

Walter Grohman's dogs are among the friendliest.

As spectators filter past, the animals strain at their chains,

looking for a little human contact. One hesitant hand is extended and the animals dissolve into whimpering puppies, rolling over and begging to be played with just a little longer.

The fascination with the sport is hard to explain, said the Oak Ridges man. You get one dog and it makes you "crazy."

While fewer spectators came out this year because of wet weather, organizer Kathy Gale said the event was still "a good time."

The winners at the two-day event were: Dan Rebuli, of Schomberg, in the three-dog class; Rose Weir, of Hanover, in the six-dog class; Michael Kirby, of Guelph, in the novice one-dog race; Kim Shiafone, of Cambridge, in the junior one-dog and Dave Facini, of Toronto, in the adult one-dog.

## Bruce Ski Club news

The Bruce Ski Club will be hosting a ski tour on Saturday, February 27th. The tour will take place at Purple Valley, on the trail usually used during the Groundhog Festival weekend. Participants will meet at one o'clock at the entrance to the trail, which is on the Purple Valley Road, 1½ km West of Bruce County Road #9. Participants are asked to park their cars on the sideroad just past Hepburn's Saw Mill. The 8 km trail leads to the Purple Valley Community Centre, where refreshments will be available. Those needing additional information may contact Gladys Jeffrey at 534-0869.

In the celebrity race, Owen Sound's Harry Lumley raised the most money for cystic fibrosis, bringing in \$560 in pledges. The winner was Paul Martindale, di-

rector of the Bruce County Board of Education.

Vic Dodd, of Creemore, and Spike took top spot in the weight pull class.

# Homecare, Purple Valley finish on top

Broomball will enter its second season as the playoffs begin tomorrow evening. Should last week's action be any indication of what the playoffs hold in store, the fans are in for a real treat.

Homecare finished the season with a perfect 15-0-0 record in the ladies division. Congratulations girls. The Bandits and Budlets finished their season as they have played all year long, the game ending in a one goal number in the win column, they have been steadily improving and we all know that anything can happen in the playoffs.

The men's division went right down to the wire with

Purple Valley and Pro Hardware battling it out for the first place for the last month. Amazingly enough the two teams ended up in a first place tie, but the nod goes to the Valley by virtue of a better seasonal record against Pro.

Be sure to check the arena schedule for game times. Game times will descend an hour each game, so if your game tomorrow night is at 10:00 your next game will be at 9:00, then 8:00, etc. As well we will be playing Sunday nights beginning Feb. 28th, #1 plays #3, #2 plays #4.

Good luck to every team!  
Feb. 18th Results

Homecare 7 Brew Crew 0  
Homecare nailed down their 15th straight victory

### Purple Valley 4 Oilphant 1

You know the playoffs aren't far off when the referees hand out 22 minutes in penalties and a game misconduct. The Oilers scored first in this hard fought contest on a shot from Barry Arnold just minutes into the game. But the Valley exploded with two goals in each period to go on and beat the Oilers 4-1. Byron Bray found his scoring touch and he will need to lead the Valley into the playoffs, picking up a hat trick and adding an assist on Dale Heathers goal. Kelly Hellyer set up two of Brays goals and Ken Hardman got the other assist.

### FINAL STANDINGS

#### Ladies'

Homecare 15-0-0 = 30  
Homecare 8-6-1 = 17  
Bandits 5-9-1 = 11  
Brew Crew 0-13-2 = 2

#### MENS

Purple Valley 9-3-3 = 21  
Pro Hardware 9-3-3 = 21  
Clavering 7-5-3 = 17  
Oilphant 8-7-0 = 16  
Oxenden 6-8-1 = 13  
Marshuns 0-13-2 = 2

with this convincing win over the Brew Crew. Sheila Bray led the attack, scoring 2 goals and adding 3 assists. Donna Fletcher contributed a pair and Kim West, Sheila McNeil and Carol McCauley all picked up singles. McNeil also got an assist as did Betty Ann Bray, Cindy Proulx and Peggy Piercy. Cathy Gibson claimed the shutout.

### Oxenden 3 Marshuns 0

Oxenden got back on the winning track, downing the Marshuns 3-0. Dave Stewart got credit for the opening goal that got by Marshuns goalie Rick Olmstead off one of his team mates. Barry Cornfield fired a pair with Rob Hammill picking up an assist. Dale Cornfield held the Marshuns scoreless between the pipes for Oxenden.

### Budlets 2 - Bandits 1

These two teams have been fighting it out tooth and nail all season and last nights game was no exception. The Bandits struck first, half way into the opening period as Bev Garinger set up Melanie Masters with a perfect pass. Sue Givens tied the score on a pass from Darlene Kamrath before the end of the first half. With each team shorthanded Dorothy Miller saw Penny Shaw in the clear and Penny directed it in for the score and the victory.

### Pro Hdwe 2 - Clavering 1

Mike Monahan notched his first goal of this young season, early in the game on a pass from Chris Nelthorpe. But the Franchise sensing the need for a Pro win, slipped two into the Clavering net to give Pro Hardware the victory for a slim chance of ending in first place. Kevin Clarke assisted on the first Hepburn goal.

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