Basketball shooters get pumped for 15th Knights event

Youngsters from seven Whitchurch Stouffville schools will attempt to tickle the twine in the St. Mark Catholic School gym Wednesday when the Knights of Columbus conducts its annual free throw shooting competition.

Boys and girls between nine and 14 from Ballantrae, Glad Park and Orchard Park public schools, St Brigid Catholic, St. Mark, Summitview Public and Whitchurch Highlands Public will compete in their age and gender divisions.

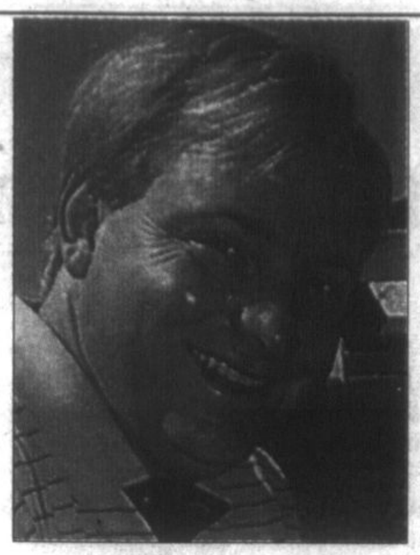
Each contestant receives 15 consecutive free throw attempts from the appropriate age-designated foul line.

Champions in each age group advance to the district finals Feb. 7 at Brother Andre Catholic High in Markham.

This year's event marks the 15th year for the event in Stouffville, Knights spokesperson Al Hachey noted.

The Knights is an international Catholic service organization with 1.7 million members.

They donate volunteer hours and money to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their church, councils, communities, families and youth.



HENRY BRUNTON: Stouffville golf pro wrote thesis for aspiring PGA players and their supporters.

Top honours for golf pro

BY MIKE HAYAKAWA
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In the 24 years Henry Brunton has been a golf instructor, he's attained several notable honours.

The 42-year-old Stouffville resident was the first head coach of Canada's national amateur golf team, a position he still maintains.

He helped write the national player development program in 1999.

Brunton was also the first Canadian instructor ranked among the top 100 in the world by Golf Magazine.

The latest came when the Canadian Professional Golfers' Association gave him its highest designation, Master Professional status.

"It's a fantastic honour, I'm delighted," Brunton said. "It was something I strived for since I became a teaching pro."

To be considered for the designation, the applicant must be a head pro, executive professional or teaching pro.

They must have been a Class "A" head professional, executive professional or teaching professional for at least 10 years and attained a minimum of 120 continuing education credits.

The applicant must have been active in zone or national affairs for at least six years and demonstrate tournament participation at a zone or national level.

The applicant must then prepare a minimum 3,500-word golf-related master thesis.

Brunton titled his thesis The Development of Expertise for Elite Competitive Golfers and the Related Probability of Advancing to the PGA Tour – Key Information for Athletes, Parents, Coaches, Golf Professionals and Administrators.

It provides aspiring golfers and those who support their pursuits with a clearer understanding of the stages of development of expertise.

"I hope this paper will help to grow the game and to illustrate the effectiveness and leadership of the Canadian PGA professional." Brunton said.

Brunton's thesis can be found on the CPGA's website, www.cpga.com

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