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Halton Sportsmen's shoot attracts 100 marksmen

By Peter McCusker

Blam! Kerpow!

Comic book sound effects, war noises?

No, the sound at the Halton Sportsman's Club annual Steak Shoot at its grounds on Steeles Ave. Good Friday.

Over 100 marksmen tried their hand and eye skills at trap and target-shooting in an isolated, well-policed area.

Shooters from Caledonia, Appleby Club and Hamilton Anglers and Hunters Association, HAHA, joined Milton's best and even a few carloads from Alliston were on hand.

HSA president, Al Campbell said safety was of prime importance, especially when children are around.

He told The Champion insurance companies rate trap shooting 10th on their list of dangerous sports.

Shoots are so well policed that there has not been one death in North America.

Campbell is a safe hunting instructor.

To obtain a hunting licence, he said a person must undergo examinations in gun control, safety and proper usage.

The average gunner at the weekend shoot used a box of shells, about 25 for $1 each. The more avid sharpshooters were banging off 50 shells.

Shotguns were used instead of hunting rifles. There is a difference in the way the gun is fired, Campbell said.

"You aim a rifle, not a shotgun!" said Russ Rogers of the HAHA club. A shotgun is pointed with accuracy.

There were two main events, target and trap.

In target, gunners shoot at a four-inch circular card. The holes in the card are counted and the gunner with the most pellets going into the circle is the winner.

The better shotguns will have a tighter formation of shot over the long distance.

In the trap-shoot clay pigeons are released and single shooters and buddy-buddy teams fire on their turn.

Only the guns which are to be shot are loaded. Others keep breeches open and shells in their pockets. This is a safety precaution.

What makes a good shooter? Practice, said Campbell.

He named Jim Smith, Brian Mortimer and Don Kearney as three of the association's best.

With each card, or group of 20 gunners, there is a winner.

Bob Black Jr. and John Royce cleaned up in the buddy-buddy trap shoot, going 16 straight without a miss or misfire. They were pressed by Ron Alton and George Breckon who went 15 straight before their first miss.

In a buddy-buddy shoot, one gun is to fire at the pigeon. If the first gun misses the second man is there as a backup. But only the designated gun can be fired first.

If the undesignated gun is fired first, the pigeon is called "a lost bird" and counts as a miss. Each time a miss occurs, that team is dropped out of the running until eventually a winning pair is declared.

At stake in Saturday's shooting match were steaks.

The HSA holds two shoots annually, the steak shoot and a turkey shoot around Christmas. Of course turkeys are won, not shot.

There are shooting trophies handed out at the annual HSA dinner for the most improved shooter, the Robertson-Coulson Trophy for the top shooter for 25 consecutive birds at 16 yards and an award for beginners.

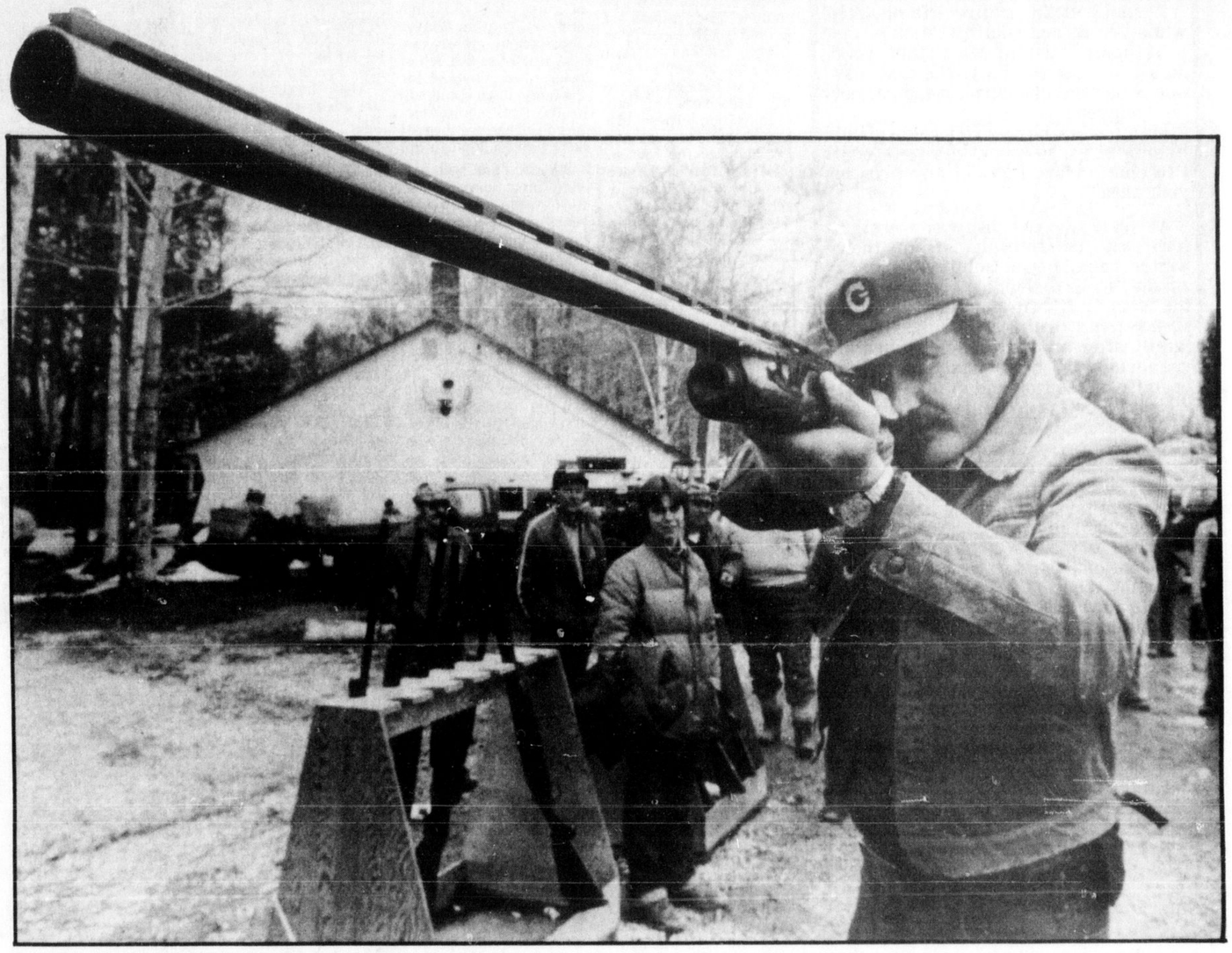
Many of the veterans at HSA help instruct new members with their shooting and encourage them to get out to the club and practice as often as possible.

