

Need gardening help? Society has answers

The Stouffville Horticultural Society is in full swing this summer and ready to welcome new residents who are putting in that first garden at their new home.

The first meeting of the horticultural society is Monday with speaker Stephanie Morris talking about the fragrant garden at 8 p.m. She is a consultant and teaches landscape design and plant materials at Sheridan College in Oakville.

Before that at 7:30 p.m., there's a flower show. Participants can bring their entries in at 7 p.m.

New residents can drop in to individual meetings or get a yearly membership.

At the meetings, you'll have ample opportunity to talk to other gardeners and get help on how best to plant for the sun or shade conditions of your yard.

The horticultural society meets monthly until November. It has 60 members.

"We get together because we love gardening and want

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

to share plants and ideas," member Diane Ward said.

The meetings are at Stouffville United Church, 34 Church St.

Membership costs \$15 per year for adults or \$5 per meeting. The yearly family rate is \$25.

For more information, call 905-640-7899.

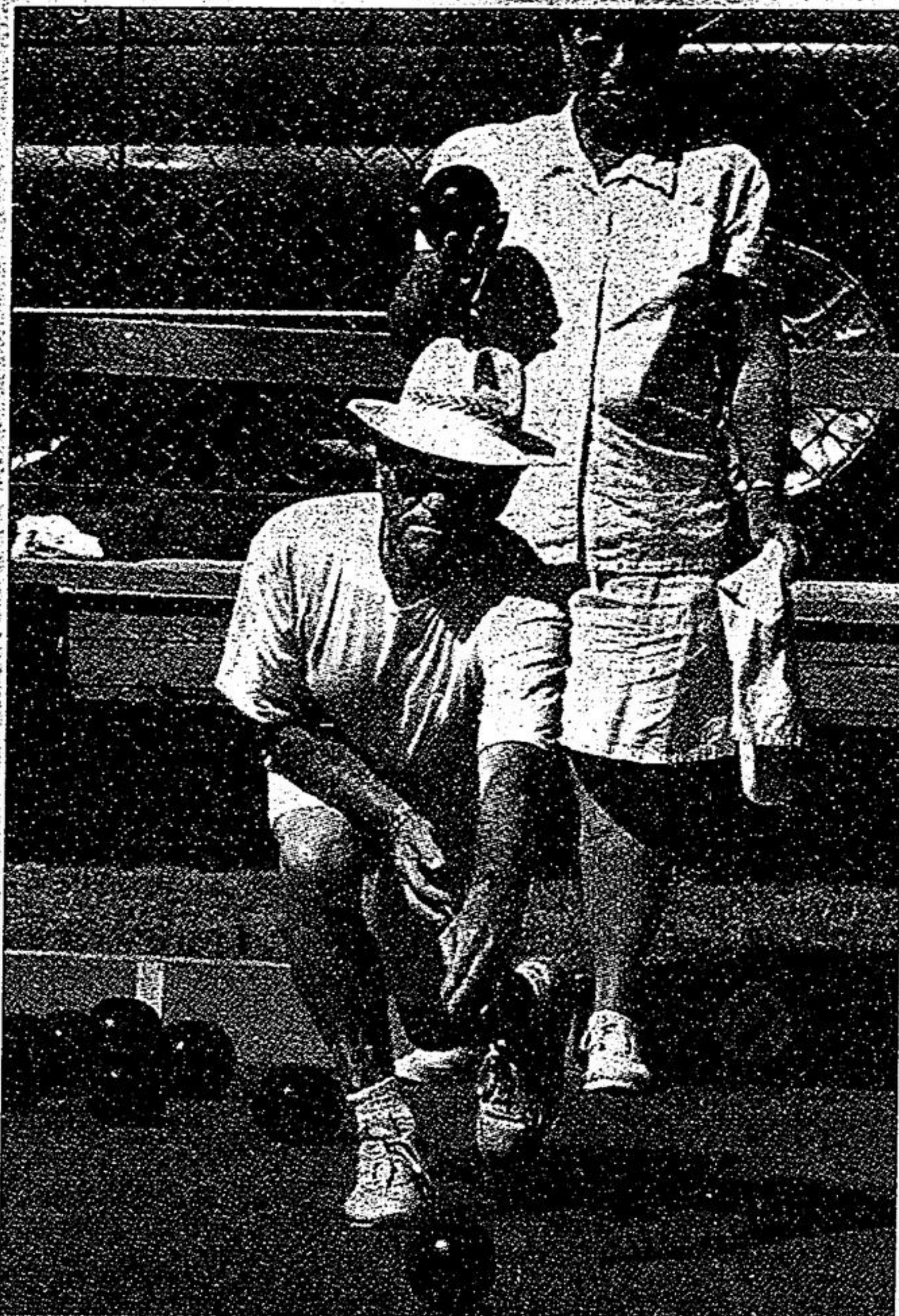
Chess camp Sundays at Stouffville library

Any chess fans out there, Whitchurch-Stouffville?

A chess camp takes place from 1 to 2 p.m. every Sunday until Aug. 26 at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library.

For more information, call 905-642-7323.

