



Jason Jones, left, demonstrates how to throw a ball to Stephanie Thibodeau, not seen, while Nick Keim makes his shot. They were among a group of young bowlers at a special event held by the West Lorne Lawn Bowling Club last Tuesday night.

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Vicki Close, kneeling, shows her friend Kaitlyn Claxton, how to use lawn-bowling equipment.

New generation learning about lawnbowling

By Scott Hilgendorff
The Chronicle

An older generation is trying to pass on to a younger one a love for the sport of lawnbowling and the West Lorne Lawnbowling Club made some inroads toward that with two special lawnbowling events last week.

"It's not just for elderly people. It's for any age group," said Joan Lashbrook this year's lawnbowling club president.

Lawnbowling organizations as a whole are trying to revitalize the game and attract a younger crowd.

Locally, volunteers from the club teach the sport to physical education students at West Elgin Secondary School and last Tuesday night, youth were invited to the club to try the sport.

Several club members brought grandchildren to the evening, showing just how much the sport's dominant generation has aged, with two full generations of potential members to draw from now.

"We're trying to get rid of the stigma that it's an older person's game," said Lashbrook.

She said generations ago it used to be a men's sport, like most activities in the 1940s and 50s, but eventually became a couple's event by the 1960s.

But as the sport evolved in the 1960s, more afternoon tournaments began

taking place which left the sport more open to retired people, rather than the younger couples that used to play it.

Lashbrook said it simply evolved into a sport that was more accessible to an older crowd and the younger generations were lost.

Now, with weekend tournaments and clubs switching back to evening play, there is more opportunity for younger people to get involved.

It's one of the reasons Lashbrook said they are focussing on raising money to upgrade the lighting at the club, to allow for more evening play.

While they are encouraging youth and a younger generation of adults to get involved, she said it does require a bit of strength to throw the balls down the greens which might be a problem from younger children.

About 10 youth came out to the Tuesday event including Vicki Close whose grandfather, Lashbrook got her started in the sport.

Wilson had wanted Close to come to meet a German exchange student that was going to be at the club for an event so that he had someone younger to talk to and Close learned to play the game with her grandfather at the club.

She decided to stay and is the club's youngest member.

"It's a lot of fun. You get to meet new people," she said. "The competition is fun."

She said it takes a little practice but added it's no harder than learning how to throw a ball down a bowling alley.

"It's just like regular bowling on grass," she said.

She brought her friend Kaitlyn Claxton from Wallacetown to the club to give the sport a try last week.

Claxton said it sounded like it would be fun and wanted to give it a try, not knowing anything about the sport before.

The club also held an evening last Thursday night for adults to give the sport a try.

Members of the club were there both nights to teach people the skills needed to play, the rules of the game and gave everyone a chance to play a few games.

The club has enough spare equipment to teach people how to play the game but Lashbrook said once someone decides to stay with it, they need to get their own set of bowls because they come in different sizes to fit a person's hands.

A set of balls runs between \$300 and \$400 but will last forever and Lashbrook said it's an inexpensive game to play.



SKATING CHAMPS...

Chris Van Raay (West Elgin Skating Club) and Kaitlyn Lambert (Glencoe Skating Club) tied for first place in the pairs dance competition at the Grimsby Figure Skating Invitational on Nov. 2. This is one of two qualifying events for the Western Development team.

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West Lorne's Novice A Travel team were the Black and Gold Tournament Champions on the weekend. The team includes, back left, Albert Vergeer (assistant coach), John Frizzell (trainer), Darrell Dick (assistant trainer), Tim Horvat (coach), Christine Johnston (Manager), middle row, Andrew Barfett, Ryan Fizzell, Gina Toth, MacKenzie Dick, Bryan Johnston, front, left, David Vergeer, Scott Paine, Bo Horvat, Matthew Mooghiem, Kurtis Gosnell and laying down, Troy Winger.

