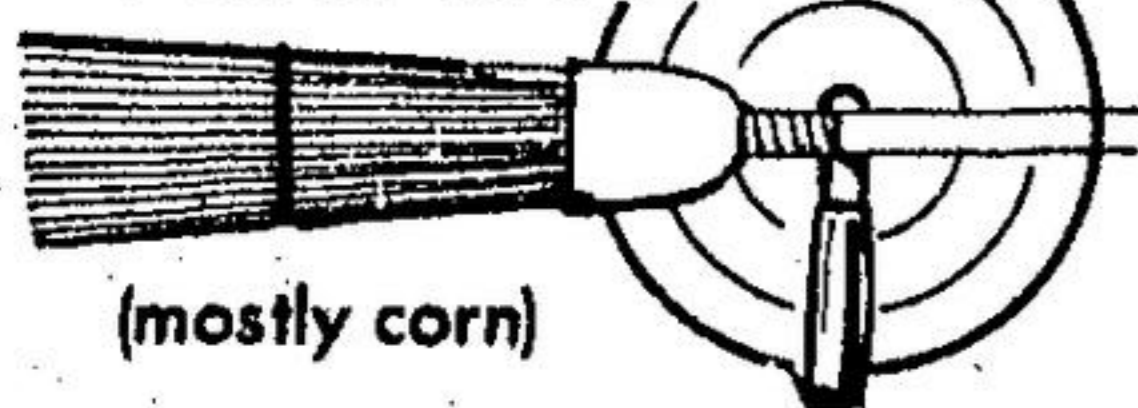


Wi' Rock and Broom



(mostly corn)

By Bob MacArthur
This week we are reviewing two popular members of the executive.



Mrs. Joe (Nan) Hurst
Nan, as she is popularly called at the club, is recording director as well as being a member of the executive. She was born in London, England but came to Canada as a small child. She lived and got her primary education in Georgetown. Nan married Joe Hurst of Acton and now lives at 204 Arthur Street. Her husband is town clerk-administrator. They have five children and three grandchildren. After their family had grown, Nan went back to school at Acton, Guelph and Ontario College of Education. She is now a teacher of English at Milton District High School. Nan started curling in 1962 and since that time, coached the Acton High School curling for three years while teaching here.



Ab Robinson
Ab is in charge of social functions at the club. He was born at Hornby, Ont. and moved to Acton early. He attended public and high schools in Acton. Ab and his wife Norma live on Longfield Rd. in Acton. They have a son and daughter. Ab has been an enthusiastic curler and worker for the club, since he joined in 1966. For the past 14 years he has worked for Texaco of Hamilton and before that he was employed by Baxter Labs, a local firm of that time.

How are the tickets on the colored TV going? Just over a month before the draw on December 31. Better get busy.

This is it. The week that a lot of curlers have been waiting for since last April. Monday the league games got under way. There will be some shifting of personnel on the teams at the first, until the membership settles down and the conveners can allot each of the new members to a team. But then, the first draw is always the most unsettled.

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Last Friday was a very entertaining night at the club. First, a number of new curlers and older members of the club threw a few stones to get the feel of the ice. Then the film. It was the Silver Broom as played in Germany last spring. It was a film that was made for Trans Canada Air (not a ads company, as I stated last week). The film was very enlightening, and covered the highlights of the world championship as represented by the Silver Broom trophy. Ted Hansen operated the projector.

After the film, more curling was the order of the evening. But not the finish. A group of players provided music for dancing and a social hour.

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A number of new curlers will be taking part at the start of the season. Will the more experienced players please take the novices under their wing and give the newcomers all the assistance possible? In this way, the newcomers will not get discouraged but will enjoy the game. The more that enjoy the game, the better the club will be.

Honor champs

Acton Meadows Golf Club championship trophies were presented at a dinner and dance held November 4.

Stu McDonald received the club championship trophy and traditional green jacket.

Ellie championship trophies went to Jim Bullough—"A" title, Ron Johnson—"B" title and Harold Thompson—"C" title.

Men's best ball champions were Keith Andrews and George Williams and junior-senior championship winners were Bob Drinkwater and Scott Sommer.

Mary Ranney won the ladies club championship, Bill Terry the men's senior title and Frank Houston the club junior championship.

Val and Bob Drinkwater teamed up to capture the husband and wife championship, Eileen Young and Ivy Hall were best ball champions in the ladies division and Mary Irwin was handicap champion.

Mohawk

Jockey Club contends Sunday racing vote will decide future

"The future of Mohawk Raceway could well depend upon the decision which is made by the voters concerning Sunday racing," officials of the Ontario Jockey Club told Nassagawaya Township's voters in a letter mailed out this week.

Township council was asked by Jockey Club president John J. Mooney to put the question of Sunday night racing on a plebiscite in the Dec. 4 election, and council agreed. An earlier vote on Sunday racing, held in 1968, resulted in rejection of Sunday races. A total of 496 voted against, 229 in favor.

Opened in 1963, Mohawk Raceway is located on Guelph Line just north of Campbellville. It is one of three tracks OJC operates in the "Golden Horseshoe Circuit"—the others are Garden City Raceway at St. Catharines and Greenwood Raceway in Toronto.

Expand stands? Mr. Mooney's letter intimated that future expansion of the Campbellville raceway facilities hinges on a successful vote in favor of Sunday racing. "In order to expand and progress, the racing industry must operate on those days when the maximum number of people are available to attend," the letter pointed out.

Statistics show Saturday, Sunday and holidays are the most popular days for racing meets. "We believe the continued growth of Mohawk Raceway is vitally important to the township," the letter continues.

