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## Our MPs will accept 20 per cent pay hike

*'It's distasteful' but fair: Oak Ridges' Wilfert*

BY KATHLEEN GRIFFIN  
 Staff Writer

While they admit they're embarrassed about discussing their salaries in public, it's likely all five York Region MPs will sign up for the 20 per cent hike passed by the federal government in a 211-52 vote Thursday.

Only one said he would consult constituents first.

The federal Liberals voted themselves the controversial increase, which includes a 42 per cent raise for Prime Minister Jean Chretien — following recommendations by an independent, non-partisan commission. The tax-free portion of MPs' salaries has been eliminated and all MPs have 90 days to opt in, regardless of how they voted.

York's MPs, all Liberal, say they deserve a raise.

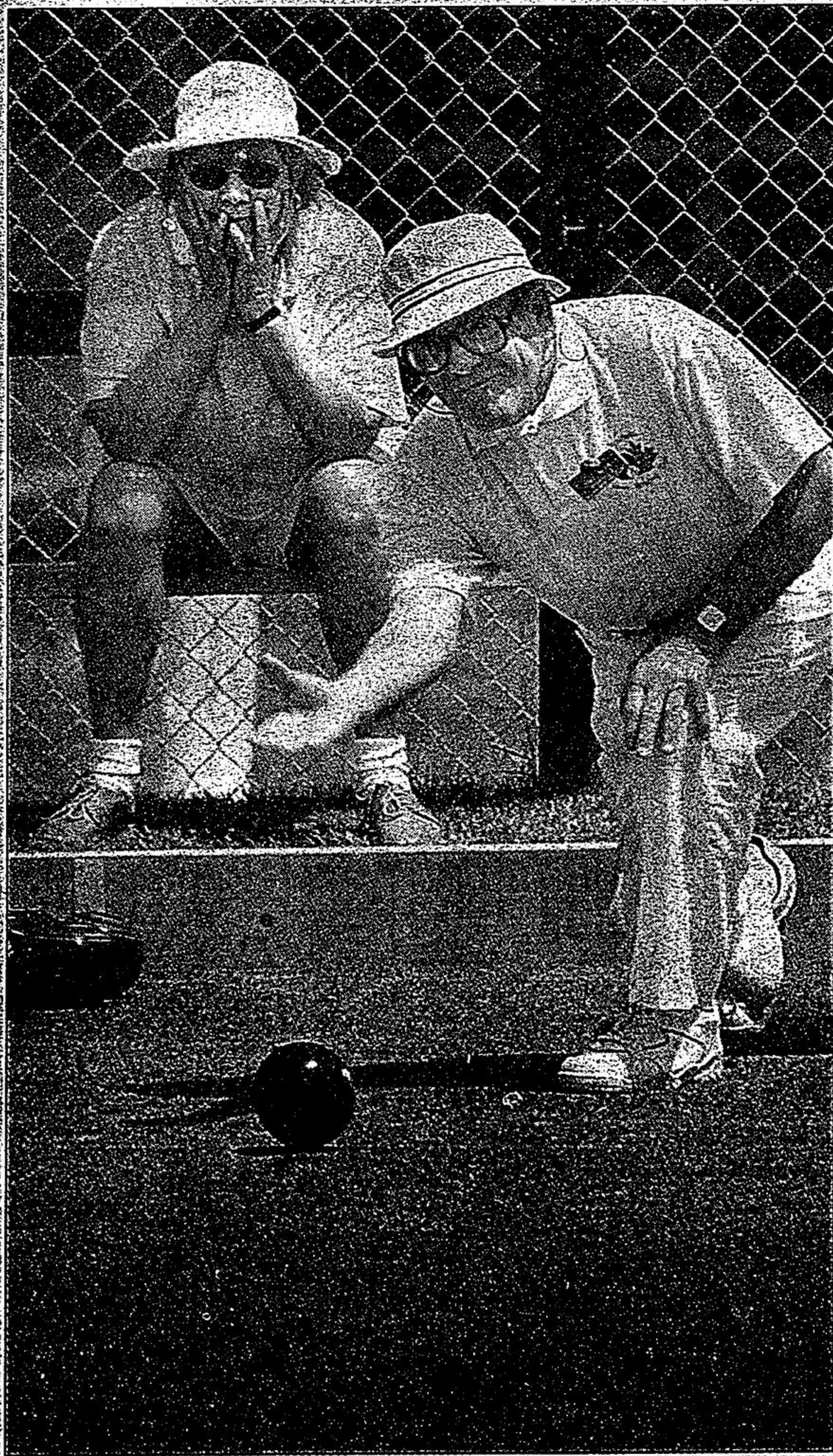
They all say they work hard, often on nights and weekends. They are forced to be away from their families. Many must maintain two residences and there isn't much job security.

The five say since the increase was the recommendation of the independent commission, it's fair and above board. The elimination of the tax-free portion of their salaries is a good move toward a more transparent, open system of remuneration.

And they will now be paid \$131,400, up from the equivalent

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## ON A ROLL AT THE GAMES



STAFF PHOTO/STEVE SOMERVILLE

Paul Muir of Stouffville bowls in the York Region Senior Games at the Stouffville Lawn Bowling Club on Tuesday afternoon against a team from Newmarket. The Silver Jubilee Club in Stouffville hosted a cribbage tournament during the games.

## DO YOU KNOW WHO MYSTERY MAN IS?

*Composite photos of man found along 19th Ave. released*

BY GIANNI COLAVECCHIA  
 Staff Writer

Homicide investigators are confident computer-generated photographs will lead to the identity of man whose skeletal remains were found in a north Markham field.

York Regional Police have released three composite photos of the unidentified victim whose body was stumbled upon by a man walking his dog along 19th Avenue, between McCowan Road and Hwy. 48, just south of Stouffville April 19.

Det. Steve Rushton, one of two full-time investigators, said police believe the photos will finally break the case open.

"We are hoping that the photographs will assist us in identifying this person," he said. "We are confident. We wouldn't be working on it night and day if we weren't."

Police estimate the photos are up to an 80 per cent accurate depiction of what the man would've looked like. Produced through work from forensic and anthropology experts, the photos show a Caucasian male who stood from five-foot,



**WHO IS IT?** Man found on the Markham/Whitchurch-Stouffville border still a mystery to police.

seven-inches to nearly five-feet, 11-inches tall.

The latest information shows the man had a cleft in the centre of his chin and a well-defined jaw line.

Police say he had light brown hair and was as young as 30 years of age or as old as 50.

He also had a full set of natural teeth, including his wisdom teeth. His front upper left tooth was chipped and contained a white filling police say was stained. Several teeth had dental fillings and their colour indicates the man was a smoker.

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