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Local golfing great to help young female golfers

Aspiring female golfers should be aware that someone cares about their ambition.

Someone who, at 19 years of age, won the 1953 British Ladies Amateur Golf Championship.

A female golfer who has been victorious at the Canadian Amateur Ladies Golf Championship 11 times, and has won three major U.S. Amateur Tournaments, the most recent being the 1994 U.S. Women's Senior Amateur Championship.

Her name is Marlene Streit, and she is arguably the most successful female amateur golfer in Canada.

She has recently established a fund solely for the benefit of young golfers.

"The money from the fund helps to pay for the girls travel expenses," explains Streit, "these girls need to learn the importance of playing in other countries as well as Canada."

Female golfers should be glad to have Streit in their corner.

She is, after all, a legend in the Canadian Female Amateur Golf scene.

She is a woman who truly loves the sport, not just the competition.

The friendships she cultivates playing golf are more important to the vibrant athlete than the points she accumulates or the titles she gains. Yet the titles are numerous and impressive.

Aside from her various tournament wins, she is an honored member and governor of Canada's Sport Hall of Fame, as well as being in Canada's Golf Hall of Fame.

She was appointed to the selection committee of the Royal Canadian Golf Association Hall of Fame, and is on the advisory panel of the CLGA.

Yet Streit still finds the time to encourage young golf hopefuls to reach their goals, maintaining an attitude which shows she truly loves the sport, but wants to have a well rounded life as well.

While golf is an important part of her life, so are family and friends.



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Marissa Stapley

She also enjoys skiing and domestic hobbies such as sewing and rug hooking. She is a busy lady to say the least.

Streit is positive about the future of female amateur golf, which has seen a

recent influx of participants.

"It's booming," she enthuses, "Women have more time and more money, and don't just play golf with their husbands anymore."

She says that the world of women's golf is not particularly competitive.

Most female golfers appear to share their down to earth attitude toward the sport.

"It's just women playing golf and having fun," says Streit.

Streit will continue to golf and encourage others to play golf for as long as she can. She is an honorary member of the Toronto Ladies Golf Club, and plays regularly at York Downs.

The Stouffville area resident now plays on the Senior Ladies Golf Circuit, lending her expertise to this area of golf.

Streit is giving young female golfers an edge by letting them know the importance and opportunity of travelling and of keeping a balanced attitude.

From experience, she knows how to be successful in golf.

She also knows how important it is to have a mentor.

Marlene attributes her own talent and success to Canadian professional golfer Gord MacInnis, whom she once caddied for as an aspiring young golfer.

MacInnis died in May of 1993, and is remembered fondly by Marlene, who says he always believed in her, thus enabling her to believe in herself.

Perhaps, by helping young lady golfers and showing them she cares, Marlene is simply trying to give back a little of what MacInnis gave to her.

Maybe one day a successful female golfer will say that part of the reason she excels at her sport is because a certain talented lady believed in her.

All spots filled for golf tourney

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Correspondent

The third annual Mayor's Annual Youth Golf Tournament, scheduled to be held Thursday at Maples of Ballantrae, is sold out.

All 280 spots have been filled for the event, which should see a profit of \$15,000.

The funds will be earmarked for special youth related programs in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The amount, if realized, would make this year's tourney the most successful ever.

"Prior to the first tournament, we did expect the youth of the community to benefit, but this year's event far exceeds our original target in

