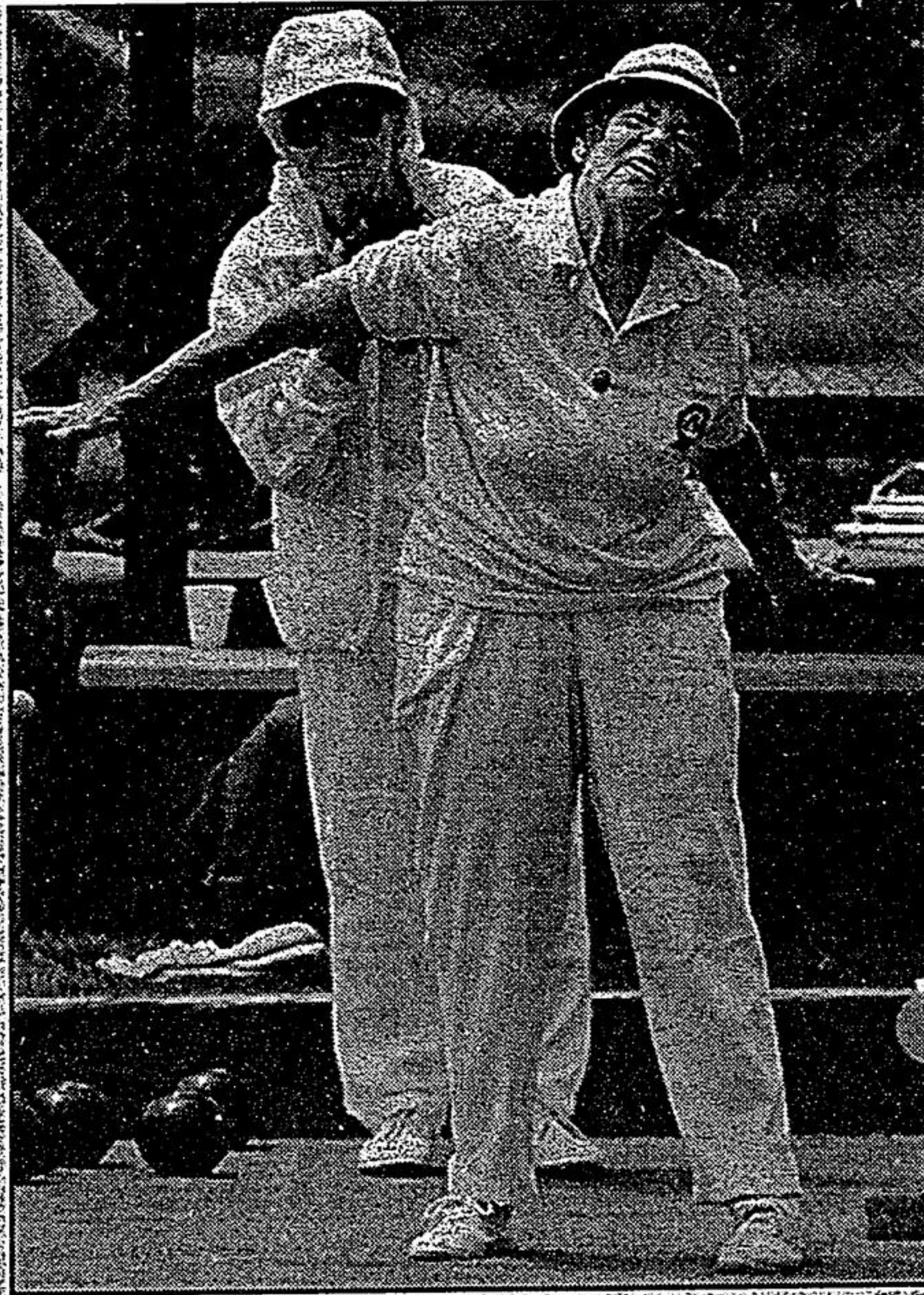


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DOING THE LAWN BOWLING SHUFFLE: Eleanor Crossen, recently recognized for her 55 years of participation in lawn bowling in Stouffville, lets go with a barrage of dance manoeuvres after releasing her shot in the recent annual Strawberry Festival Tournament at the Stouffville Lawn Bowling Club. The tournament featured teams from all over the greater Toronto area and was played in searing heat that reached over 100 degrees Fahrenheit. Looking over Crossen's shoulder is Gisela Georgi of Highland Creek.

