

GREENWOOD RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Nicole Hale, GRA President

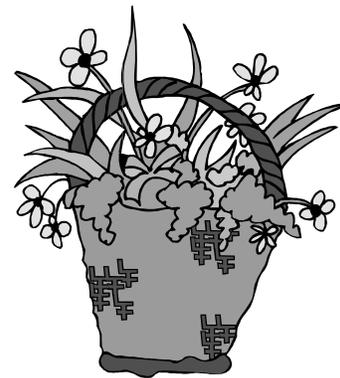
Welcome spring. It is so great to see everyone out and about again, enjoying the sunshine and warmer days. I love this time of year. It can take ages to walk down the hill catching up with neighbours who are out working in their gardens. This is also the time of year when the fish are spawning. The fishing season doesn't open until early May, but if you go down to the bridge at the bottom of the hill there are huge fish in the rapids.

With spring time comes the Easter Breakfast. We had a great turn out this year -- a full house. It is however, the first time I can remember hunting for Easter eggs in the snow!

It is also time for the Greenwood Recreation Association Annual General Meeting on Wednesday April 23. Everyone is welcome to attend. We will discuss the events of the past year and plan the schedule for the upcoming year. Your comments and suggestions are always appreciated. If you are interested in becoming a part of the committee, want to volunteer for specific events, or would just like to come out to show your support, we would love to see you. There are many new families who have moved into the community over the past year and we are looking forward to some new faces and fresh ideas. The meeting starts at 7pm and light refreshments will be served.

Once the calendar of events for the upcoming year is completed please check out our website for all the details www.greenwoodevents.ca.

Nicole Hale
GRA President



A Piece of History

Excerpts taken from "Greenwood Through the Years"

Barrels and Hoops

Flour from the Greenwood Mills was shipped in nothing but wooden barrels. The coopers had to secure the wood from the bush and make the staves, heads and hoops by hand. A large number of men were kept busy in this trade. Several of the Irish families in the Township can trace their advent to the community to the fact that the Greenwood Mills required the services of many coopers.

Lennon and Shea were partners in a large Cooperage on the north-west corner of Lot 13, Concession 5. They were assisted by Michael Carey.

Robert Lennon was born in Kilkenny, Ireland, in 1816. He came to Labrador in 1840, where he remained for three years. Intending to return to Ireland, by an accident he boarded a ship for Quebec, and luckily, too, for the vessel on which he was to have returned to Ireland was never after heard of.

Mr. Lennon, being a cooper by trade, located in Greenwood in 1843. In 1850 he married Bridget Murphy, daughter of John Murphy, a miller of the village. Mr. Lennon was a zealous Roman Catholic and did anything he could to advance the cause of religion in those primeval days. For a time Mass was celebrated in his home every month, there being no Roman Catholic church in the village. Sunday School was taught either by the pastor of the parish or the good man of the house.

In 1890 the Lennon family moved to Goderich. Six years later they moved to Mount Carmel where, in 1900, Robert and Bridget Lennon celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Henry Shea, partner of Robert Lennon in the Cooperage, was the head of another Irish family at Greenwood. Henry's son, Joseph Shea, who was born at Greenwood, married Jane Quigley of Oshawa in 1870. They had a family of nine children. Joseph Shea was engaged in the cooperage business at Greenwood until they moved to Toronto in 1905. Joseph's youngest son, Henry, moved to Brougham. Joseph and Jane Shea celebrated their diamond wedding in 1930.

Jacob Slatter is another Irishman who was engaged in the barrel and hoops business at Greenwood. In the "Province of Ontario Gazetteer and Directory," published in 1869, Jacob Slatter is listed as a manufacturer of barrels, staves and hoops.

THE
Green Thumb
FLORIST

Full Service Florist

Wedding & Decor Rentals
www.greenthumbflorists.com
design@greenthumbflorists.com

We've Moved
to Serve you Better...
Call Us at
905 683 5251



The Library—Update

Date: March 28th, 2008
Subject: Greenwood Branch Library

Good morning:

Thank you for your patience while the Greenwood branch closed for repairs. I continue to keep the library Board informed of your emails and comments concerning the Greenwood library.