Campbell said shooting is hand and eye control, and co-ordination.

JIM ROBERTSON is about to take aim at a four-inch square card which sits in front of an old mattress at the shoot Friday.

COMPARING FIREARMS, Brian Mortimer points at Al Campbell's shotgun and laughs. Meanwhile Jim Smith puts his in for comparison, although no one would dare laugh at Jim. These three men are reported to be the best shots in the HSA.

RON ALTON AND GEORGE BRECKON WENT 16 pigeons straight in the buddy-buddy shoot to win their card Friday afternoon at the Halton Sportsmen's Club annual steak shoot.



TAKING AIM IS HALTON SPORTSMEN'S president Al Campbell. He was one of a 100 marksmen to participate in the association's steak shoot at the HSA club house on Steeles Ave. Good Friday.

In Winnipeg

Midgets struggle in final take consolation title

By Peter McCusker

A CP Air jet taxied into its dock at Toronto International Airport and let off a tired Canadian Tire major midget hockey team from Milton at 10.30 p.m. Sunday.

They had just returned from winning the consolation title in a Winnipeg Tournament, a trip which cost $4,500. but was worth it.

Team manager John Bain said it was a super tournament and a trip to remember for the boys, all 16-17 years old. Over 56 teams competed in all divisions, eight in the midgets, and the competition was tough.

The locals flew to Winnipeg Thursday morning at 6 a.m. and faced their first opposition at 10 that evening.

But the opposition, River East, were the City of Winnipeg champs and they outclassed the tired locals.

Assistant coach Jack Duimstra said River East would beat our Jr. Flyers. "God, were they big—giants! Not one player was less than 190 lbs.," he said.

River East were also Air Canada finalists in the national midget tournament, formerly known as the Wrigley.

Milton fell 5-0 in the opening game and were swept to the consolation round.

The second game played Friday afternoon against Barrie Co-ops was even more frustrating.

According to manager Bain, Milton outplayed and outshot Barrie, but Milton lost 4-1. The lone Milton tally was fired by Richard Shannon from Ed Gaeton. The goaltenders Eric Pinkney and Rob Goencz split net-minding duties.

But even after two losses the locals still had a chance to bring home some hardware. They entered the consolation championships where they defeated Shoal Lake of Manitoba, Saturday evening.

In the opening period Mark Reynolds lit up the scoreboard with Dave Flemington and Paul Butler assisting 1.54 into the play. At 7.50 Ivo Zulian scored from Jeff Heggie and at 13.31, Rich Shannon netted his goal. Again Heggie assisted.

Four seconds into the middle frame, Shoal Lake's Gerald Gensorek scored for the lone second period goal. Rob Goencz started the game but Pinkney took his shift.

Pinkney's shift was shortened when he was thrown out of the game with a major misconduct. Goencz took the rest of the contest.

Two minutes into the third period the score was 3-2 as Scott Medd put Shoal Lake back into the contest.

An insurance goal was netted by Zulian from Gaeton and Mark Reynolds almost two minutes after the Shoal goal.

Milton won 4-2.

While not playing hockey, most of the CTC crew relaxed in the domed pool at the International Inn of Winnipeg. Some members took short tours of the city. Manager Bain was pleased with the boys' behavior.