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Mite Stallions down Aurora at Town Park

The Stouffville Stallions mite boys' rep fastball team ended up on the high end of a 5-2 score in a rain-shortened game played with Aurora on June 25 at the Town Park.

The Stallions got runs from Keith Hughes, Jordan Underwood, Wes Wittenbols, Nicholas Stratas and Graham Wilson. Richard Downing contributed a key hit to drive in a run while Michael Bigioni advanced two runners with a well-executed bunt.

Brandon Jupp and Jesse Miller were aggressive on the base paths for the Stallions, stealing key bases and drawing the Aurora fielders out of position. Defensively, Mathew Martiniello

called an outstanding game behind the plate as Wilson pitched a five hitter for Stouffville.

Ryne Parsons grabbed a hard hit line drive at second base for the Stallions, while Patrick Bellissimo came up with a big play in left field.

The mites, a first year team coached by Ron Wilson, Tom Miller and Paul Parsons, play their home games Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. on diamond two at the Town Park.

The team is sponsored by the Stouffville Buttermakers, Morrison-Hershfield Ltd., Maunder Britnell Inc., Encon Insurance Managers Inc., and Irwin Industrial Agencies.

Local students make their presence felt at Rec Centre

The host club held its own as 300 competitors from Canada and the United States convened at the Rec Centre for the Stouffville Martial Arts Championships on June 20.

The Stouffville Martial Arts Club's Gene Balanger took the second-place trophy in the men's sparring event.

Joe Cherkas won the third-place honours in the same category, while Chris Cherkas was fourth in the men's self-defence finals.

In the youth division, the Stouffville club's Niekraszewicz family combined to take four top four finishes.

Marcus Niekraszewicz was third in the same category. Jesse Niekraszewicz was fourth in self-defence, with Jara Niekraszewicz fifth in the girls self-defence category.

The club's Jeff Moody was fifth in sparring.

Scott Moody had a fifth in sparring and Kata.

Girls Attack opponents

Three halves of shutout soccer was good for two victories for the York Attack under-13 girls' rep soccer team in recent Central Girls Soccer league action.

The Stouffville-based Attack blanked host Oshawa Turf 2-0 on June 17.

They were then awarded a win against Scarborough's Olympic Flame on June 25 at the Rec Centre fields when the game was called after the first half due to a thunder storm with the Attack ahead 4-0.

The league will decide if the game is to be replayed at a later date, but the Flame coach said

we were the winners," said Rubbens, who felt the result would likely stand.

Stouffville's Jamie Robins was unbeatable in the Attack goal for both games, registering the twin shutouts.

Julie Bagshaw, another member of the Stouffville contingent, scored against Oshawa. Cara Blainey booted home the other marker.

Lindsay Manning had two goals in the win over Scarborough. Stouffville's Marlee Brooks also scored, with Andrea Sadowski rounding out the scoring for the Attack, now 4-1 and occupants of second place.

A slice of golfing life

This is a question that many golfers have asked themselves over the years. Yet most golfers continue to slice, always wondering what to do.

What is the magical cure for this ailment?

"If I just aim a little more to the left and slow my swing down I know..."

The constant struggle has begun.

Understanding why a ball reacts the way it does when we hit it can take a lot of the mystery out of our game.

Before we delve into the intricacies of the swing let me define what a slice is.

A slice is a glancing blow delivered from the clubface to the golf ball.

This glancing blow imparts a side spin causing the ball to curve. The lower the loft on your club (i.e. a driver) the more side spin and the less backspin imparted on the ball. Conversely, the higher the loft (i.e. a pitching wedge) on your club, the less side spin and the more backspin imparted on your ball.



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This is precisely why we slice our driver more than we slice our irons.

The true definition of a slice is when the ball curves to the right (for a right handed player).

Simply, the ball goes to the right when the clubface is open (pointing to the right). The ball goes straight when the clubface is square (pointing toward the target). The ball goes left when the clubface is closed (pointing to the left).

There are several different causes for an open clubface. These include: a weak grip, a cupped or bent wrist position at the top of your swing, a shoulder tilt on the backswing or steering the club through the ball, rather than allowing for the proper roll (letting the club turn over after impact, rather than holding the clubface down the perceived target line).

This tip is provided by Perry Curiston, teaching professional at the Angus Glen Golf Academy in Markham.