I have included a provision for a new furnace for Greenwood in the library's 2008 capital budget. The other items are identified elsewhere in the City wide budgets. Once the City's capital budget is approved in April, funds will be released for the furnace and since I already have a quote, the work should go ahead quickly. Yesterday the foundation wall sprung another leak, so the City is currently investigating the source so that a speedy repair may be made.

As soon as I have an opening date I will let you know and will post that information on the front door of the library.

Regards
Cynthia
Cynthia Mearns B.A., M.L.S.
Chief Executive Officer,
Pickering Public Library
(905) 831-6265 ext 6236
cynthiam@picnet.org



Sale!

Giant Greenwood Community Garage Sale

**Saturday, May 10th
8:00am til 2:00 pm
(Rain or Shine)**

New AND used household items., Home, office & garden furniture, infant/kids stuff, pet supplies, CDs, DVDs, books, crafts, baked goods and lots more ...

Location: The Hamlet of Greenwood including households south of Hwy 7, on Westney Rd., Concession 6, Trimbles Lane and Greenwood Rd., and The Greenwood United Church

Follow the signs!!

Contact Chantal Bigras if you have any questions—905 619 0174

Turn over for details about the GRA AGM

a GRA Sponsored Event



Maintenance Free Decking A Permanent Solution for GREAT decks!

Now you can enjoy the long lasting benefits of *Plastic Lumber* made from *recycled plastics*. This is plastic diverted from our landfill sites providing excellent environmentally friendly products for DECKS, DOCKS, FENCES, LANDSCAPING and much more! These products are maintenance free and easy to install.

This year we are announcing a brand new line of composite deck boards. You have a choice of some elegant wood grain finishes.

PLASTIC LUMBER DEPOT is owned and operated by the Hansen family since 1988 and they live in Greenwood.

Plastic Lumber can be cut with a regular carbide tip blade, routed, drilled, nailed and screwed. It also comes in a variety of dimensional sized lumber including 4' x 8' sheeting in various thicknesses.

The fact it's made of plastic means it's **built to last**. It's resistant to moisture and the elements, therefore your deck will not rot, splinter or decay.

Customers also love that it comes in a variety of colors eliminating the need for painting or staining and you can avoid using treatments and other preservatives needed to prolong the life of wood.

The popularity of plastic lumber is growing and we invite you to see for yourselves by coming to our showroom and lumber yard in Ajax.

For more information, visit the PLASTIC LUMBER DEPOT at 172 Hunt Street, Unit #2 in Ajax or call 905-426-1755. Web Site: www.plasticlumberdepot.com Or email us at sales@plasticlumberdepot.com

Mark Your Calendar for *Driftwood Theatre's Romeo & Juliet*



**in OUR Park
Sunday August 17th
@ the Greenwood Community Centre**

Hey Kids,
This is for You!



Earth Hour

Colouring Contest!



What did earth hour mean to you? Draw us a picture and send it in! The winner in each age category will have their picture published in our next Greenwood newsletter!

Here's how it works:

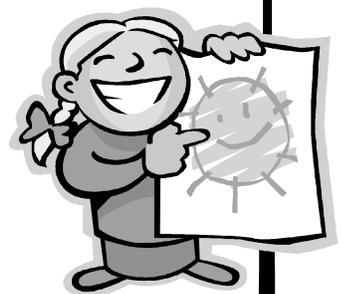
**Topic: What does earth hour mean to you? OR,
What did you do for earth hour?**

Age Categories: 5 and under, 6 to 8, 9 and up

Submission Date: May 30th, 2008

Where?: Submit to aainsbury@yahoo.com or
3520 Westney Rd., Greenwood, ON L0H 1H0

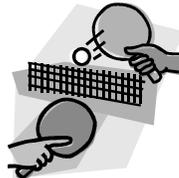
Questions: Call Annette Ainsbury at 905-683-9261



PING PONG TABLE



FREE
to a good home



**Needs a little work.
Ready for pick up at the Community Centre.**

Call Chantal Bigras at 905 619 0174

Maintenance Free



PLASTIC LUMBER DEPOT

Div. of Waste Stream Management Inc.
CALL TODAY 905-426-1755
172 Hunt St. #2, Ajax



New!
Composite Decking
12, 16, 20 ft.