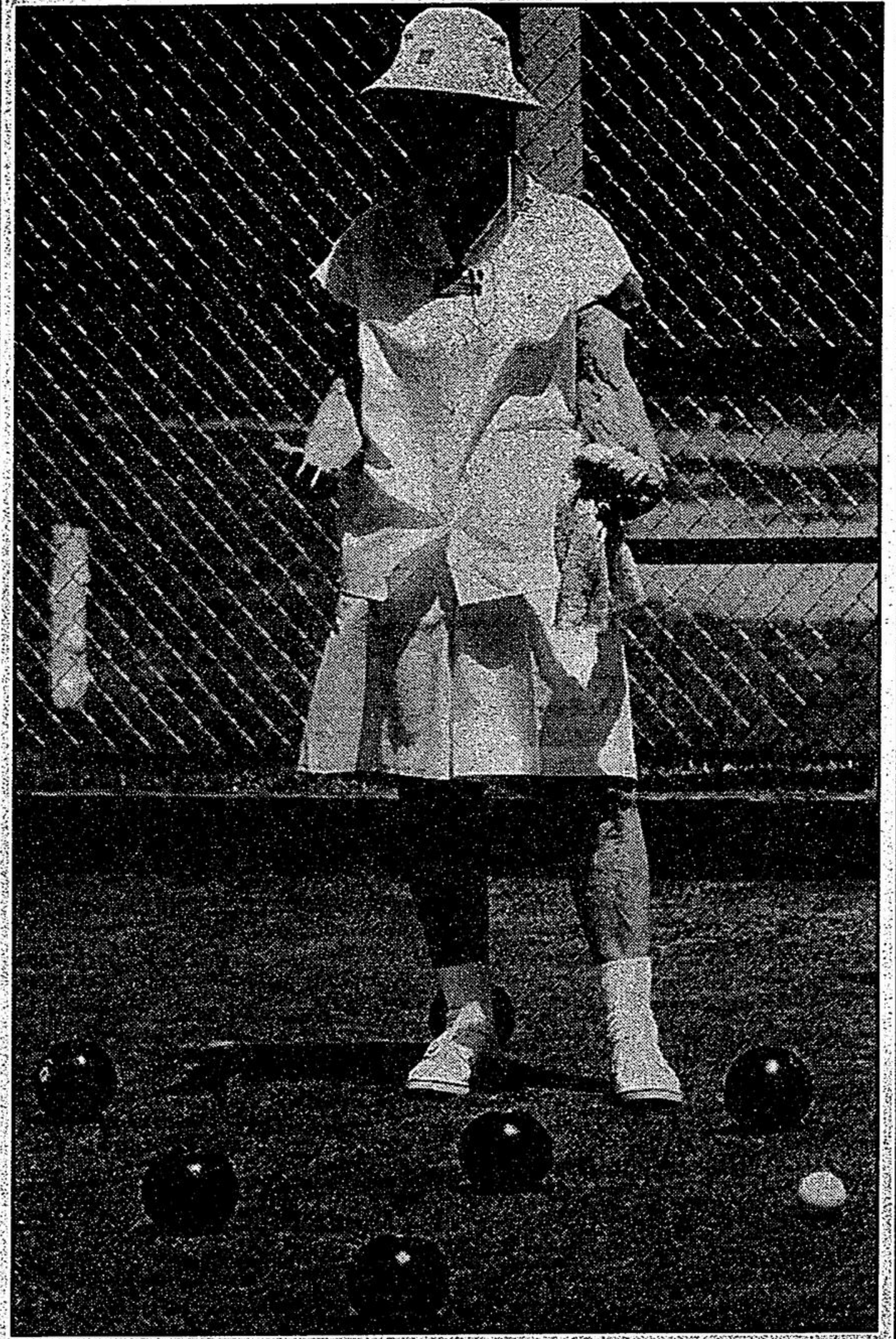
only three years," said Mayor Wayne Emmerson. "With new major sponsors such as Lafarge, Bell Mobility, Heidelberg Press, the National Basketball Association, Stuart & Assoc. etc., this event is now complete."

Emmerson said the tourney, which includes a silent auction, will soon be joined by a second major fundraiser.

"A major announcement will be forthcoming of a new activity to support the youth of the community."

A waiting list is in place for those still wishing to take part in Thursday's tournament.

Call the town offices at 640-1900 for further information.



COME ON, JUST A LITTLE FURTHER: Anne Jackson of Stouffville urges on the bowl during action in the Fred Crossen Memorial Tournament at the Stouffville Lawn Bowling Club on Saturday. Photo by SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Peewee boys finish fifth in eliminations

The Stouffville peewee boys' rep fast-ball team had its day in the sun at the OASA Peewee Eliminations at Chepstow the weekend of July 4-6.

But while the Stouffville squad was unbeatable in winning four straight games the second day of the provincial championship tournament, heartbreaking defeats suffered on the first and third days of the competition forced them to settle for a fifth-place overall finish in the 23-team race. The top two teams advance to the Eastern Canada Championships.

The Stouffville boys were nipped 4-3 by Paris in their opener Friday, fighting back after falling behind 4-0 in the first inning. Robert Anderson had a triple, with Jordan Marshall banging out a double and a single.

The loss meant the Stouffville outfit would have to take the long route to avoid elimination.

The Stouffville crew roared out of the gate with a 9-1 win over Vaughan on Saturday as Jon Ferguson had a triple and two singles. Scott McDougall tripled.

Ferguson rapped a home run, two doubles and a single, and Ben Bellissimo had

a homer, a double and a single to lead the team to a 13-3 romp over Wyebridge in their next outing.

Corey Rice socked two triples and a single, with Marshall collecting a triple, double and a single.

The Stouffville bats exploded in a 23-2 win over Vittoria in their fourth game as Ferguson and Bellissimo each belted two home runs to go with a single shot by Marshall.

They then avenged their opening day loss to Paris by posting a 4-0 win in game five to close out the day.

"It was a great day," said Stouffville coach Ted Assinck, whose team used an explosive offence and tight defence and pitching in the quartet of contests.

"They just went out and did everything I asked them to do."

The following day saw the Stouffville team finally bow out with a 6-4 extra inning loss to Scarborough.

Stouffville battled back from a two-run fourth inning deficit, then carried a lead into the seventh inning before Scarborough tied it, then won it with two unanswered runs in the eighth.