

## HOME OF THE WEEK

# In defence of the classic Tudor

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5010 Sideline 8 Rd. (Durham Road 5 and Sideline 8) Asking price: \$1.189-million Taxes: \$5,742 (2003)  
The Boomer, legendary Toronto Maple Leafs defenceman Bobby Baun, once owned this English Tudor home in the hamlet of Claremont.

Baun, best known for scoring the winning goal in an overtime game against the Detroit Red Wings in the 1964 Stanley Cup Final (he played an overtime period with a broken ankle), became a Maple Leaf in 1956, the same year this Claremont home was built.

An aficionado of English Tudor homes, Baun purchased it in about 1991. The current owners bought it in 1998 and renovated the home extensively in 2001, says listing agent Richard Ling, of Harvey Kalles Real Estate Ltd.

The 12-room stone-and-wood home offers more than 6,000 square feet of living space with soaring ceilings, a grand foyer with floating oak stairs, interior water fountains, a floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace, slate and ceramic floors.

The master suite is in a separate wing from the other bedrooms, Mr. Ling says. The more than 1,000-sq.-ft. master suite occupies the north wing, and features a built-in closet and a six-piece ensuite bathroom. The guest suite, which consists of two bedrooms and a sitting room, is in the south wing on the second level. There are two bedrooms on the main level. The five-bedroom, five-bathroom home has a foyer with a cathedral ceiling and a walkout to a deck, a panelled dining room with a picture window and a living room with a walkout to a patio.

The 400-sq.-ft. custom kitchen has granite counters and a built-in 125-gallon lit aquarium that divides the kitchen from the hallway. The full basement is partially finished.

The .75-hectare property has a pond, about 4,000 sq. ft. of stone patios and pathways, pillars, a stone garden set and a water fountain.

"There's the added privacy of being the only house on Sideline 8, north of County Road 5 and backing on to substantial acreage," Mr. Ling says. "The property is professionally landscaped with stands of majestic trees and a spring-fed pond with year-round trout stock."

A circular driveway leads on to the property, and to a built-in three-car garage. There is parking for 10 cars. The home enjoys a location in the hamlet of Claremont, known for "its bucolic charm, rolling hills, ponds and creeks," he says. "It's a distinctive community for Toronto's executive elite."





The grand foyer, top, of this Claremont home formerly owned by Toronto Maple Leaf great Bob Baun, features floating oak stairs. The 400-square-foot custom kitchen, above, has granite counters and a built-in 125-gallon aquarium that divides the kitchen from the hallway.