

In the Community – Charity Fundraiser

“Taking it all off for cancer” at Rink-Pro Sports

It was heads up at Rink-Pro Sports in Stittsville last Saturday, April 10.

It was all to help in the fight against cancer as Rink-Pro Sports owner Luc Forget and four others all took part in a “Taking it all off for cancer” event that saw them give up their hair to fight cancer.

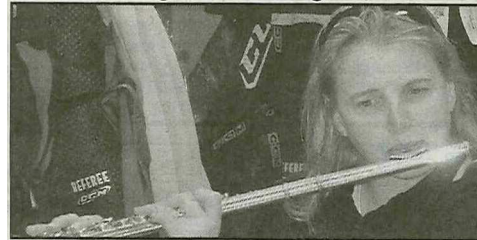
Three, including Luc, had their heads shaved totally, with Luc also having his moustache and chin beard shaved off as well.

Two had their long hair shorn so that it can be used in the making of wigs for those who lose their hair while undergoing cancer treatment.

Hair stylist Dana Storry from the next-door Karma Hair Studio at the Jackson Trails Centre Plaza was busy for about 45 minutes as she took the hair off the five heads, using a razor and sometimes her good old scissors.

All of this took place in the Rink-Pro Sports store in the presence of about 25 on-lookers as well as members of the Stittsville community band and city of Ottawa Stittsville ward councillor Shad Qadri. Indeed, Mr. Qadri is no stranger to head shaving, as he has had his head shaved a number of times for similar worthy causes, going back to a much-remembered event several years ago when his head shaving was part of a major fundraising initiative to help out the late Tori Carswell, a Stittsville youngster who was battling a rare form of cancer.

The Stittsville community band was on hand at the store, playing several tunes while also supporting Mr. Forget who plays drums with the band.



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Christine Philipson of the Stittsville community band plays the flute during the band's performance at the Rink-Pro Sports head shaving fundraising event for the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation in Stittsville last Saturday.

Just after 1 p.m., Mr. Forget was the first one to go under the razor, as it were, but he did not go all the way. Instead, Ms. Storry responded to his wish and created a Mohawk cut by basically cutting off all of the hair on the side of his head.

As Luc returned to his drum set to continue playing with the band, his place was taken by ten year old Hayley Appel who had all of her hair shaved off by the razor. Applause greeted her smiling face beneath her bald head as she emerged from her razoring.

Next up was her sister, Alyssa Appel, also 10, with her longer hair. She gave up many inches of it, slated to go for wig-making for cancer patients. This is the second time that she has done this to help cancer patients. But Alyssa did not have all of her hair shaved off, unlike her sister.

Next up was ten year old Dylan Brown who entered the chair with long hair but emerged with a completely bald noggin.

Katrine Forget, Luc's daughter, then went

under the knife, as it were and like Alyssa, she had inches of her long hair shorn, also for future wig-making for cancer patients.

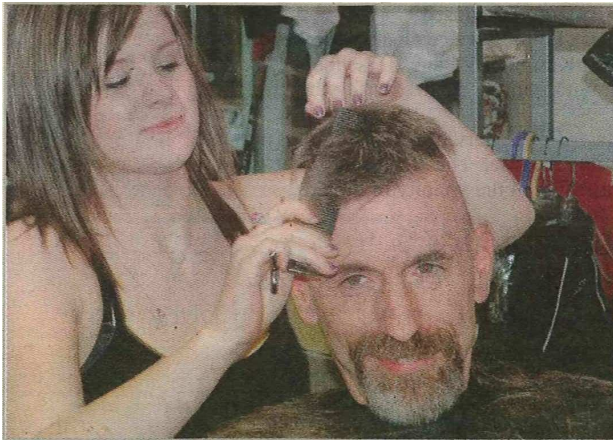
Luc was then back in the chair himself, with the recently created Mohawk cut taken off, followed by his moustache and chin beard, giving him a totally bald head and face look. Applause from the onlookers greeted his new look.

All in all, when it was all said and done, just under \$1,000 was raised for the Ottawa

Regional Cancer Foundation through pledges and fundraising which is continuing this week to raise even more funds which will be donated at the "Survivorship Social Cancer Fundraiser" in Ottawa this coming Saturday, April 17.

There was a raffle draw held in conjunction with the hair shaving event.

All in all, it was very worthwhile time spent to raise money for a very worthwhile cause – a 'hair, hair' cheer to all involved.



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Dana Storry, left, of Karma Hair Studio in Stittsville gives Rick-Pro Sports owner Luc Forget, right, a Mohawk cut to begin his head shaving experience to raise funds for the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation last Saturday. Eventually Luc's head was shaved totally bald and his moustache and beard went as well, all for a good cause.



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Ten year old Alyssa Appel, front, has her long hair cut for use in making a wig for cancer patients at the "Taking it all off for cancer" fundraising event for the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation at Rink-Pro Sports in Stittsville last Saturday as Dana Storry, right, of Karma Hair Studio does the cutting under the watchful eye of Karma Hair Studio owner Nicole Guthrie, left, background.



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