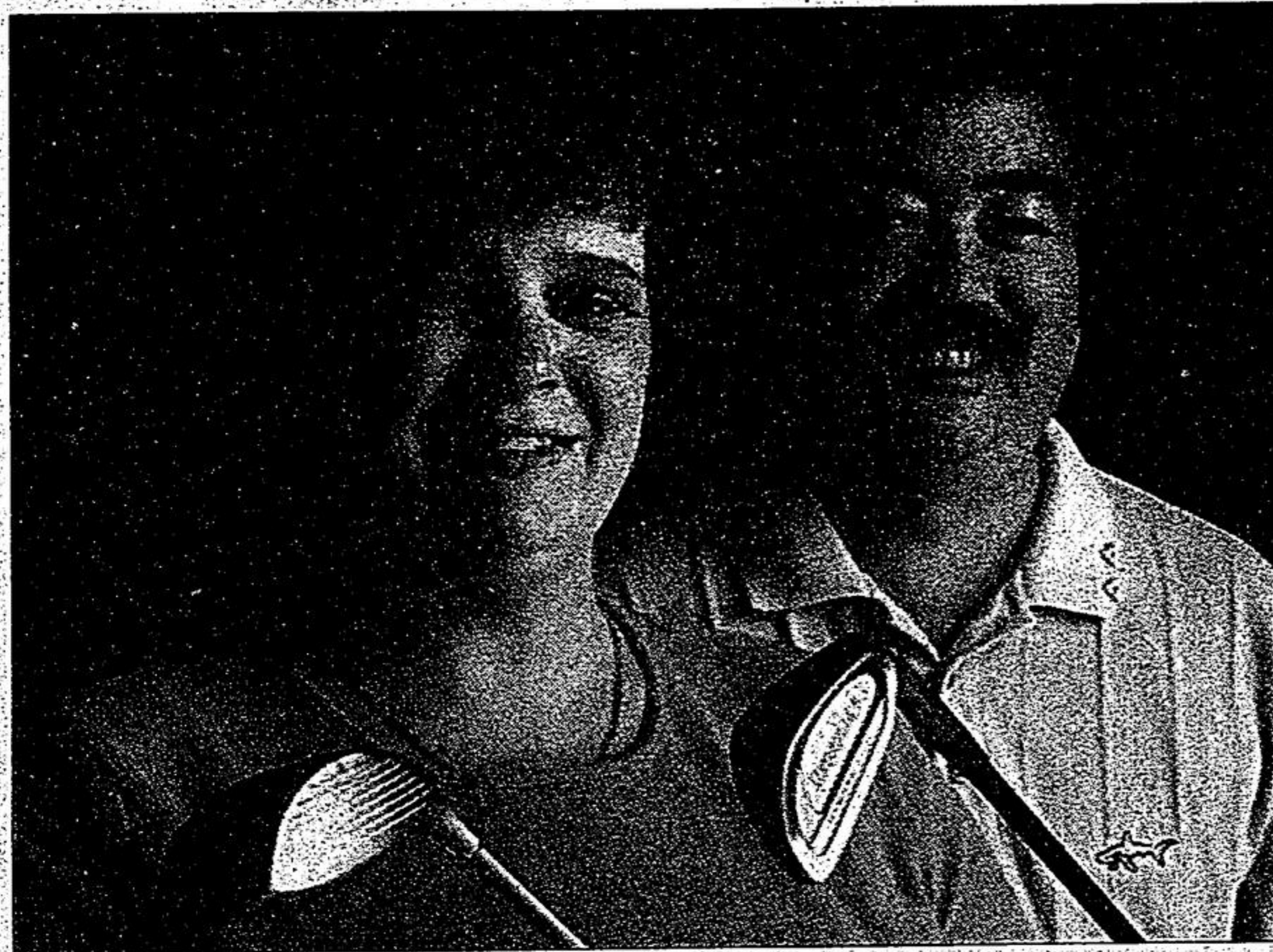


# SPORTS



Do couples that play together, stay together?

## All's fair ...

Ray Tsukada and Leslie Booth of Richmond Hill experience love on the links.

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# in love and sports

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Here's a suggestion on how to curb divorce rates and domestic disputes, or create new relationships for those seeking a significant other.

It doesn't involve Viagra or some love potion not

yet on the market. Rather, it's something most people have tried one time or another.

Sports might be perceived as catering primarily to one gender or the other. But there are several activities in which both sexes can take part throughout the year.

With Old Man Winter

making his annual appearance, some traditional winter pastimes, such as alpine and cross-country skiing, ice skating, curling, badminton and indoor tennis, are perfect for couples.

When the weather is more conducive to being outdoors, golf, fishing, slo-pitch, tennis and lawn bowling are viable options.

There are also sports that can be done almost year-round, such as running, indoor fitness training, bowling, billiards and darts.

"If you can do sports together, you spend more time together and you'll have fun. And there's a lot less resentment," insisted Gord Agar, who, along



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Errol and Pam Timol of Unionville (above) took their courtship to the courts. Gord and Angie Agar (left) wooed on the water and have been tournament fishing together for the past eight years.

