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**Steven Thompson, left, watches as his father Shane Thompson sinks** a putt to give their team an eagle on the ninth hole at the Seven Spruce Golf Course thanks to a long drive by Scott McIntosh. See inside for more on the Canadian Zinc Open, which drew a record number of golfers to the course.

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John Kearney, president of Canadian Zinc Corporation, third from left, and Shane Thompson, president of the Seven Spruce Golf Course, right, congratulate the second place team at the Canadian Zinc Open including, from left, Alan Taylor, Kevin Menicoche, John Moreau and Darrell Littlechild.

# Tournament breaks record

More than 80 golfers hit the greens during Canadian Zinc Open

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A two-day tournament broke attendance records at the Seven Spruce Golf Course.

Eighty-two golfers on 21 teams participated in the Canadian Zinc Open, making it the largest golf tournament to date in Fort Simpson, according to Shane Thompson, the club's president.

He thanked the Canadian Zinc Corporation for making the tournament, which is now in its eighth year, better with each passing golf season.

"You guys have made it huge," he said during the clos-

ing ceremony for the tournament on Aug. 12.

Thompson also thanked golfers from other communities including Hay River, Fort Liard and Yellowknife for participating. Out of town golfers help make the tournament bigger and raises the morale of the club, he said. Canadian Zinc also brought 13 of its staff members to the event.

A Hay River team secured first place in the tournament. Mike King, Greg Rowe, Curtis Rowe and Kevin Campbell finished with 127, 17 under par after 36 holes of golf. Close behind, with 129, was the Fort Simpson team

of Kevin Menicoche, John Moreau, Darrell Littlechild and Alan Taylor, with Canadian Zinc.

The team finished its first 18 holes six under par on Aug. 11 and concluded with nine under par the next day. The team's drives and iron shots were all straight forward, said Menicoche.

"We had lots of lucky putting," he said.

Two eagles helped the team earn its low score. On Saturday on hole four Moreau's drive helped Littlechild land on the front green with the second shot.

An approximately 15-foot putt by Littlechild secured

the eagle. The second eagle came on hole three on Sunday. Moreau's drive set Menicoche up with a three-wood pitch to the green. An approximately 20-foot putt by Menicoche cinched the deal.

"The whole team just cheered," he said.

An eagle also featured on the score card of the third place team. Travis Hanna, Rylan Hardisty-Gillis, Shawn Gillis and Darren Hardisty finished with 132.

The tournament started well for the team on Saturday with a birdie on hole four, the team's first hole.

On hole five, Hardisty-Gillis drove the ball into the rough in front of the green. Gillis sunk his chip to give the team an eagle and place them five under

at the start of the day.

Things just kept going well from there, said Hardisty. The team was nine under on their first day and three under on Sunday.

Hardisty-Gillis, who has a long drive and an additional advantage because he can play from the juniors' tees, really contributed to the team's score, said Hardisty.

With his drives the team was only 40 to 50 yards from the green on every hole.

Hardisty said he enjoyed the tournament and it was nice to see people from out of town participate.

"It was a great turnout," he said.

John Kearney, the president of the Canadian Zinc Corporation, said he is happy to see the tournament grow.

## fact FILE AWARDS

### Closest to the Pin

Men: Ron Uitylugt, Jason Coakwell  
Women: Sheila Pollard  
Seniors: John Moreau  
Juniors: Rylan Hardisty-Gillis, Adrien Tremblay

### Longest Drive

Men: Jim Antoine, Mike King  
Women: Lisa MacKenzie both days  
Seniors: Scott McIntosh, Ted Grant  
Juniors: Steven Thompson, Rylan Hardisty-Gillis

### Longest Putt

Men: Kirby Groat, Darren Hardisty  
Women: Phyllis Harris  
Seniors: Ted Grant  
Juniors: Adrien Tremblay, Steven Thompson

Source: Canadian Zinc Open



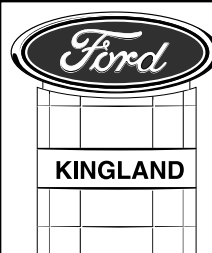
Kim Hardisty pitches her ball to the green on the fifth hole during the second day of the Canadian Zinc Open.

**SAGE FABRE-DIMSDALE**

## SPORTS CARD SPEEDSKATING

Age: 10  
Fort Simpson

Sage attended a speed skating camp at the Olympic Oval in Calgary where he met members of the national speed skating team last month. At the camp, Sage said he learned how to keep a steady basic position for longer and also learned some new dry-land training exercises.



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# STREET talk

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## What do you enjoy about golfing?



**Adrien Tremblay**  
"I like everything about golfing."



**Steven Thompson**  
"Getting the longest drive."



**Scott McIntosh**  
"I like going out early in the morning and the peacefulness and quietness of the course."



**Wilbert Antoine**  
"The camaraderie of people who are golfers. Most of the golfers here are here to have a good time."



**Darrell Littlechild**  
"The company, it's good to see new golfers coming out."



**Lorayne Moses**  
"I like golfing because it makes me happy and relaxed."

# Youth of the week



## JOSHUA LAFFERTY

Working with people from the community is one thing that Lafferty likes about his summer job.