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Local teams succeed at Black and Gold

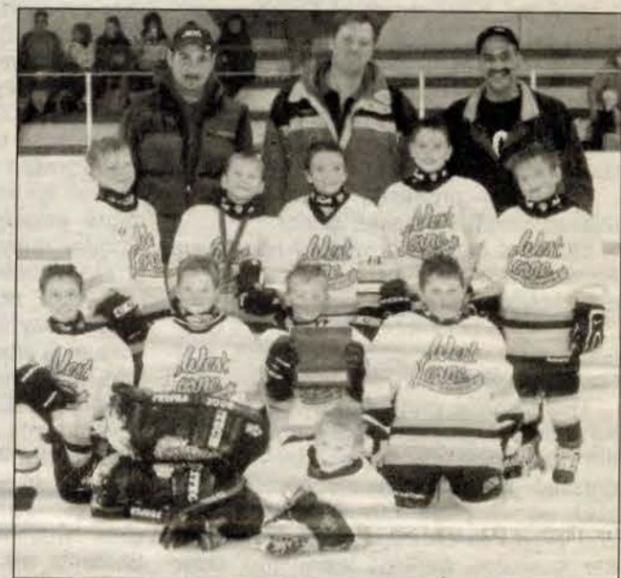
By John Frizzell
West Elgin Minor Hockey

West Lorne hosted its 12th Annual Black and Gold tournament for Novice and Atom players Nov. 6-9 and the event was a big success.

Twenty-two teams competed in three divisions including four West Lorne teams.

Our Atom travel team defeated Strathroy 4-3 Friday night and lost a tough semifinal game to Port Stanley 5-4. Our Novice Gold Local team lost a heartbreaker Friday night in overtime to Port Stanley 2-1 and then went to a shootout against Dresden but lost 2-1.

The West Lorne Novice



West Lorne's Black Novice Local team were Black and Gold Tournament Champions. They include, back, left, Tim Hansen (assistant coach), Tony Poels (trainer), Kal Tabara (coach), middle, Tristan Rohde, Brandon DeCook, Brandin Vaterlavs, Steven Wilkins, William Malek, front, Austin Hansen, Eddie Marshall, Logan Poels, Jacob Goos and laying, Derrick Somerville. Absent is Hassan Jabara and Dorota Malek (manager).

Black Local team walked away with the "B" championship. Losing a nail biter Thursday night to Ridgeway 5-4 in overtime didn't get our kids down. They bounced back with 3-1 wins against both Lambeth and Dresden to claim their championship medals.

The West Lorne Novice Travel team continued their winning ways by

claiming the "A" championship. They won their pool by defeating Lambeth 6-1 and shutting out Port Stanley 5-0. In an exciting and close final they defeated a strong Mt. Brydges team 5-4 to claim their championship medals.

Local businesses, volunteers and parents helped make the tournament a great success.

Women's Institute look at personal highlights of summer

The West Lorne Women's Institute met at the West Lorne Town Complex with seven members present. Roll call was "your highlights from your summer. The guest speaker was Elanie Brown, who spoke on the Sunshine Foundation. She explained that the Sunshine Foundation was started in London by a Police Officer whose son was ill. The Foundation has spread from London to surrounding counties, from British Columbia to Newfoundland. They help a child fulfill a dream. Elanie showed two videos, one of children who

have had a dream fulfilled and the other was of an air lift of children and volunteers to Disneyland in California. Mary Belle thanked Elaine very much and presented her with a donation to the Sunshine Foundation on behalf of the West Lorne Women's Institute.

An email was read from Kathy Nesbitt from the Elgin Health Unit about the Elgin Safety Team. The team is planning their "Don't Fall in the Fall," safety session and are asking for assistance to co-host the session. Discussion was

done, and there will be more information for the next meeting.

The Cancer Tea is to be held on October 13. All members are encouraged to sell their tickets for the Tea, which has a prize donated by the Women's Institute of a dinner (Roast beef or turkey) for 10 people. All proceeds to go to the West Elgin Daffodil Auxiliary/Cancer.

Next meeting to be held on Oct 2 with Mary Liepmann, Mary Lippold and Leola Lawrence in charge of the program.

President Mary Belle Cook adjourned the meeting. 2001

Nov 2001 West Lorne Women's Institute had exchange student as guest

West Lorne Women's Institute was held in the town complex with 10 members in attendance.

