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## Let it snow, racing grandpa says

BY JIM THOMAS

Think snow! For Stan Newmarch, skiing down a mountain slope at 90 clicks an hour is something he lives all year round.

Both physically and mentally. Even at the ripe old age of 76 the Stouffville resident loves the sport.

Born in the Beach area of east Toronto, Newmarch first displayed his athletic skills as a football and hockey player with Danforth Technical School.

Following graduation, he founded Newmarch Mechanical, a contracting company with headquarters in Scarborough and Sudbury. He and wife Elva moved to Stouffville in 1966.

While in his teens, downhill skiing held negligible interest. Even so, any thought of excelling in the sport was dealt a serious blow when he underwent major back surgery.

In 1972, however, a burning desire was ignited. This followed construction of a family chalet at Hidden Valley in Huntsville.

While there, he organized a Stouffville sailing, skiing and tennis club.

Members included Bob Lewis, John Griffiths, Dennis Murphy, Jim Brazier, Len Greenwood, Gord Ness, Dave Stronach, Bill Corner and Graydon Card.

Although enjoyable, Newmarch admits he was looking for



STAN NEWMARCH: Stouffville man, 76, races on Collingwood team in master alpine competitions.

even greater challenges.

He found these as a member of a competitive racing team at Georgian Peaks near Collingwood, where he serves as instructor.

This led to masters' competitions, a level at which he still competes.

He's classed as a master alpine ski racer.

On two occasions, he's competed in an over 60s category at the world level. Other accomplishments include a silver medal in the super giant slalom at Sun Peaks, B.C. and a bronze medal in a giant slalom at the same site.

In 1995, he placed eighth in

a giant slalom at Whistler, B.C. This winter, he'll participate in provincial masters, ages 75 to 80 years.

Downhill skiing has taken Newmarch to some of the most prestigious sites in the world, including Aspen, Colorado and Mt. St. Ann, Quebec as well as resorts in France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria and Mexico.

He still considers Whistler one of the best.

The sport has also allowed him to meet some of the finest skiers in the business, including Al Raine and wife Nancy Greene, a former Olympic champion.

"It's because of Nancy (Greene), Sun Peaks is so popular," he says.

Newmarch said one of his biggest thrills was accompanying his 18-year-old granddaughter, Samantha, on a ski trip to Lake Louise.

Stan and Elva have two sons, Wayne, who resides in Stouffville and Glen in Didsbury, Alta.; one daughter, Gail in Toronto and two older granddaughters, Andrea in Aberdeen, Scotland and Courtney, a student attending Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo.

Granddaughter Gail is also a ski instructor at Georgian Peaks.

Newmarch regards downhill skiing as "a passion".

"It keeps me young," he says. "It gets the adrenelin flowing."

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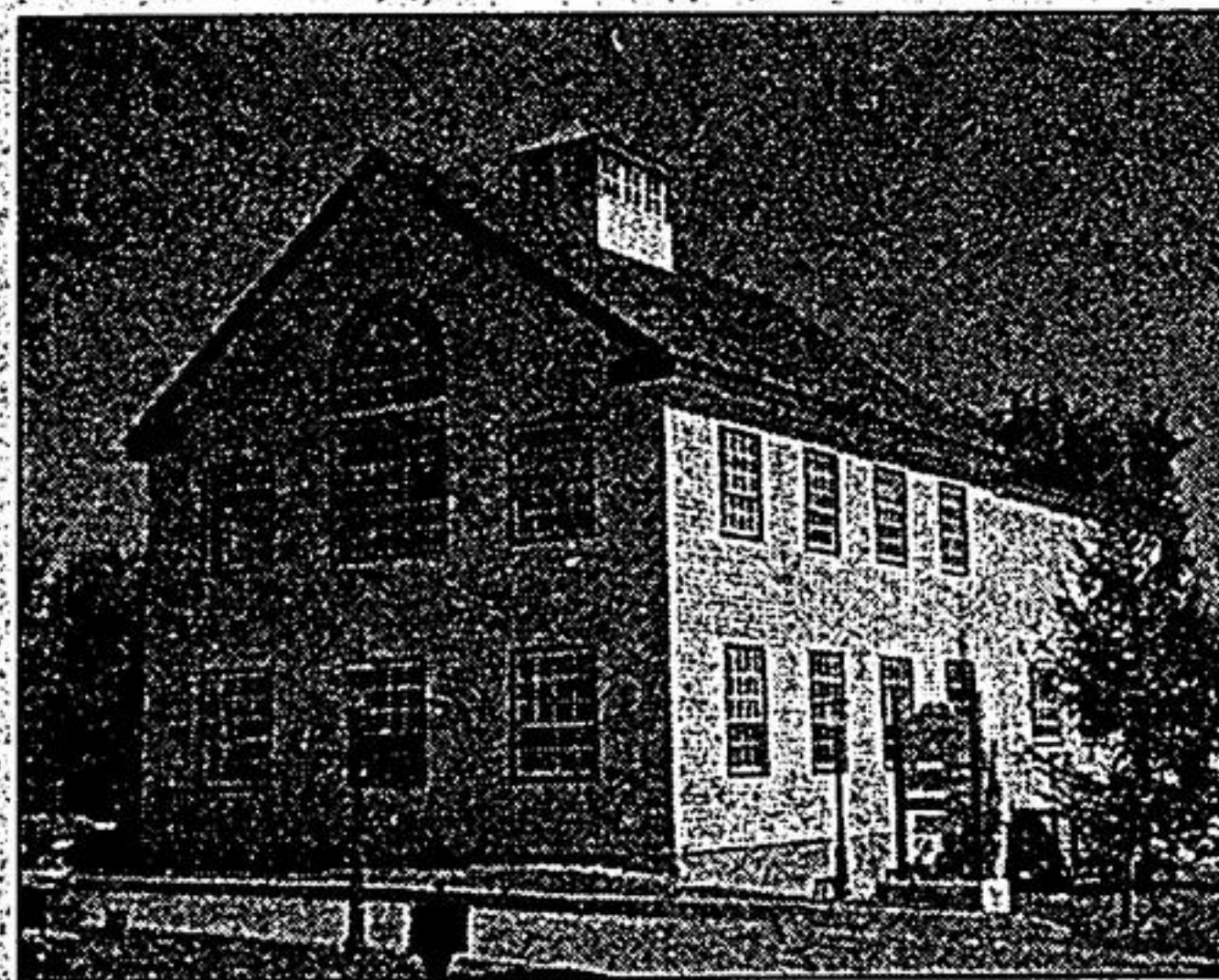
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