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Gianni Colavecchia

Been There, Done That

## Beware the bouncing bocce ball

The old man looked as though he would suffer a heart attack after the rock-hard ball smashed into the fence with a crash, inches from his head.

A leisurely game of bocce at the Chancellor Community Centre in Woodbridge seemed like the perfect respite.

But it quickly became apparent simply watching one of Italy's great traditions can get a little dangerous.

With his head turned to watch another game, the old man almost took one right between the eyes when an eager player launched a bocce ball that ricocheted into the fence.

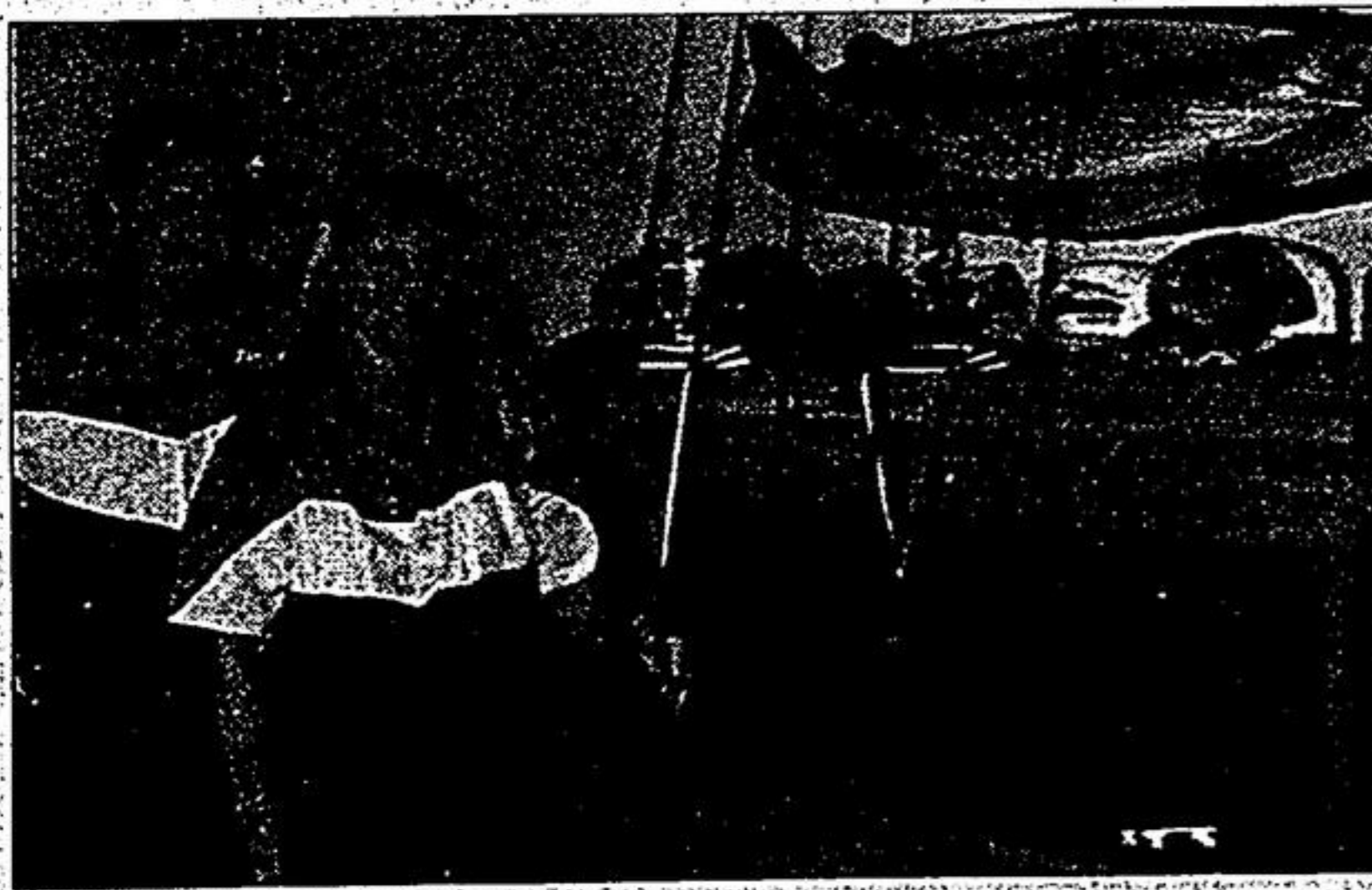
You have to keep your wits about you on a bocce court.

Discouraged by the labyrinth of rules governing the deceptively simple game, a reporter witnessing the near-carnage became distracted by an Italian soap opera on a TV set next to the four bocce courts.

Then it came. Wham!  
"Oh my God," he whispered after the ball slammed against the fence, inches from his groin. Seconds later, a ball rolled ever so slowly past the one that almost ended his fatherhood before it even had a chance to begin.

But the threat of meeting a violent demise wasn't going to dampen a genuine enthusiasm for this beguiling game

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