"It's a friendly environment," he said.

Lafferty, 16, has been working with Liidlii Kue First Nation for two summers. He started in 2010 and, after taking a summer off, was rehired this year.

His duties have included setting up for conferences, feasts and other community events.

For the Dehcho First Nations' annual assembly, Lafferty learned how to set up teepees. Among the instructions were how to properly treat the poles and tie them.

He said his job has allowed him to work with a lot of different organizations including Nogha Enterprises Ltd. and the Canadian Zinc Corporation.

During the summer Lafferty was also able to work with some elders in Fort Simpson and cook meat for them.

This fall he will be entering Grade 12 at Thompson Simpson School. After he graduates Lafferty would like to pursue sound engineering with either a radio station or as a DJ.

## Horoscopes Aug. 16-23

**ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20** Aries, don't worry when a conflict arises at work. Things will simmer down rather quickly, so don't spend much time thinking about finding a resolution.

**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21** Taurus, there's no time like the present to embark on that home improvement you've been considering. Encourage others to give you some friendly assistance.

**GEMINI - May 22/June 21** Gemini, if you've been thinking about taking a trip, now is the time to do so. Grab a friend or family member to take the ride with you and it will be much more fun.

**CANCER - June 22/July 22** Cancer, you have been feeling under the weather, and you can't seem to bounce back quickly. Rest is key this week. There's no point in getting even more run down.

**LEO - July 23/Aug 23** Lions may be the king of the jungle, Leo, but this week you're having trouble mustering a meow. Get your energy back so that you can enjoy your birthday.

**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22** Virgo, a move you made a few weeks back is not panning out as you had hoped. You just can't seem to get along with your new housemate. It may be time to move again.

**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23** It seems you have been taking advantage of loved ones, Libra, and now is the time to change your ways. Do more for those you love and you will receive it in return.

**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22** Scorpio, you want to run the show this week and others will be anxious to let you. Don't let the power go to your head or else you'll make enemies very quickly.

**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21** A friend in need has you running, Sagittarius. But don't be so quick to jump every time this person beckons or else the situation could get out of control very quickly.

**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20** A lot on your plate at work, Capricorn? If you feel like you're doing too much it may be time to start speaking up about your workload. Don't get worn out.

**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18** The finances should be an open book with your partner, Aquarius. Controlling spending is a way to cause arguments; this is a two-way street. Start seeing it as so.

**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20** Pisces, if plans don't work out the way you expected this week don't get discouraged. Bounce back and set a new agenda.

# Feeling pressure to let girlfriend move in with me

I am a male in my late 20s in a long-distance relationship with a girl two years younger than me. We met a year and a half ago when she moved into my building, and when we lived there we had a great time. It was the best of both worlds. We were close enough to be together and still had our own space.

Then, through a snag in the health-care program I was in, I thought I would be moving back home with my parents to intern at a local hospital. Instead I ended up moving in with my girlfriend for three months because I couldn't afford rent where I was.

During this time she got another, much better job as an assistant manager at a restaurant, then lost it when the manager fired her to pay the bar manager more. It was a very shifty situation all around. When I was almost done with my program, she decided to move in with her parents.

Fast forward two months. I graduated and got a job across the country. She continued living with her parents. She was unhappy with the weather, unhappy with living on unemployment, and unhappy with everything else. Take your pick.

I understood because I was once on unemployment for 14 months after being laid off. But every time I pointed out something she could do with her life, she shot it down derisively.

Now she comes out west for a brief visit. At first it was fine. She was only supposed to be here two days, and that was it. But she missed her flight and had to stay another two days to catch another one, which I paid for.

During the time she was here, she expressed an interest in following me wherever I go and living together again. I am ambivalent about this. While at times I like her company, she can be annoying and obtrusive, yet I feel obligated after staying with her for a few months.

## DIRECT Answers

with Wayne & Tamara Mitchell

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On the other hand, I don't want to bring any more baggage than necessary to a new city and profession. I want to stretch my wings and see how I do on my own. I don't want to get married now, and I can see she's already thinking that way.

Her stepdad and mom are asking when she is leaving, as if it's already set when I settle in permanently she will move in with me. I don't want to hurt her. Is there any way to do this?

Trevor

Trevor, boys dream of being heroes by rescuing damsels in distress and standing up to evil. Mature men know moments of courage don't come to us that way. They come on a much smaller scale.

In a boy's imagination, courage and cowardice are opposites. Grown men understand what is courage in one situation may be cowardice in another. Just as it takes courage for an unfeeling man to be kind, it takes courage for a compassionate man to be firm.

You are a helper by profession and your natural inclination is to soothe her hurt, but you know you two don't belong together. You tried to offer her a hand up, but you can't offer her a handout.

Life is now opening doors for you. You are educated, you can travel, your life is just beginning. But as fast as those doors open for you, she can slam those doors shut. It is as if she is saying, "My life is a mess, will you take care of me?"

Let her know you are not the one for her, she is not the one for you, and you need to part amicably. If you owe money for the time you stayed with her, settle that debt.

Doing what is right but hard takes courage, the kind of courage grown men possess.

Wayne & Tamara

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