

# Sport lets you scream, yell

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dren as young as seven — is difficult.

My first eight practice shots miss. The ninth is on the button, sheer luck. At one point, Lowe tried to blame one of my weak shots on the fresh ice. "On a good day that would've made it over the hog line," she said.

The wood-paneled club, founded in the 1930s and hung with tournament banners from long ago, can't have changed that much. Beside a trophy case was the framed cardigan of Andy Grant (1896-1984), who twice represented Ontario at The Brier.

I would not have been surprised to see the Queen's portrait over the bar.

Most of the younger curlers are the children of curlers, but other people can and do take up the sport. Brenda Mintz of Markham, playing her fourth game on my team, had the urge to curl while visiting the prairies.

"I really like it that women are out there screaming and yelling," she said.

What I liked, though, was that I was shooting better as the game neared its end. I made a particularly good shot into the house and another that took out an



STAFF PHOTO/ERIN RILEY

Reporter Mike Adler gets into the proper stance to deliver a rock.

opposing rock. My last two shots curl, one after another, into the outer blue circle of the house.

"Just amazing," said an impressed Marg Tonkin, Gord's wife and second player on the team.

I did not fall down, even once. A few more sessions, the skip said, could make a curler out of me yet.

*Been There, Done That* is a regular column where staff try to keep up with experts in a wide variety of recreational activities.



## Don't Miss These Holiday Happenings at The Frederick Horsman Varley Art Gallery of Markham

### Home for the Holidays

Wednesday, November 14th, 2001

Presentation 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

How-To-Seminars 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Presented by Karen Chadwick (**Queen's Pantry**) and Kate Seaver (**Kate's Garden**). An informative and entertaining evening of creative decorating ideas for your home including the latest trends in tree decorating, table settings, wreaths, evergreens and bulbs, mantel arrangements and outdoor decor. **\$30 per person** (includes wine and hors d'oeuvres).

### Holiday Extravaganza

Holiday fashions, entertaining ideas & more!

Wednesday, November 21st, 2001

7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Presented by **The Village Grocer** with fashions from **Treasures Fashions, Giliam's, Eclectics Fashions** and **Under Cover Lingerie**.

**Hair & Make-up by The Sarum Room**

**\$30 per person** (includes wine and hors d'oeuvres).

### Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 8th, 2001

Two Seatings 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

at the **Unionville Arms**, 189 Main Street, Unionville, followed by holiday arts & crafts activities at The Frederick Horsman Varley Art Gallery.

**\$12.00 per person includes activities at The Gallery.**

Seating is limited! Don't delay!

Great holiday events you won't want to miss! For tickets, call 905-477-9511 ext. 221 or visit a participating retailer.

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Proceeds will support Educational Programming at The Gallery

## Public Information Meeting

### TAXI LICENSING

Monday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m.

Canada Room, Markham Civic Centre

The Town of Markham is considering a number of changes in the way the taxi industry is currently licensed and operating. The Finance & Administrative Committee invites you to an information meeting at 7:00 p.m. on November 12, 2001, in the Canada Room, Town Centre, 101 Town Centre Boulevard. Reasons for and details of the proposed changes will be available at the meeting. Your comments and suggestions are invited.

Sheila Birrell, Town Clerk



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