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Lady golfers raise money for charity

A charity golf tournament held Sunday at a Stouffville course made a contribution to a worthy cause while showcasing the talents of a local club member.

The Pink Ribbon Golf Tournament saw 45 female golfers take to the links at the Sleepy Hollow Golf Club.

Over \$1300 was raised at the tourney, which is to become an annual event. The funds are to be turned over to the Canadian Cancer Society to be allocated for breast cancer research.

Organizers at Sleepy Hollow decided to hold their own annual fund raiser after staging a similar event last year in affiliation with an American organization dedicated to raising funds for breast cancer research.

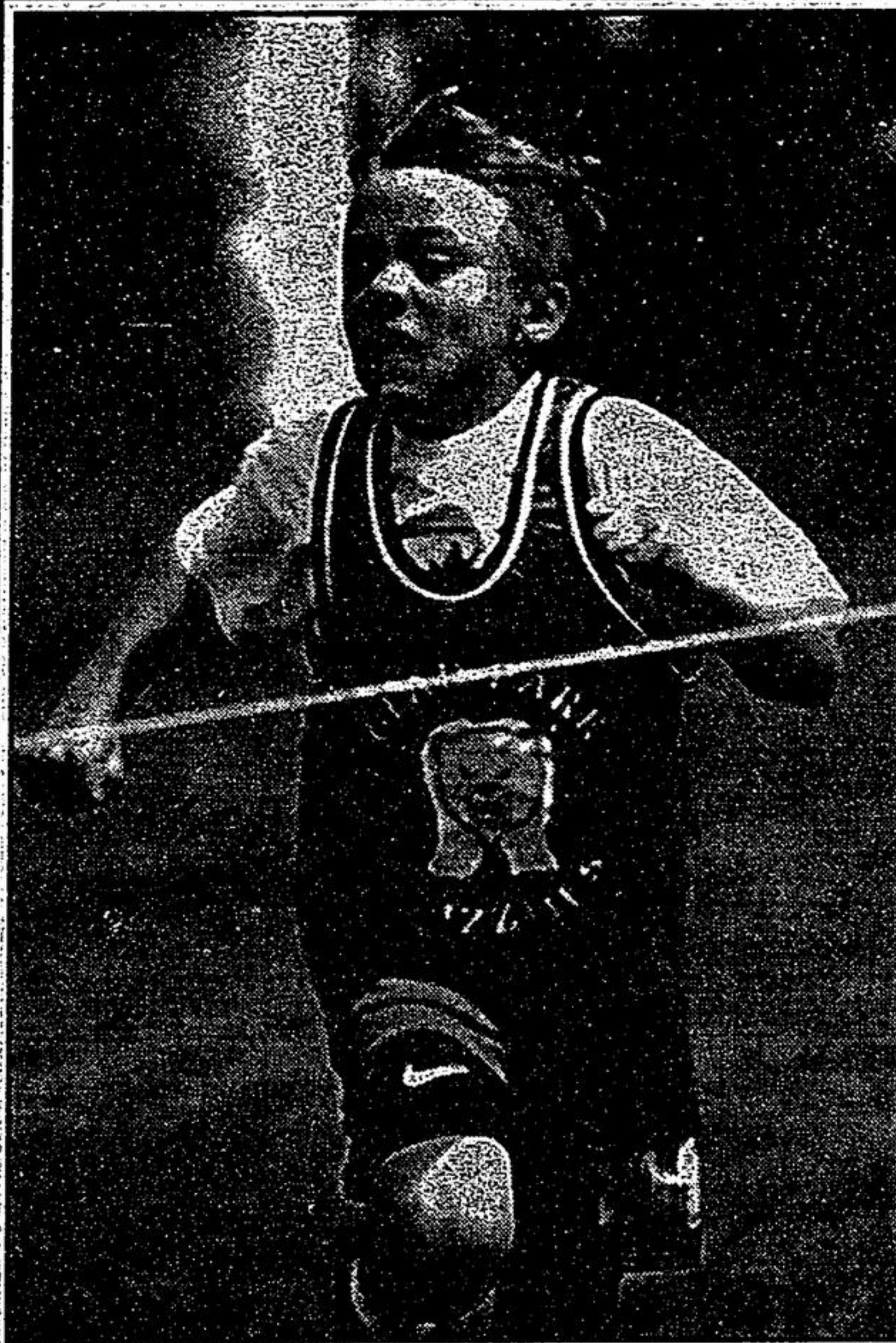
Sleepy Hollow member Isabelle Koffman of Stouffville created and donated the official trophy for the tournament. It is in the form of a large water colour picturing the provincial flowers of all 10 provinces, as well as the territories, in a bouquet tied with a symbolic pink ribbon. The original will remain on display at the club.