Mary Belle Watterworth introduced Nicole McPhail the guest speaker. Nicole told how students are carefully and thoroughly screened to be paired up with compatible students. She and her new friend Katarina spent three months here with the McPhail family and then Nicole spent three months with Katarina's family. Their friendship continues as they converse weekly alternating speaking German and English. Helen Mooser thanked Nicole and presented her with a monetary gift.

Olive Chambers chaired the meeting in the absence of the president Mary Belle Cook. Following the opening exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read. Treasurer report was given.

Letter of business were also read. Cupboard available over the stove for the Horticulture Society

to have no lock. Donation to be given to the library to help with Growing With Books.

Members were encouraged to attend Don't Fall in the Fall which was held November 15 in the Legion.

Profits on the tickets sold for the dinner, for the cancer society was \$1,160. Thanks to who made this such a success.

Mary Belle Cook was to lay the wreath on November 11.

A delicious lunch was served by Mary Belle Watterworth and Nancy Baily.



Members of the Don't Fall in the Fall team. (See front page story). From l-r is Madeleine Cross (Clachan W.I.), Shelly Vergeer (WE Community Health Centre), Anita Van Raes (West Lorne W.I.), Mary Howard (Four Counties Hospital Services). The Don't Fall in the Fall workshop is November 15 at the West Elgin Legion in West Lorne.

West Lorne Women's Institute hold Cancer Tea

The October meeting of the West Lorne Women's Institute was held at the West Lorne Complex with 10 members and five guests in attendance. President Mary Belle Coal opened the meeting with Women's Institute Ode followed by Mary Stewart Col-

lect. Minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mary Liepmann introduced the guest speaker Ann Carmichael from the Madame Vanier Children Services in London. Ann has been with this service for 14 years and is a family preservation worker.

The centre is a treatment centre

for emotionally disturbed children.

She works with the troubled families. Lack of communication among families is of great concern.

The Children's Aid Society works closely with the Madame Vanier services. Children are referred to the centre from schools, family doctor, social workers and psychologists.

Leola Lawrence thanked Ann for a most informative presentation and presented her with a monetary gift.

Following refreshments final arrangements were made for the Cancer Tea which was held at the West Lorne Complex October 13, with West Lorne and Shedden WI's as hostesses.

Registry book was donated by Mary Belle Watterworth which can be used for coming consecutive years.

Collections was made to buy supplies for the kitchen donation made to the family fun fest to be held in Rodney.

Ladies agreed to redecorate a room in the YWCA in St. Thomas with Helen Mooser and Nancy Baillie offering to do the painting.

Shirley Walker offered to look after Bobier Villa Tea Room on October 14.

London Area Convention is in Mitchell on October 29.

One hundred dollars is to be donated to the Red Cross for USA Relief.

Next meeting is November 6 at 7:30 pm at the West Lorne Complex. All ladies of the community are welcome.

Shedden and West Lorne Womens' Institutes have success



Mary Belle Cook, at left, President of the West Lorne Women's Institute presents Kelly Noah, a Montreal Bank employee in West Lorne, with the winning dinner certificate. Noah won a dinner for 10 sponsored by the West Lorne Women's Institute. OCT 2001

The Shedden and West Lorne Branches of the Women's Institute hosted a very successful Cancer Tea on Saturday, October 13 at the West Lorne Complex.

Seventy-three ladies from the different Elgin County Branches signed the guest book. A total of \$1870.33 was raised for the West Elgin Daffodil Auxiliary. This will be used to aid our local cancer patients. Winners of the grocery draw was Grace Blewett. Kay Waite won the garden basket.

These prizes were donated by Shedden Womens Institute. Kelly Noah was the lucky winner of the Dinner for 10 draw. This prize was donated by the West Lorne Womens Institute. Thanks to all the Women's Institute Branches for their generous support and to all other ladies for attending.

The West Elgin Daffodil Auxiliary has recently donated \$5,000 to the Dutton Medical Clinic and also \$5,000 to St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital for a micro-imaging machine.



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LOIS CARROLL - LEOLA LAWRENCE

PRESENTS LOIS WITH A GIFT
IN APPRECIATION OF HER
MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO
THE WEST ELGIN DAFFODIL AUX.