No Splinters - No rotting



DECKS - DOCKS

EASY TO USE / EASY TO INSTALL

ULTRA-DURABLE

AFFORDABLE PRICES

POLYBOARD SHEETING

100% PLASTIC & COMPOSITES

Planter Boxes



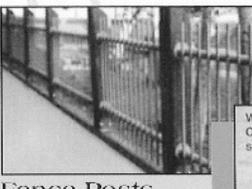
Landscape Timbers

Deck Tiles



Balconies - Porches Walkways

Fence Posts



Curbs



Why buy CONCRETE CURBS which will soon look like this

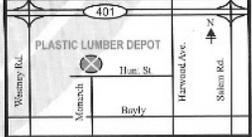
When you can have IMPACT-CURB?

Excellent safe alternative to pressure treated wood



"A PERMANENT SOLUTION FOR GREAT DECKS"

- Recycled Plastic Lumber BUILD TO LAST!



172 Hunt Street - Unit 2, Ajax, Ontario Canada L1S 1P5
Tel: (905) 426-1755 Fax: (905) 426-7078
E-mail: sales@plasticlumberdepot.com
Web: www.plasticlumberdepot.com



Greenwood United Church

Rev. Karen Smart, Minister
95 626 7552

Everyone is Welcome

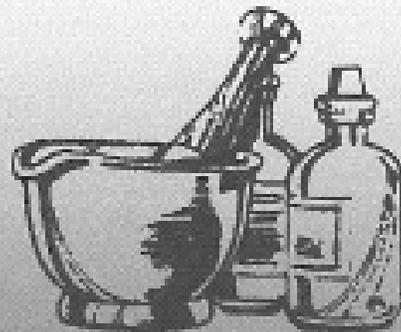
Worship and Church School
0930 hrs Sundays

June 29th -
Last worship service til Sept 10th

**Homeopathy for
Healthy Living**

Do you want to

- Increase your vitality
- Strengthen your immune system
- Increase resistance to disease
- Get relief for a longstanding physical, mental or emotional condition then call.....



Charlotte E.L Thompson B.A., DSHomMed
Doctor of Homeopathic Medicine
Tel: 905-649-5170

**Looking to meet some of your neighbours?
 Enjoy contributing to the community?
 Like planning events?**

The Greenwood Recreation Association is always looking for volunteers to help throughout the year – your contribution could come in any shape or size. If you're a committee person, we welcome new members anytime (we meet about every two months or so). Or if there are specific events through the year you'd like to help with (e.g. Wine Tasting, Easter Breakfast, etc.), you could join the event sub-committee. Or if you just want to help out now and then, give us a call and we'll put you on a list of people we can call on when we need a little extra help.

Call Annette Ainsbury at 905-683-9261 if you are interested in hearing more about the Greenwood Recreation Association.



Tarts and Vic- Disco Inferno
Greenwood RECREATION Association



Easter Breakfast

Annual General Meeting



Wine Tast-



Tennis

COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR SOCIAL EVENTS ORGANIZERS

Youth Program

Garage Sale



**Christ-
mas**

Wednesday April 23rd—7pm
 At the Community Centre



**8th Annual
Greenwood Festival**



Driftwood Theatre

YAMANAKA GREENWOOD DOJO AT CKKA TOURNAMENT: NOT JUST FOR KIDS!

I can still remember the uneasy feeling I experienced when Shihan (Master) Ron Yamanaka announced that, we, members of his Greenwood Dojo were going to take part in a martial arts tournament. Us?! I mean, we're a bunch of rickety ol' hacks (and precious kids) who joined up to hopefully sweat out some of the toxins we routinely absorb during the normal run of our frenzied lives. And didn't the Greenwood Dojo purport to be a non-competitive and non-contact club? Our Shihan replied, eyes a-glint: 'Go just to have fun!' My nine year old son gave me the thumbs up and so not wanting to seem a coward in his eyes, I agreed to include ourselves among some of the more stalwart members of our Karate club.

