

All can enjoy golf, regardless of skill level

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makes the sport appealing to families, Sue Skillins said.

While father and son walk the fairways of area short courses, such as St.

Andrew's Valley and Kettle Creek, side-by-side, she and 15-year-old daughter Ali have been known to forge their mother and daughter bond over a bucket of balls at area driving ranges.

"Golf develops a different part of

your personality. You get to enjoy the course and nature," she said.

"It teaches the kids good values in life, like honesty."

Based in the United States, the Family Golf Association's primary goal is

to make golf more family friendly, while its positive attributes span every generation.

According to its website, national golf foundation research shows 90 per cent of all golfers are introduced to the game by a family member or friend.

"Parents playing with their children is very important."

"Not only can parents pass the game on to the next generation and help grow the sport, they can teach their kids good, solid family values which are inherent in golf," the website stated.

The association has developed guidelines for golf courses on how to better accommodate families.

They include waiving green fees and cart fees for juniors playing with a paying adult, establishing family tee times, family guest fees at private clubs and junior scorecards.

At Kettle Creek, juniors pay \$12 any time they play with an adult, but despite being located in a golf haven, such as York Region, Canadian golf organizations have fallen behind their American counterparts

when it comes to better promotion of the game to juniors and families, Mr. Hayward said.

Family golf is one of the fastest growing segments of the sport, said Cam McLeod, assistant golf professional at Uplands Golf Course in Thornhill.

But there is plenty of room for growth since the sport took off about 10 years ago, he said.

With its central location and playing at a friendly 2,756 yards over nine holes, summer junior camps have doubled.

"It's a day out with your family. Even though you're still in the city, it can feel like being at the lake."

"With golf, you can shut everything out and spend four hours together," Mr. McLeod said.

The course is considering hosting family tournaments on Mother's Day and Father's Day in the future, he said.

"There's longevity in the sport. Everyone can enjoy golf, regardless of skill level," he said.

"You don't see too many eight-year-olds playing basketball with the older guys," he joked.

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NOTICE OF SECOND PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Class Environmental Assessment York/Durham Line (Y.R. 30) Steeles Avenue to Highway 7

The Regional Municipality of York is undertaking a Class Environmental Assessment study to identify any potential roadway improvements required for the York/Durham Line.

The project is being planned under Schedule C of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment. Public and review agencies are invited to provide input and comment for incorporation into the overall planning and design of the boundary road known as the York/Durham Line (Y.R. 30) from Steeles Avenue to Highway 7 between the Town of Markham, in the Regional Municipality of York, and the City of Pickering, in the Regional Municipality of Durham.

A Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held to receive input and comment from interested parties, provide details on the study and discuss alternatives for the improvement of the York/Durham Line. The PIC will be in a working session format with a formal presentation commencing at 7:00 p.m., discussions at 7:30 p.m. and a wrap-up overview with closing remarks from 8:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The second public information centre will be held:

Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2004
Start Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Cedar Grove Community Centre
7667 14th Avenue,
Markham, ON

The public will have the opportunity to review information on the problem, study processes and objectives and discuss the study with staff from York Region and project consultants.

Comments received at this PIC will be considered in the preliminary design of the recommended alternative. A subsequent PIC will be scheduled at a later date to review the preliminary design and any recommended solutions.

For further information, or if you wish to provide your views but are unable to attend, please contact:

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION CENTRE #1

Stouffville Road (Regional Road 14) Improvements Woodbine Avenue to Highway 48 Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Class Environmental Assessment Study and Preliminary Design

The Regional Municipality of York is undertaking a Class Environmental Assessment for roadway improvements on Stouffville Road from west of Woodbine Avenue to east of Highway 48. The study has identified operational and capacity issues associated with this section of Stouffville Road, and has identified and assessed a range of methods to address them.

The Study is being undertaken in accordance with the guidelines for a Schedule "C" Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) (June 2000). Public and review agencies are invited to provide input and comment for incorporation into the overall planning and design of this section of Stouffville Road.

Public consultation is vital to this study. It is important that comments or concerns relating to this study be known early so that they may be incorporated into the improvements. The public will have the opportunity to review information on the problem, study process and objectives, and to discuss the study with staff from York Region and their consultants. The public consultation centre is scheduled for:

Date: Tuesday June 15, 2004
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: Latcham Hall, 8 Park Drive
Whitchurch-Stouffville

If you are unable to attend the public open house but would like to provide us with your comments, or if you would like to be added to the project mailing list, please contact:

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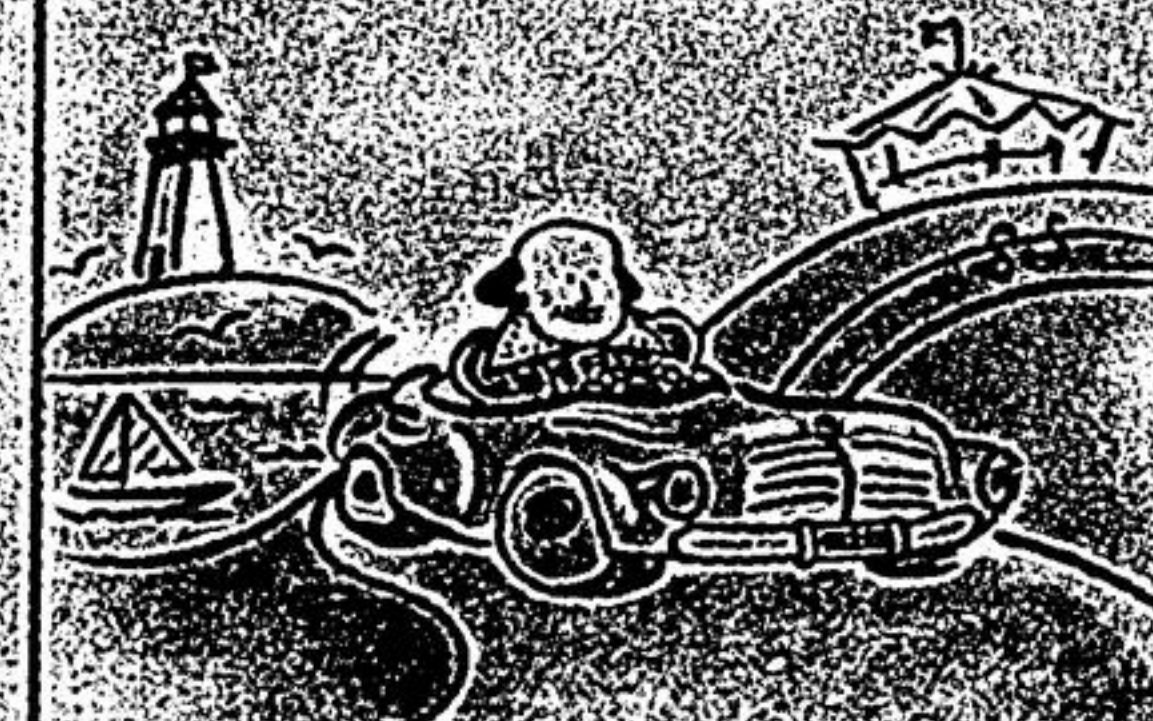
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