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 Bob Walker
 Program Co-Ordinators : Mary Liepmann, Mary Lippold, Shirley Walker,
 Leola Lawrence, Anita VanRaes
 P.R.O. : Anita VanRaes

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 Anita VanRaes : 768-1819
 Eva VanRaes : 768-2808
 Shirley Walker : 768-1095
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MEETINGS FOR 2001- 2002

AUGUST 14 - 10AM Coffee at Mary Liepmann's
 Bring a new Member.

SEPTEMBER 18 - Plowing Match in Glencoe.
 Meet at West Elgin Town Complex 9:30AM

OCTOBER 1 - "Agriculture" *MURDOE HONEY 847-5333*
Boll Call : Can you remember an old fashion dairy item?
Motto : Canada has it use it before we loose it.
Program: Leola Lawrence & Frances Graham *NANCY BAILLIE*

OCTOBER 19 : Cancer Tea at West Elgin Town Compl

NOVEMBER 5 - "Industry" *316.00*
Boll Call : Name a Canadian article made close to home.
Motto: We learn to do by doing.
Program : Anita VanRaes & Marybelle Watterworth

DECEMBER 1 - "Fun Crackers" Day in Dutton
 Pot Luck Christmas Supper at West Elgin Town Complex followed by
 Secret Pal Gifts & Sing Song

JANUARY 7 - "Travel"

Boll Call : A place you would like to visit.
Motto: Travel east, travel west, after all home is best.
Program: Helen Mooser & Georgian Jensen

FEBRUARY - Winter Picnic

MARCH 4 - "Education"

Boll Call : If you were a student today what would you choose as a profession.
Motto: Treasure the past but don't dwell on it.
Program: Nancy Baillie & Mary Lippold
FRANCES GRAHAM

APRIL 1 - Annual Meeting & Silent Auction

Lunch : Shirley Walker & Twila McWilliams

MAY 6 - "Family"

Boll Call : One way to stay healthy.
Motto: Life is like a sandwich. The more you add to it the better it is.
Program : Mary Liepmann & Olive Chambers

JUNE 3 - Trip



QUILT MADE AND DONATED FOR THE CANCER TEA. BY RUBY MCGUGAN
LEOLA LAWRENCE, MARY LIPPOLD, HELEN MOOSER, NANCY BAILLIE, MARY LIEPMANN
SEATED RUBY MCGUGAN, HELEN VAN BRENK

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West Lorne Women's Institute news

The October meeting of the West Lorne Women's Institute was held at Munroe Honey in Alvinston. Twelve members

were in attendance.

Before the business meeting, the members had the opportunity to tour Munroe Honey. It was explained to the members about their production of the honey, products produced (i.e. honey, cream honey, cream for skin irritations which is not directly made at Munroe, and wine) and the separation process of the honey. The members saw the process of the making of Munroe "Mead" (honey wine). After the tour, the members were able to purchase some of the honey and other items at the Munroe Gift Shop. It was

truly an enjoyable tour.

Members were reminded of the Cancer Tea held on October 19th.

The District Convention is on October 29th, in Shedden. Shirley Walker and Olive Chambers to attend.

A committee was formed to start planning the 90th Anniversary of the West Lorne Women's Institute next year.

A quilt of compassion



Local Women's Institute members Leola Lawrence (West Lorne), Mary Lippold (West Lorne), Ruby McGugan (Wallacetown), Helen Mooser (West Lorne), Nancy Bailey (West Lorne), Mary Liepmann (West Lorne) and Helen Van Brenk (Pres. Wallacetown).

Ruby McGugan who lives just outside of Wallacetown, has made a full-sized quilt to donate to West Lorne Women's Institute for a draw to be held on October 19 at the upcoming Cancer Tea. The Cancer Tea, an annual event, will be held this year at the West Lorne Community Complex.

This year the the West Lorne members were in a jam, without a quilt to draw with time running out. The members asked for help from the neighbouring WI's.

McGugan, a member of the Wallacetown Women's Institute said she quickly decided to donate her time behind the quilt but the quilt itself

is actually a donation from the Wallacetown club. McGugan said last week the quilt was a joy to make and she was able to make it because of donations of material from different people over the years.

Members of the West Lorne WI said they are forever grateful to Mrs McGugan for the gracious donation of the quilt for the draw.

