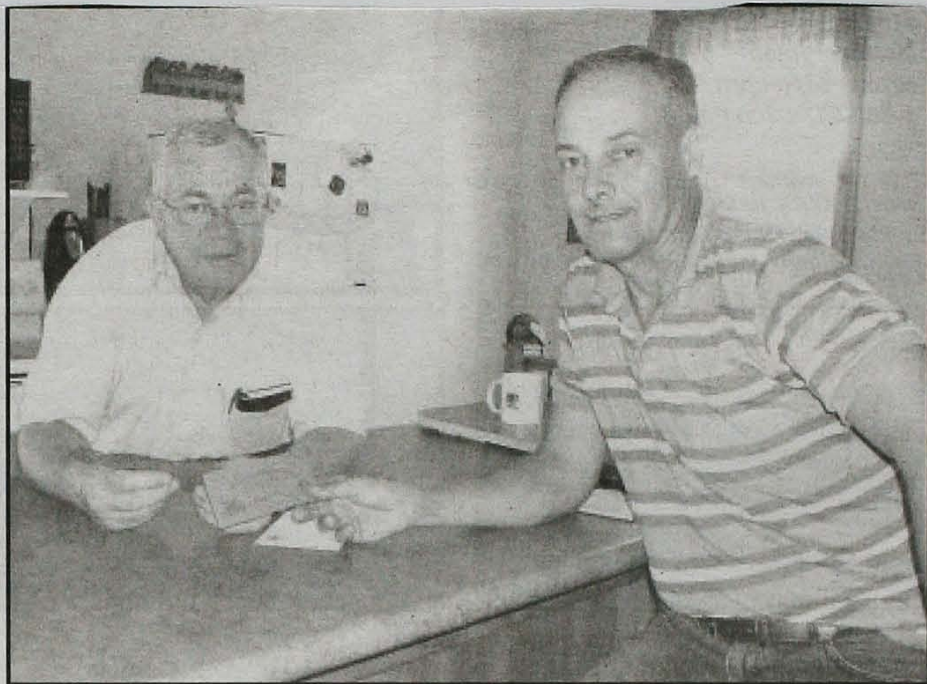


**The First Step: Advance Tickets
For The 2008 IPM**
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Above: Carl Weins and Len Kraemer counting advance IPM tickets.

As the 2008 Bruce County International Plowing Match (IPM) gets progressively closer, it is time to take steps to attend, and the first step could be the purchase of advance tickets.

Carl Weins and Len Kraemer of the Gates and Tickets Committee stated that their Committee's goal is to create a positive first impression, a "lasting good impression" of the Bruce County IPM. Since the primary function of the Gates and Tickets Committee is to sell tickets for entry into Tented City, the 2008 IPM Gates and Tickets Committee plans to get people through one of the five gates as quickly as possible with short or no lineups. The key to both speed and a good impression is organization that includes proper training and signage, but if there is a glitch in the process, "solutions will have been anticipated." Signage is being obtained and the necessary training has been organized. In fact, advance training for all the volunteers who will be at the gates will be held on Tuesday, 2 September, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall between Mildmay and Walkerton.

One step to avoid lineups at the gates is to sell advance tickets, and advance tickets have been on sale since December 2007. Every month a person who has purchased a package of six tickets is eligible for a draw with prizes from local restaurants and eating establishments: Dec 2007, Dunkeld Restaurant, Chepstow - Phyllis Hammell, Belmore; Jan 2008, Walker's Landing, Walkerton - Mike McDonagh, South Bruce; Feb 2008, Pizza Delight, Walkerton - Jim & Judy Sloan, Walkerton; Mar 2008, Maitland Restaurant, Wingham - I. S. Parker, Lucknow; Apr 2008, Redwood Restaurant, Clifford - Myrna Inglis, Walkerton; May 2008, Sandy's Restaurant, Mildmay - Wayne Hartung, Gowans town; Jun 2008, The Anchor, Wingham - Len & Judy Kraemer, Walkerton; Jul 2008, Gilley's Feedlot, Kincardine - not drawn; Aug 2008, Top Notch Restaurant, Warton - not

drawn; and Sep 2008, Godfathers, Wingham - not drawn.

Carl Weins and Len Kraemer stated that the purchase of advance tickets will save \$5.00 per ticket in relation to tickets bought at the gate. Tickets at the gate are \$15.00 per adult ticket, so "it is worth it to purchase advance tickets." Advance tickets will only be available until 1 Sep 2008, but are now available locally at the following locations: 1) Mildmay Co-operative, Mildmay @ 519-367-2657; 2) Lucknow & District Co-operative Inc., Lucknow @ 519-529-7953 or 1-800-476-5827; 3) Greenlee's Restaurant, Clifford @ 519-327-8499; 4) Northridge Tractor, Walkerton @ 519-881-2231 or Chatsworth @ 519-794-2480; 5) Liddle's Restaurant, Ripley @ 519-395-4455; 6) Mary's Family Restaurant, Lucknow @ 519-528-3309; 7) Libro Credit Union, Wingham @ 519-357-3211; 8) Watson's Home Hardware, Gorrie @ 519-335-3551; 9) Beau & Chickadee Restaurant, Belmore @ 519-392-7088; 10) Boomer's Cosy Restaurant, Teeswater @ 519-392-6888; 11) Holst Office Supplies, Walkerton @ 519-881-0331; 12) McCullough Fuels, Paisley @ 519-353-5267; 13) Colbeck Flame Family Restaurant, Highway #9 near Arthur @ 519-848-6444; 14) Top Notch Restaurant, Warton @ 519-534-1310; and 15) the 2008 IPM Headquarters, Teeswater @ 519-392-6556 or 1-877-IPM-2008. Advance tickets can also be ordered by email ipm2008@wightman.ca or mail @ Box 299, Teeswater, ON, N0G 2S0. If ordering by mail: cheques should be made payable to Bruce 2008 IPM and \$1.00 should be added for shipping and postage expenses.

Come Home to Country and visit the 2008 Bruce County IPM. Purchase advance tickets at a saving of \$5.00 per ticket.