WEEKEND LAWN WORK



STAFF PHOTO/STEVE SOMERVILLE
Stouffville's Wilf Morley and Brenda Farthing of Uxbridge meet in the Schell Lumber tournament at the Stouffville Lawn Bowling Club last Saturday.

Musicians welcome at park concert

Music in the Park presented by Whitchurch-Stouffville's leisure services department, takes place Saturday, July 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. under the Lions picnic shelter in Memorial Park.

A variety of local musicians will perform. Young musicians are invited to perform.

If you want to take part, e-mail brian.osullivan1@sympatico.ca

SHERIDAN
Heating & Air Conditioning

Carrier

Turn to the experts

Don't Forget To Have Your Air
Conditioner Serviced &
Receive a \$50.00 Rebate From OPA

OPA
REBATES
UP TO
\$800

Have your
Furnace
Serviced at the
Same Time &
SAVE!

www.sheridanheating.com

176 Bullock Dr. Unit #12, Markham
(905) 471-4222

VOCAL LESSONS

JACKIE SHORT

Professional Opera Singer
Professor of Voice University of Western Ontario

ALL STYLES

Beginner to Advanced
please contact

905-471-3901

or email

jackalynshort@rogers.com

A Touch of Love

Markham's Day Spaw For Pets!

Professional
Pet Styling
& Grooming

Cage-Free
Daycare
& Boarding

Healing Your Love, Only In This Spirit

www.atouchoflove.ca
4981 Hwy. #7 Unit 9, Markham
(Across from Markville Mall)
905.489.2758 elisa@atouchoflove.ca

**PASTAGGIO
ANNI**

NOW OPEN!

- ★ Hot Italian Sandwiches
- ★ Pasta - Salad and much more
- ★ Italian Ice Cream

COME
& EXPERIENCE
THE BEST
ITALIAN FOOD!

18 Ringwood Drive, Unit #7, Stouffville
Tel: 905-642-5617

FOCUS on Business

HONE YOUR SINGING SKILLS WITH LOCAL OPERA STAR, JACKIE SHORT

Aspiring vocalists have the opportunity to learn from the best, through lessons with critically acclaimed soprano, Jackie Short. From her Markham studio, Jackie teaches private singing lessons, passing on to students her wealth of experience and expertise in a nurturing and supportive environment.

Jackie continues to perform throughout the year, starring in leading roles in a variety of operas and musical venues. She has performed at the world's most renowned opera house, including those in Singapore, Korea, Hawaii, Japan, the U.S. and in dozens of cities across Canada. Her busy schedule includes a position at the University of Western Ontario, where she has been a Professor of Voice for the last six years.

"The more I taught, the more I liked it, and that's why I started offering private lessons in my home studio," Jackie says. "I like the idea of not traveling so much, and it's an opportunity for me to groom a budding new singer."

In Jackie's hour-long singing lessons, students learn the fundamentals of the craft, including tone, technique, breathing, posture and language. Whether you're interested in classical, jazz, or pop, Jackie has taught and organized recitals for all musical genres.

"One of the most important skills is learning how to communicate," Jackie says. "It's essential to know what you are singing and why the audience should care. I teach students how to communicate the text effectively, so that the words they are singing have impact."

With her proficiency in English, French, German and Italian, Jackie can custom design a program to include musical works that suit



each student. She encourages anyone interested in a singing career to explore and be knowledgeable about a variety of music genres. Equally important, is consistent, regular training, so that the voice is always performance-ready.

"You must maintain your training to keep your voice honed," Jackie says. "Like an elite athlete, you have to be self-motivated and practice regularly, so that your voice stays in shape."

Throughout the summer, Jackie offers flexible hours for lessons. In September, she teaches her local students, Wednesday to Saturday. Adults and youth, aged 13 and up, can call Jackie for a consultation and to schedule lessons.

"You don't have to be born gifted to become a successful singer," Jackie says. "If you have a bit of talent, and work really hard at it, you can excel over someone who was handed a gifted voice and doesn't do anything to develop it."

For more information, call
Jackie Short at 905-471-3901, or email
jackalynshort@rogers.com.



**SUMMER
FLOOR
MODEL**

SALE

FURNITURE, RUGS, LAMPS,
MIRRORS, PICTURES, ACCENTS

Queen's Pantry

176 Main St. Unionville, 905-477-4625

Queensbridge Mill

4160-19th Avenue, Markham, 905-887-1127



Reveal your
beautiful skin

Our full range
of services
bring out your
best

please call for your
no-obligation
consultation

MediSpa Clinic on Main

6038 Main Street Stouffville

905.640.0092

www.medispaclicnic.com

**SANDY'S AUTO
SERVICE LTD.**

**OIL, LUBE & FILTER
SPECIAL**

- Lube, Oil & Filter
- Up to 5L of Quality Oil
- Tire Rotation
- 140 pt. Service Inspection

All for Just
29.95
Most
Cars

with this coupon

176 Bullock Dr., #8, Markham-905-294-3868

*Not to be used in conjunction with any other special.
Parts, PST & GST extra. Offer expires July 30th, 2007