

DCVI skiers finish 7th, 11th

at junior national meet

By Shawn Marshall

St. Marys DCVI was well-represented last week at the Junior Canadian Nordic Ski Championship as two collegiate members, Annette Droog and Heather Brooks, travelled to Whitehorse, Yukon to take part in the elite competition.

Droog, 16, and Brooks, 15, represented both St. Marys and all of southern Ontario in the prestigious meet, which highlights the racing season for both girls.

Droog, who hails from Thornedale, placed seventh overall in the Junior girls 16-17 division, with the combined results of three races over the week-long competition.

Her best results of the meet came in the 5km classical style race, where she sped to fifth place, just over a minute off the pace.

Classical style racing consists primarily of the diagonal stride and double pole techniques, pro-

hibiting the use of the skating stroke.

She was slowed down in the skating style races, however, as she placed ninth in both the 7.5km and 10km freestyle events.

In these, the faster skating stroke is allowed, and tracks generally are not set.

The overall winner of Droog's division was Rachel Holden of Deep River, in the Ottawa region. Holden was representing the National Capital Division (NCD), while the St. Marys representatives ski for Southern Ontario (SOD).

Droog also was a member of the SOD 'A' relay team, consisting of the top three southern Ontario girls at the meet, from age 14-19.

She led off the 3x5km event, followed by Lisa Patterson of Orangeville and Jane Vincent of Burlington.

The trio placed a strong third to

capture the bronze medal, while Quebec and NCD took first and second.

The first two legs of the event were raced in classical style, while the anchor leg was freestyle. Vincent, SOD's third skier, placed fifth in a freestyle race earlier this season at the World Juniors, and won the Junior Women's 18-19 division at the Nationals.

Heather Brooks also brought back some strong results, as she skied to 10th, 12th and 13th places to earn 11th overall in the 14-15 year old division.

In the opening race, a 3.5km skating competition, Brooks took 12th spot. Although slightly disappointed, she blamed her lower placing to the intense cold and to her nerves, as she saw national competition for the first time.

She placed 13th in the 5km classical competition, her weaker of the two styles, then came back

for a strong 10th place finish in the final race, a longer 7.5 km freestyle event.

She was also a member of the SOD 'B' relay team, which placed eighth. Skiing the anchor leg, the young Grade 10 student raced behind Sue Palmer of Collingwood and Lisa Patterson of Orangeville.

Overall, both Droog and Brooks did extremely well, as St. Marys was represented nationally by two DCVI athletes for the third consecutive year, an astounding feat.

Brooks, who is now finished for the season found it "definitely" to be an inspirational experience. Although she felt she could have done a bit better, she "was pleased for a first-time experience." She added that she is "hoping for better results with more experience next season."

"I plan to focus more on skiing than running" for next year, and to continue to be involved with the

SOD program.

Droog, who was in her second year at the Nationals, has not yet returned from the Yukon, as she travelled from there down to Prince George, B.C. to take part in Canada Cup West.

Earlier this winter, she competed in Canada Cup East in Labrador.

Harold Burgin of Kirkton travelled with the SOD team in a coaching capacity as well, running splits to assist head coach Paul Granar.

The Yukon climate was reportedly excellent for the competition, although it varied from -18C at the outset to +1C by the end of the week.

Brown's WI marks St. Pat's

The lilt of Irish laughter could be heard at the March 18 meeting of Brown's Women's Institute.

Marion Harris, convener of the cultural activities group, welcomed everyone and read a poem entitled March Winds. The roll call, an Irish thought, was answered with many poems, jokes and Irish wishes.

Annie Uren played the piano for a sing-song of Irish songs led by Helen Conway. Marion Harris read a poem - the Angel, Spring.

Mrs. Harris introduced the special guests who entertained with musical selections. Nellie Simonson played the piano to accompany Margaret De Long with her violin and Donald King with his violin and guitar.

Helen Conway thanked the guests for sharing their musical talents with the W.I. Marion Harris concluded the program with an Irish poem.

President Dorothy Taylor, assisted by secretary treasurer Susan Towle, conducted the business meeting. Everyone was reminded of the spring board meeting for Oxford North W.I. to be held April 11 at Westminster United Church in Thamesford.

Mrs. Taylor announced that the leaders for the summer 4H project - Seed to Shelf - will be Linda Torbet and Jody McKay.

Daffodils from the Canadian Cancer Society were ordered by several members and are to arrive April 3.

Nancy West made the courtesy remarks and invited everyone to the annual meeting on April 8. There will be a potluck dinner and the payment of fees.

A noon luncheon was served by the cultural activities group.

March 18

Brown's WI hosts euchre, luncheon

Eight Kintore boy scouts and three leaders camped in John Uren's bush on Saturday night as part of their scouting requirements.

Brown's W.I. held its annual luncheon and euchre on Saturday.

A total of \$464 will be turned over to the Northwestern Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Door prize winners were Myrtle Knapton and Robert Arthur. High score winners were Betty Johnson and Edwin Kennedy, lone hands - Marion Munro and Joyce West.

Lucky prize winners were Sheila Greason, Helen Hand, Oren Bayne, Jean Beacham, Grant Johnson, Doris Corsaut, Margaret Walsh, Jean Grose, Robert Burgess, Laura Webb, Helen Forbes, John Dunnell, Connie Monteith, Mary Hawkins, Austin Alderson, Donna Alderson, Bill Robinson, Merle Elston, Cecil Armstrong, Blanch Anderson, Helen Turner, Merle Kirk and Verna Switzer.

Brown's U.C.W. catered to the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Taylor at Brown's School on Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Jean Baker was back on Sunday, after a bout with the flu bug. She was assisted by Janet Uren and George Towle.

Betty Barons and Florrie Kingdon were installed as elders.

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Brown's Corners

Brown's W.I. held a euchre party last Thursday night. Prize winners were: high - Jean Robinson and Oren Bayne, lone hands - Jean Beacham and Austin Alderson, low - Helen Land and Terry Barber. The last euchre of the season will be on Thursday, April 10.



CENTRAL SCHOOL student Nicole Monteith, left, symbolically hands over approximately \$140 to Sylvia Richardson for the Rotary Club's fund for crippled kids. The money was collected by children at the school and presented at an Easter assembly last week. At right is Paul Jones, another Central student. The toddler is Michelle Richardson.

Nicole is Mrs. Marion Munro's great granddaughter