The Canadian Karate Kung-Fu Association (CKKA) hosted the day long tournament held at the Sheraton hotel on March 28th in Richmond Hill, Ontario. The fact that it was held at a prestigious hotel and not a sports arena afforded me some hope that I would not be thrown into a duel to the death with some ear-chewing Ultimate Fighting fanatic, but would be participating in a more cultured and civilized event.

What first struck me (only figuratively) as I entered the hotel foyer early that Saturday morning, was the spectacle of a myriad of figures attired in dazzling multi-coloured costumes. Jumbles of sashaying crimson and cerulean sashes, bundles of decorative swords clacking against colossal spears and the swish of silken robes; the scene before me resembled a Marti Gras more than a combatant's tournament.

The first activity of the day was a seminar dubbed as an introduction to the snake 'short' form. Wikipedia defines a Kung-Fu form as a '...series of predetermined movements

combined so they can be practiced as one linear set of movements.' This Kung-Fu seminar was presented by its creator, Sigung (Grand Master) Dave Chong. The students were a rather variegated bunch: a sprinkling of young white belts, some wobbly orange belts (I'll speak for myself here), samplings of dashing red and purple belts and a large group of crisp looking black belts. Sigung Chong proved to be exceedingly patient and attentive as he led us through the graceful movements and rapid strikes that emulated the actions of an attacking snake.

The afternoon competitions included Kung-Fu forms, weapons forms, Karate katas (actual Japanese translation for kata is 'exercise': in Karate we exercise our forms) and kumite (pronounced koom-ə-tay) or sparring. The Kung-Fu events were exhilarating to watch: animated displays of graceful leaps, spins, elongated dips and intricate hand flourishes.



We performed our katas in front of panels of judges who presided over the events with a proper mix of solemnity and levity. Throughout the competition, the message was: Have fun but never at the expense of being disrespectful or discourteous to others. I can't say I didn't have the jitters before my kata and sparring competitions, but the judges and referees were obviously passionate about maintaining a supportive and safe environment for all contestants.

Kata competition over, it was now time for kumite (sparring). The kumite competition at this tournament was billed as non-contact sparring. Not all clubs endorse sparring competitions because of its association with 'sport', which some argue compromises the 'art' form of a given martial art style. Some

martial art styles that emphasize the combat aspects of their training over health or spiritual development contend that non-contact sparring does not mimic actual fighting and so really just becomes a game of tag. Shihan Yamanaka holds that kumite can help improve a practitioner's timing, continuity of movement skills and to hone strategic instincts. Our Shihan maintains sparring is great exercise, is fun, and most importantly encourages enduring friendships between participants.

Kumite combatants were dressed in specialized helmets, teeth guards, body padding, and gloves. It might be called non-contact, but nobody was taking any chances. Each sparring match was lead by a principal referee with a complement of four other officials each posted at a corner of the ring. Each competitor in turn was informed that this was a non-contact event, so that punches or kicks would not have to 'land' to be counted as points. In fact any aggressive behaviour could result in a warning or possible deduction of points. Even the novices got the point; you're not there to pommel your opponent but to try and demonstrate what you've learned from all of your hard training in your dedicated art.

The Greenwood gang was indeed 'green' in tournament experience but we filled up our duffel bags with more than our share of Asian-styled crouching tiger and not-so-hidden dragon trophies to grace our bookshelves and cabinets.

The tournament culminated in a luxurious banquet and we were entertained by demonstrations that showcased artful talent set to music and slapstick humour. One memorable highlight included a kung-fu master dressed as Elvis engaged in a stylized combat against a host of adversaries set to the music of _____ (I laughed so hard at the time I forget the Elvis tune), while hungrily devouring a party barrel of fried chicken legs. Perhaps the best part of this tournament was the opportunity to make new friends. To meet so many people that adhere to the practice of discipline, form, grace, and non-aggression, was a truly inspiring experience for all who attended.

