decision to offer her services as a relief worker in the region was reinforced by speakers she had heard at church services throughout the year and by her strong conviction that God intended her to go.

"My team leader (in Somalia) goes to the Eastern Pentecostal Bible College in Peterborough. I met him through a joint service led by Eastern students and Trent students," explained Rosenberger, who graduated from Trent University earlier this year.

"He went in November, came back in December and wanted to take a team of people out there," Rosenberger left for Somalia on May 18 and spent about two weeks in Mogadishu before being evacuated following a renewed outbreak of fighting.

"I was working with the teachers in one school, upgrading their English, and also working with children in physical education programs," she said.

"Our work there was mostly aid relief." The devastation she encountered in the once beautiful city was overwhelming, she added, but other aspects of life were not as bad as she had anticipated.

"In November and December people were starving, but when the military moved in in late December conditions improved greatly, and they were a lot better than I thought they would be by the time I arrived.



Faye Rosenberger in Somalia.

"Once in a while you would hear gun shots, especially at night, but people seemed to accept the situation. For the past two years, this is all they have known."

The day before she and her companions left, however, "there was a lot of fear." Fighting had broken out, and when the aid workers arrived at the school, they found that frightened parents had taken their children home. At one point her team almost drove straight into the thick of the fighting, said Rosenberger. "People were telling us to turn back, but they were talking to us in Somali and we didn't understand what they were saying."

It was, she admitted, a frightening experience. "When we found it was safe to travel the streets again,

they were totally deserted. You kept expecting that someone might shoot at you at any moment."

After they left Somalia, they travelled to Northern Uganda, where she was struck by the poverty and the struggle for survival which are part of everyday life for the population.

"They live in mud huts and grow food to survive. We went there on a different mission - for the purpose of evangelism," Rosenberger said. "We worked with people, showing them the film about Jesus."

The area receives few visitors, she pointed out, "because it's so difficult to get there. The roads are horrendous."

But the welcome the team received was wonderful, she added. "They treated us like returning heroes. They kept saying, 'Thank you so much for coming, we are so blessed by your visit.'"

She described both the Somalis and the Sudanese refugees they met in Northern Uganda as "very warm, accepting and giving of themselves. They didn't focus on themselves the way people in our culture do." While they were there, the group slept in mud huts, living the simple life of their hosts.

"It was a humbling experience," said Rosenberger, who hopes to return and continue her work in the area.

Meanwhile, she is spending her second summer working at the Canadian Blind Mission on Stouffville Road while she considers her immediate future. "I'll probably go to bible college in the fall or else I'll stay in Stouffville and work for the year," she concluded.