Tickets for the October 19 draw are now available at the Bank of Montreal in West Lorne or call 768-1244 or 768-7224. Money raised from the Cancer Tea provide many different services to cancer patients in Elgin. Please support it. 2002



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West Lorne WI quilt draw



West Lorne Womens Institute held its annual Cancer Tea on October 19 and drew the winners of two quilts. The winner of the large quilt was Donna Hooper of St. Thomas and the smaller quilt was won by Twila McWilliam of Rodney. Pictured are Ruby McGugan who made the large quilt and drew the winners and West Lorne WI President Helen Mooser announcing the names.

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Wallacetown Women's Institute

90th Anniversary

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90TH ANNIVERSARY



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WEST LORNE DONATES TO
THE GREAT RIDE 'N' STRIDE



MIKE MOOSER, NANCY BAILLIE, MARY LIPPOLD

RIDERS AND STRIDERS



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CATERING CREW



ANITA VAN RAES, LEDLA LAWRENCE, SHIRLEY WALKER
MARY LIPPOLD, FRANCES GRAHAM, OLIVE CHAMBERS
PHOTO TAKEN BY MARY LIEPMANN, OUR PRESIDENT



GEORGINA JENSEN, ANITA, LEDLA, SHIRLEY
NANCY BAILLIE, MARY, FRANCES & OLIVE

CANCER TEA
2003

Come to tea in support of Cancer

By Norma McMillan
For The Chronicle

West Elgin Residents, the St. Thomas Elgin General and Four Counties Hospitals benefit from the moneys raised from the West Elgin Daffodil Auxiliary-Cancer Tea which will be held this year at Lawrence Station Hall, hosted by the Lawrence Kensington Club on Oct. 25, 2003 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

There will be a bake table and "Country Store" along with refreshments.

Tickets have been on sale and will be the day of the tea for a hand-crafted quilt, crocheted afghan and several gift baskets.

The draw for these items will take place at 11:00 a.m.

The history of how the tea and draw started, dates back to 1956. About that time a local doctor's wife started driving cancer patients for treatment, doing home care duties and even helping financially. As time went on others came to her rescue with financial assistance and in particular the Women's Institute. All this was prior to any government medical plans.

In 1967 the Daffodil Auxiliary applied for a charity number so receipts could be issued to individuals contributing to

either the Welfare Fund or Cancer Fund.

For more than 27 years a Quilting Group from the hamlet of Fingal has donated a special quilt for a draw to raise money. This year the quilt has been donated by the Lawrence Kensington Club. The quilt was made by the late Marion Campbell.

An increasing number of people, over the past 15 years, have made memorial donations to the Daffodil Society in lieu of flowers. These two sources of funds have allowed caregivers to attend to the needs of local patients and make sizeable donations to local hospitals - St.

Thomas Elgin General and Four Counties.

In 1977 a beautiful Bobier Villa was built in Dutton, in 1999 the auxiliary purchased a Patient Mechanical Lift for Bobier Villa, in 2001 a donation was made to the new Dutton Medical Centre and in 2003 the auxiliary purchased a special release mattress for the Bobier Villa.

To our knowledge there is no other Registered Organization in Ontario or Canada that can raise funds for cancer and not be required to forward the funds to the Cancer Society. Come, support a community event that benefits so many.



PRIZE QUILT:

Pat Oldham, left, of the Kensington Club, and Mary Liepmann, president of the West Elgin Daffodil Society, show off a quilt made by the late Marion Campbell. The quilt was a raffle prize at a Daffodil Tea for the West Elgin Daffodil Society hosted last Saturday by the Kensington Club at Lawrence Station Hall. (T-J photo)



COFFEE BREAK FOR CANCER...

The Kensington Club of Lawrence Station hosted a West Elgin Daffodil Auxiliary Cancer Tea and Coffee Break Oct. 25.

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Shirley Longhurst (of the Kensington Club), Norma McMillan (of the Daffodil Society), and Mary Liepmann (president of the Daffodil society), show off the beautiful work of the Fingal Quilters. A draw, bake sale and coffee break held at the Lawrence Station Hall raised about \$2000.00 for the Daffodil society on October 25th
The BANNER/AI Kirk