Tournament spokesperson Denise Kennedy said organizers will attempt to have small replicas of the original made for the winners to keep. The winners will also be acknowledged in engraved plates to be installed inside a special frame to be put on display at the 10th Line club.

The winners of the inaugural tournament were Nancy Reid, Karen Fedderson and Irene Loucks.



PAINTING A BRIGHT PICTURE: Isabelle Koffman displays the water colour painting depicting the provincial flowers of all 10 provinces that she created and donated to the Pink Ribbon Golf Tournament, which was held recently at Sleepy Hollow Golf Club.



AND THE WINNER IS... Brandon Walker, a Grade 4 student at Glad Park Public School, gives it his best effort as he approaches the tape in the tyke boys' 400-metre event during Wednesday's York Region Elementary School Track and Field championships at the Stouffville District Secondary School track. Photo by SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Tracksters have a field day

Stouffville athletes were in the winner's circle at the York Region Elementary School Track and Field Finals held Wednesday at the Stouffville Community Track.

Glad Park P.S. runner Lisa Felepchuk strapped on the jetpack to streak to a first place finish in both the 800-metre and 1500m senior girls' races. For the 14-year-old Grade 8 student, it was her second big day of the spring, as she also finished first out of a large field in the senior girls' category at the regional cross-country championships at Bruce's Mill in late May.

Felepchuk will be no stranger to high school level running events when she joins the Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) cross-country team this fall. She won a midget high school cross-country race as a guest member of the SDSS team last fall.

Glad Park's Brandon Walker was second in the boys' 400m race on Wednesday, with Jasmine Geense also earning a second in the region in the girls' 100m race. She also had a sixth in the 200m event.

Jake Van Allen third in the boys' 800m event.

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Acton leaves Flyers for job with Rangers

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Keith Acton is going back to the Big Apple. The fourth year assistant coach of the Philadelphia Flyers of the National Hockey League has agreed to take on an assistant coaching post with the New York Rangers.

The move marks a return to the city where the Stouffville minor hockey product concluded his 14-year NHL career with the Islanders in 1993-94. It also links him up with three people who were part of the 1987-88 Stanley Cup winning Edmonton Oilers team on which Acton played.

"It will be great to go to New York and be reunited with Craig MacTavish, Wayne Gretzky and John Muckler," said Acton on Thursday from his home in Cherry Hills, N.J.

Muckler, who was an assistant coach with the Oilers in 1988, is the Rangers head coach. Rangers assistant coach MacTavish, along with Gretzky, played on that Cup winning Oilers squad.

Acton came to terms with the Rangers on Monday, concluding a week of negotiations. The deal was officially announced Thursday.

"It all started a week ago Monday," said Acton. "It developed all last week, and built up towards the weekend. I made my decision Monday," said Acton, who had two years remaining on his contract with the Flyers. "The Rangers asked permission to talk with me. (Flyers general manager) Bobby Clarke said he wouldn't stand in my way."

Acton said the decision to leave Philadelphia was a difficult one to make.

"It wasn't easy. I had a great four years here as assistant coach. I'm going to miss the people here."

He pointed out that switching teams is part of professional sport.

"Everything in sport is transitional today. Players, coaches and even teams move around."

He said things have always worked out for him in the past after switching teams.

"Sometimes in life you've got to be a bit of a risk taker. I found that every time I was traded as a player that it always worked out for me in the end," said Acton, who is looking forward to working under Muckler.

While the Flyers went from being Stanley Cup finalists last season to being ousted in the first round of the playoffs this spring, the Rangers failed to qualify for post season play. But Acton said the Rangers have the potential to bounce back next season.

"There's a lot of work to be done," admitted the 40-year-old Acton. "But the last time the Rangers missed the playoffs they came back to win the Stanley Cup the next season."



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