

# Seniors come to town to play

Stouffville's Latcham Hall is the site of opening ceremonies for the York Region Senior Games May 25 to June 16.

The games are open to all York residents 55 and older.

After the 11 a.m. opening ceremonies, the Silver Jubilee Senior Citizens' Club hosts Stouffville's first event, euchre at 1 p.m. at the hall.

Every year hundreds of York residents take part in lawn bowling, euchre and cribbage, darts, prediction walks and other events across the region.

This is the first year indoor events in Stouffville haven't been held at the Silver Jubilee Club because "there is no room", club president Wilf Morley said.

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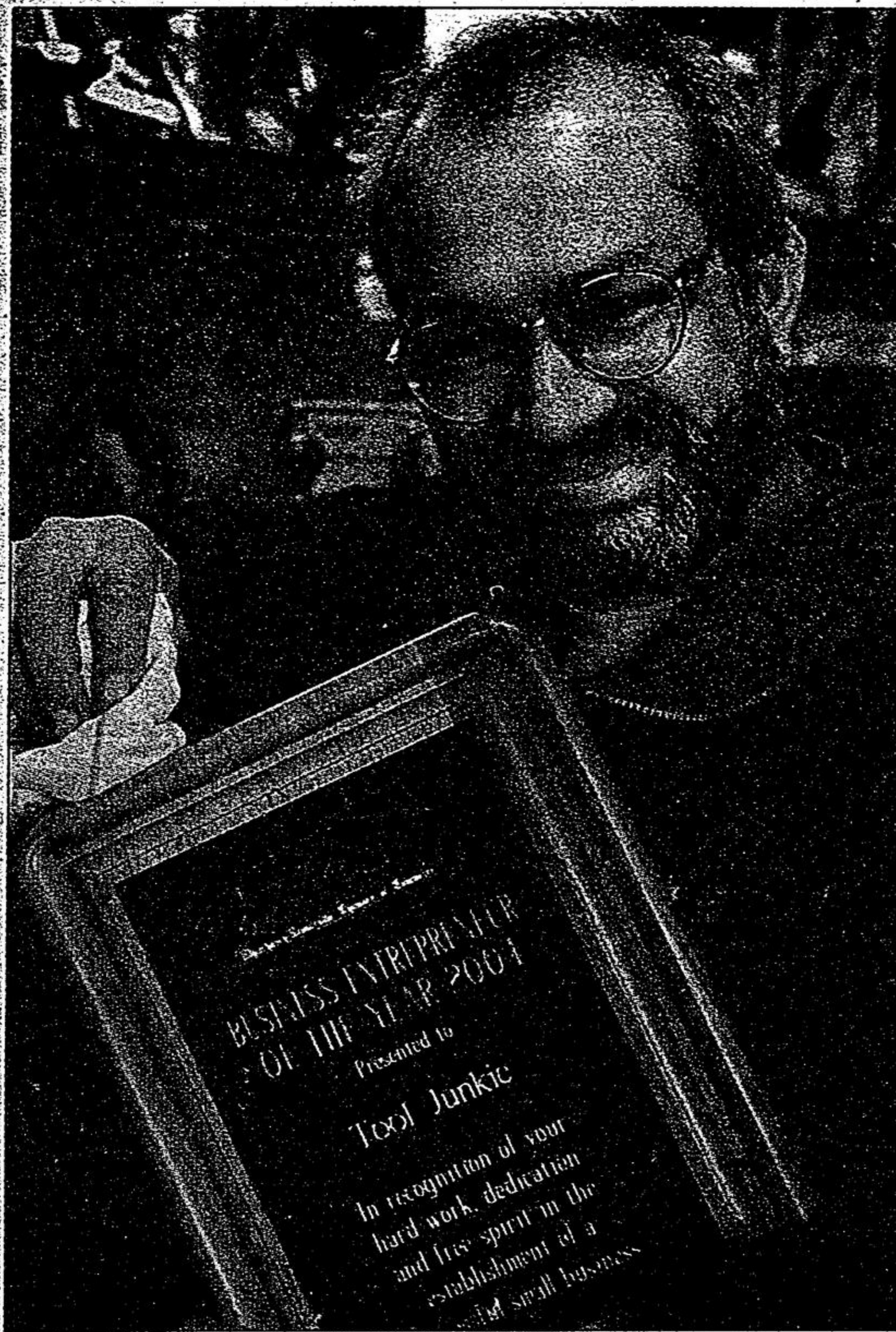
This is the final year of a three-commitment for the club to host the games.

All events are organized by the seniors.

Other local competitions include contract bridge May 27 at 1 p.m. and cribbage and contract bridge May 28 at 1 p.m., both at Latcham Hall.

White-clad lawn bowlers gather for competition at the Stouffville Lawn Bowling Club in Memorial Park June 8 starting at 10 a.m.

Registration forms, which must be submitted by May 11, are available at Lebovic Leisure Centre, the town offices (37 Sandford Dr.) on the 4th floor and leisure services department on the 2nd floor.



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## Award winning work

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# Wood lovers flock to town for Tool Junkie's seminars

BY JOAN RANSBERRY  
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The award was presented by 2003 award recipients Ville and George Papas, owners of Stouffville Fine Furniture.

"Considering that I've been in business in Stouffville for two years, it's quite the thing to win such an award," Mr. Nair said.

"I'm very happy. I'm here for the long haul. Stouffville is such a good place."

While living in New Zealand, Mr. Nair grew bored

## Business

with the 9 to 5 routine of his profession. Born in Sri Lanka and educated in England, he is a chartered accountant.

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Soon after realizing he might not spend his entire working life as an accountant, Mr. Nair discovered the world of wood.

When his interest in wood-working blossomed, he

opened his first Tool Junkie business. When he immigrated to Canada in 1997, he brought the concept along.

At Tool Junkie, on Ringwood Drive in west-end Stouffville, Mr. Nair sells antique, used and new wood-working tools and machines.

He also holds seminars, drawing people from as far away as Montreal.

The seminars are designed to improve participants knowledge and skills.

"The seminars are popular," Mr. Nair said. "Business is doing well."

Tool Junkie is turning into a family affair. Mr. Nair's wife Deirdre helps out at the shop, his eight-year-old daughter and his 12-year-old daughter are also interested in what dad does.

## Briefly

### SDSS letters gone again after just 3 days

Those nice new white letters spelling Stouffville District Secondary School stayed on the school building less than three days.

Vandals removed many of the letters last Friday night, SDSS principal Tony Lewis said. The new letters replaced ones stolen or damaged last summer, which cost \$2,600.

The new letters cost \$1,000 and were up for the parent-teacher interview evening at the school last Thursday. They were part of preparations for the school's 50th anniversary and reunion in July.

"This is so disrespectful," Mr. Lewis said. "This was done by someone who has no regard for the town or themselves."

Several flower barrels along Main Street were upset and flowers and soil strewn around the same evening.

"The last couple of times there was a dance, there has been a problem," said Eric Button, chairperson of the Stouffville Business Improvement Area.

Anyone with information can call the school (905-640-1433) or the community police centre (905-640-4248).

## Correction

### Concert tomorrow

The date of the 34th annual Sacred Music Night was listed incorrectly in last Thursday's Sun-Tribune.

The concert is Friday at 7:30 p.m. in St. James' Presbyterian Church, 6432 Main St. in Stouffville.

The Sun-Tribune regrets the error.

## Quoteworthy

### 'It's not worth a dust-up.'

Joe Cornacchia, president of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association on dealing with "boozing hoodlums" at games at the Stouffville Arena. See story on page 8.

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