Shortly before their second game with Barrie, Zulian, Mark Reynolds, Shannon and Brad Weller were caught in the hotel elevator. Being Good Friday, the hotel had to call a repair man to release the boys.

To pay for the trip the team used $3,000 raised by their fund-raising draw. Wintario kicked in $1,500.

Bain reported plenty of snow in the capital

Competing in the division with Milton were the MMS Stars of Winnipeg, Silver Foxes of Regina Saskatchewan, Trans-Conna Railers of Winnipeg, Shoal Lake, River East Royals, Barrie, and Winnipeg South Monarchs.

Soccer Moms down empty meeting hall

Sarma Bija was disappointed with the response of the mothers of Milton Youth Soccer Club players who didn't come to their meeting held two weeks ago.

She said she thought at least someone of the 400 potential mothers would have come. But no, only eight or so mothers who want to initiate an auxiliary, were on hand.

The meeting was held at the Optimists Youth Centre between 1.30 and 3.30 p.m. and invited all soccer moms to come.

Participation in the soccer mother's auxiliary doesn't mean having to come to meetings. The mothers are organizing to help raise money for their boys and girls activity for equipment and necessary items.

The next meeting for the mothers is scheduled for May 6 just before the season kicks off.

Interested ladies can call Mrs. Bija, secretary at 854-2249.

Hornby farm set for equestrian trial

The Horse Place on Trafalgar Rd. will be the setting June 28, for one of three regional equestrian trials for the selection of the 1979-80 Canadian Equestrian Team Olympic Talent Squad.

The Talent Squad was developed in 1978 with the support of Coca-Cola Ltd. and the Olympic Trust of Canada. It is designed to identify, assist, encourage and develop young riders just below international status.

The former Sam-Son Farms on Trafalgar Rd. was the base for last year's central region trial.

Riders will compete at 16 provincial trials in nine provinces for the right to attend regional trials, at which the top fouriders will be named to the squad.

Participation in the provincial trials, which will be known as the Coca-Cola Ltd. Cup, will be limited to Canadian citizens between the ages of 16 and 25, of amateur status, who are not currently on the Canadian team "Short List" and have not been a member of the Senior International Jumping Team.

Members of the Canadian Equestrian team Olympic Talent Squad will participate in a two week training camp prior to the Coca-Cola Ltd. Cup National Finals in September.

Following the finals, the Athletes will participate in special training clinics at various intervals throughout 1979 and 1980.

The winner of the Coca-Cola Ltd. National Finals will attend the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow with the Canadian Equestrian Team, as an observer.

Negotiations are also underway to enable the leading five riders to spend a period of time competing on the 1980 Florida circuit under the tutelage of Olympic Talent Squad coach Ronnie Mutch.

Moms appreciated by MMH president

Dear Sir,

As you have read in your paper in our Minor Hockey Association we have a group of dedicated mothers who call themselves Minor Hockey Auxiliary. The President of this group Mrs. Jessamine Swance along with Alva Howden, Eleanor Riding, Marg Benton. These ladies along with a few other Conveners do a great deal of work for Minor Hockey.

The Auxiliary holds a dance in the fall as well as a Christmas Bazaar and in the spring they hold another dance. They work in the ticket booth during rep games as well as during the Beaver Tournament and the Four Town Tournament.

The money these ladies make goes towards the bun-feed for the boys at the end of the season. They also put on the coaches and manager banquet. They also purchase all of the keeper trophies given to the boys at the conclusion of the year and crests for every boy and girl in MMHA.

The membership of this group is small so as a result a few are called upon to do a great deal of work. I realize many of the other mothers bake when they are asked and also wait on tables during the banquets, wash dishes and do many other duties, but the Mothers would also like you to attend their meetings and become a member of their group.

I know a lot of the mothers of the boys are just waiting to be asked so why instead of waiting why not just phone one of the above ladies. I'm quite sure they would be glad to hear from you.

They also are having an annual meeting coming up soon so keep your eye open for the time and date and place. I'm sure they would like to have a large attendance at this meeting.

Jessamine, on behalf of all the people in Minor Hockey I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and all of your ladies. The trophy cases, the crests are superb.

Joe McCann
Milton Minor Hockey Assoc.

Bowling

RATEPAYERS
April 10

Ladies' high single, Glenda Cardinell 336, ladies' high triple, Glenda Cardinell 750, men's high single, Russ Brown 292, men's high triple, Russ Brown 780.

Other top singles Jackie Hall 329, Norm White 282, Charlie Parchem 275, Gord Gent 272, Carol Tosh 271.

Other top triples Gord Gent 712, Charlie Parchem 688, Jackie Hall 684, Norm White 660, Alan Lewis 651.

Euchre Two team won 5 for 123, The O.K.'s 4 for 112, Marg's Morons 3 for 110, The Spitfires 7 for 107, Bob's Boobs 2 for 105, The Chumps 5 for 101, Judy's Jokers 2 for 94, Numfutzers 0 for 92, Mary's Angels 5 for 90, Heartaches 2 for 81.