Rory MacKinnon (novice Greenwood Dojo student)
rory@con-tech.ca

Further Reading:

1. Inquiries to the Greenwood Dojo can be made at mamasan18@hotmail.com or by calling Brenda Yamanaka at 905-428-8333.
2. More information on the Canadian Karate Kung-fu Association can be found at www.ckka.com.
3. I've found the 'lineage' and 'ju-jitsu' links at www.brunelkarate.com to have the most comprehensive information on Shihan Ron Yamanaka.
4. Yudansha Kobujitsu Karate-Doh Federation (YKKF) is an association founded by Shihan Yamanaka. Information on this group can be found at www.ykkf.com.



The Greenwood Village Festival...

...Needs Sponsors and Donations



The historic Hamlet of Greenwood, Ontario would like to invite you to be a part of the

8th Annual Greenwood Village Festival

Sept. 13th, 2008

This is a fundraising event – all monies raised are used to support our Youth Program, Pre-school program and other community events.

Over the past few years our attendance has grown substantially – we hope to see more than 600 people join us in 2008. And we would love you to be part of it.

Here's what we need:

- Prizes for the various games
- Goods or certificates valued at \$100 or more for our live auction
- Cash donations
- Goods in kind (e.g. food for BBQ)



www.greenwoodevents.ca

Please contact Annette Ainsbury at info@greenwoodevents.ca if you are able to provide us with your support.

T-e-n-n-i-s

Tennis Brunch



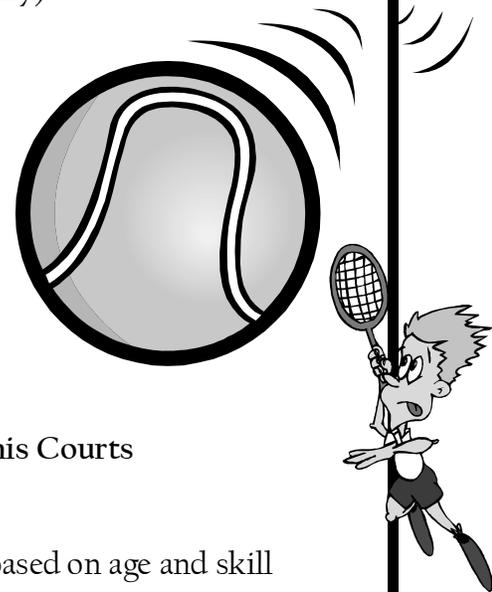
Sunday May 4th (Rain or Shine)?

10am to 1pm

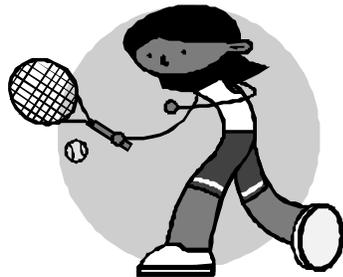
Greenwood Community Centre

- Renew your annual memberships*
\$25.00 Family / \$15.00 Individual Membership
- Brunch served at 10am
(\$3.00 per person or \$10 per family)?
- Bring your racquets!

Contact Dave Laskey 905-427-4023



Kids Tennis Lessons



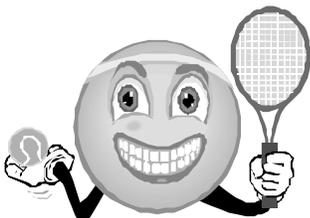
Grades 1 and up

Each Monday, May 26 to June 23

Greenwood Community Centre Tennis Courts

- 45 mins. classes
- Students are placed in classes based on age and skill
- Tennis Coach Albert Mueller
- \$50.00 per child

Register with Nicole Hale at 905-686-1732 before April 30th



Private / Semi Private Lessons

\$42 per hour, max 4 in a group

Contact Albert Mueller directly 905-576-8310

***Please note:** You must be a current member of the Greenwood Tennis Club in order to use the courts.