Mr. Mooney told this newspaper there are plans to increase the seating capacity at Mohawk by doubling the size of the spectators' grandstand seating area. Mohawk was designed to handle a crowd of 8,000 fans but a record attendance a couple of years ago reached the 11,000 mark.

Grandstand expansion, however, depends on the introduction of Sunday racing at the rural track. The president also said the raceway could end up with more racing dates each year, if Sunday racing is allowed. At present OJC runs a spring and fall meet at the track, ranging in length from 24 to 42 nights each. If Sunday racing is approved by the township voters, the club plans to either add a summer meeting or expand the duration of the spring and fall meets.

Mostly evenings Mohawk officials stress their plan for Sunday racing should not interfere with normal Sunday activities. The 7.45 p.m. starting time does not interfere with other recreational activities through the day, or with religious services notes their letter to the voters.

Only the occasional special meeting would be held in the afternoon—most races would go at 7.45 p.m. Mooney explained.

For the past three years Sunday night racing has been allowed at Garden City and it is the most popular evening of the five nightly programs conducted each week. Should Sunday racing be allowed at Mohawk, a similar schedule to that at St. Catharines would be introduced—that is racing on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings. The raceway would be closed Wednesday and Thursday, he said.

At Campbellville, races would likely be held about 13 Sundays a year.

Sunday programs have not only proven successful at OJC tracks, but has also been popular at Windsor, Frontenac, Orangeville and Rideau Carleton.

Same income Horse owners would not suffer a loss of income if Sundays replace Wednesday and Thursday racing, Mooney explained. If the races are cut to five nights a week from six, a 10th race will be added to each night's program—resulting in a total of 50 races per week compared to 64 now. Purse money would also be increased accordingly.

Similarly the staff of 425 to 450, many of whom are recruited locally, would end up with about the same take-home pay each week despite the loss of one night's racing.

The Jockey Club's letter to township ratepayers points out the Raceway, besides being the township's largest employer and taxpayer, is also eager to be of service to its community.

Mohawk Raceway has cooperated with local government on environmental problems, in community celebrations such as centennial year and with local service clubs.

Officials have been working with various levels of government in an attempt to alleviate the traffic congestion that sometimes occurs on the Guelph Line for 15 minutes to half an hour at the end of each night's racing. "We are trying to provide an exit from the Second Line (at the west end of the raceway) directly onto Highway 401 for raceway traffic heading west on the 401," Mooney told this newspaper. "This would help cut down on the traffic going through Campbellville."

All leave at once Traffic at the raceway is one concern of local citizens. Although the cars and buses heading to the track spread their arrivals over a two hour time period each night, it appears everybody stays to the end of the last race and then all head for home at the same time. The peak is usually around 11 to 11.30 p.m.

"We're trying to see what can be done," the OJC president said. There are some problems with the highways department.

A fact sheet attached to the Jockey Club's appeal for a "yes" vote on Sunday racing indicates the raceway is located on 400 acres of land, and is the largest taxpayer in the township. Realty and business taxes amounting to \$103,916 (or 18 per cent of the township's total tax levy of \$568,498) were paid to Nassagawaya in 1972. The track's assessment is \$1,300,000, the township's highest. The next largest is a quarry assessed at \$109,350. Without Mohawk's tax revenue, taxes to other property owners would increase by an average of \$70 per taxable property per year.

Since opening, Mohawk has averaged 68 days of racing a year. Harness racing at Mohawk generated \$1,017,457 in revenue for the Ontario government in 1971 through the special tax on pari-mutuel wagering. Mohawk also pays corporation, sales and hospital taxes, the fact sheet concluded.

Rifleman Ryder sparks Heller's

Four goals from the hot stick of Dave Ryder led Heller's to a convincing 10-5 win over Ken's Auto Service in Acton Industrial Hockey League play Sunday night.

Larry McAfee's second goal of the night gave Blow Press an 8-7 victory over the winless Unknowns and Lakeview Centre ripped Nielsen's Clothing 5-4, in spite of a hat trick by Fred Buchanan of the clothiers in other action.

Sunday night's results left four of the six teams in a tie for first place.

Two each Ron Schmidt and Bill Cook bagged a brace of goals apiece to add to the Heller's total. Charlie Harrison counted once and Ed Hillier produced a goal and four assists.

A hat trick by Bob Andrews and single tallies by Gary Kelley and Dan Kavanaugh were included in the automaten totals.

Besides McAfee's pair, John Goy scored three goals and assisted on three more for Blow Press. Jim Kavanaugh potted two goals and Gord Allen netted a single.

Cee-shines Cecil Stuckless matched Goy's hat trick for the Unknowns, Eric Stone, Kevin King, Russ Masales and Jeff Goy scored and Denis Gibbons contributed four assists.

Defending league scoring champ John Cunningham netted two of the five Lakeview goals. Dave Garret, Mike Miller and Gary Ritchie added singles.

Fred Buchanan scored three times and Bill Patey once for Nielsen's.

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- 3 CLAYTON—C. Lawson
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- 4 Circle Cast—D. O'Dare
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- 7 Key Agent—P. Matthews
- AE Mary Ann Todd—J. Powell

FOURTH RACE—1 mile pace—\$400

- 2 NISHROBI HIEF—W. Troy
- 5 CLAYBROOK NOVA—D. Alitchison
- 4 TRIXIE ADIOS—K. Ellis
- 1 Union Star—H. Kennedy
- 3 Lady Florence—L. Willson
- 6 Noman Gabriel—C. Lawson
- 7 Lady Check—P. Hutton
- 8 Glenroughis—J. Pollard
- AE Frisky File—L. McFlattie

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