

"Live" fur hat hit of Sunday's trail horse trials

by Jennifer Barr
Over 60 riders were loud in enthusiasm and praise of the course laid out by Rockwood Trail Riders for the annual trail horse trials held August 19 at the Halton Presbyterian Grounds, Blue Springs Line, Nassagaweya. Six and a half miles of brush trail was interspersed with 20 judged obstacles for both novice and open division. One of the more startling obstacles consisted of a bedraggled fur hat lying in the middle of a road. As a horse passed, an unseen assistant jerked the "animal," by a string. The effect on most horses was dramatic. A steep slide, a smoking fire, and a mailbox proved interesting. An extraordinarily smelly cowhide and honking geese failed to cause much trouble but some horses objected

to entering a trailer which was not their own.
Few accidents
Minimal accidents (cut leg on horse; bruised knee on rider; several occasions of wounded pride) and maximum fun made the day a success.
Organizers of the trials Di Lindblad, Jean Pettit and Mo and Agnes McGinnis, all of Rockwood, were pleased with the turnout and the co-operation. A particularly happy note was the open trophy going to Dr. Jim Henderson (D.V.M.) of Brampton on 23 year old "Sam". "Sam", a registered Quarter Horse was WIA Grand Champion pleasure horse of 1969 and Grand Champion Trail horse of 1960.
A corn and wienie roast climaxed the day followed by the giving of awards which were as follows:

Horsemanship awards: 2nd, Cynthia Bourne, Alton; 2nd, Ken Tuck, Rockwood; 1st, Ann Truysen, Atouffville.
Novice: 10th, Paul Jeffrey, "Mr. Monty Bar"; Patricia Garlick, Kitchener; "Daisy Mae"; Debbie McConnell; "Beau Geste"; 7th, Judy Johnson, Rockwood; "Seargen"; 8th, Peggy Kinley, Alton; 3rd, Poco Chickie; 5th, Steve McIntyre, Acton; "Sioux"; 4th, Ethel Simpson, "Icky"; 3rd, Kathy Henderson, Brampton; "Red"; 2nd, Ray McCabe, Hawkesville; "Wildest Dream"; 1st, Cynthia Bourne, Alton; "Lady Madonna".
Open: 10th, Maureen Brown, Inglewood; "Tippy"; 8th, Sheila Lindsay, Creemore; "Simcoe Sabro"; 8th, Jack Long, Southampton; "Punch"; Lyn Westaway; "Major Chickie"; 6th, Jim Cook; "Ben"; Ken Tuck, Rockwood; "Charo"; 4th, Fred Buchanan, Acton; "Misty"; 3rd, Jim Lindsay; "Big Red"; 2nd, Ann Truysen, Stouffville; "Sharky Star"; 1st, Jim Henderson, Brampton; "Sam".



KEN TUCK of Rockwood tackles the gate on "Charo" at the August 19 horse trials at Rockwood.
(Jennifer Barr Photo)



"MINT", ridden by Bob Dinnis, is shown a smoky fire, one of many obstacles along the trail in Sunday's ride.
(Jennifer Barr Photo)

Settle Eighth Line dust investigate oiling costs

Dust on the Eighth Line, Esqueusing, will soon be settled with an application of calcium. Furthermore council will investigate the cost of oiling the road along with 22 Sideroad.
Former Deputy-revee Russell Miller, an Eighth Line resident, complained to council Monday

night that dust on the road is now almost unbearable with increased truck traffic between the hours of 6 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. Miller said when his father returned to his home on the same road from a seven week holiday, he could almost write his name in dust on anything in the house.

Dust problem
Miller emphasized he has not been bothered by the trucks, but added that dust has been the big problem.

"I read in the paper that you were going to oil 17 Sideroad. Miss Stone down there told me she had to wear rubber boots to get the mail there was so much oil. I just wondered if they couldn't put the excess on the Eighth Line," he said.

Reeve Tom Hill suggested the township pass a by-law prohibiting trucks on certain roads after certain hours.

Suggests ditching
"Could those short two lots be ditched and have oil put on?" asked Councillor Wilfrid Leslie.

"There are no ditches on that road whatsoever."

Deputy-revee Len Coxe said he thought the township would have to go to oil and forget about calcium on roads that experience heavy truck traffic.

Reeve Hill concluded the discussion by saying calcium will be applied to the road this year and a cost will be worked out on oiling the Eighth Line and 22 Sideroad.

Leslie, Howitt silent about election plans

Two members of Esqueusing Council continue to remain silent about plans to stand in the October 1 regional government elections.

Councillor Wilfrid Leslie, veteran of the five man council, said this week he may be making an announcement soon after August 29. Council members have been invited to a social get-together in Oakville as guests of Halton Region chairman Alan McIsaac on that day.
Councillor Dick Howitt has business considerations to think over before making a decision.

"I've got to resolve matters concerning my law practice, then I'll be in a position to make a decision as far as council is concerned," he said.

Reeve Tom Hill was the first of four candidates to throw his hat in the ring for mayor of North Halton.

Deputy-revee Len Coxe has already declared himself a candidate for the regional council seat in Ward 2 (Esqueusing) and Councillor George Malby has said he will try for a Ward 2 seat on the North Halton council.

Receive rare thank-you note

A rare note of thanks reached the Esqueusing council chambers Monday night.

It came from Ninth Line resident William Geggie and conveyed the writer's thanks for correctional work done during the summer on a curve between the Geggie property and Fairbrook Farm.

"The condition which caused my complaint in the first place has been corrected and the further work done on the ditches as discussed at our time of meeting should improve the runoff," the letter stated.

Mr. Geggie made an additional request that warning signs be erected at the curve, but added he realized there is no guarantee the signs would be obeyed.

"Now that's something we don't get very often," declared Reeve Tom Hill when he heard the letter read.

"Very unusual and very pleasant to get," added Deputy-revee Len Coxe.

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Directory lists 1911 farmers

Want to know the names and addresses of the farmers in Halton County in 1911?

Andy Frank of Milton knows who they were, thanks to a helpful directory of local farmers that was published that year by an Ingersoll firm. It lists the farmers in Dufferin, Halton, Peel, Waterloo and Wellington Counties.

The inch and a half thick book contains 31 pages of names for Halton, divided into Esqueusing, Nassagaweya, Nelson and Trafalgar Townships. If there were any farmers inside the boundaries of Acton, Georgetown, Oakville, Milton or Burlington in those days, they weren't included.

Ads too
Local advertisers in the directory were solicitor A. J. McKinnon of Acton; Bank of Hamilton, Bank of Toronto, E. F. Earl, Imperial Foundry, Martin's Mills and The Champion of Milton; plus several from Georgetown, Oakville and Burlington.

Mr. Frank formerly lived in Nassagaweya and now lives in Milton.

Chairman will visit Esqueusing

Halton Region Chairman Allan Masson will attend the Tuesday, September 4 meeting of Esqueusing Council.

Reeve Tom Hill said Mr. Masson will present an up to date report on preparations for regional government which becomes effective in Halton January 1, 1974.

Grant French club permit for dance

The Georgetown and District French Canadian Association has received permission from Esqueusing Council to hold a talent show and dance in a renovated barn on the property of Miss St. Jean, Lot 15, Con. 6 September 15. Permission has also been granted to obtain a permit from the Commission Liquor Board for that date only.

It is to be understood that this does not represent a change of land use and that this will be a one event affair.

Council granted the group permission to hold a New Year's dance in the barn under the same conditions, that it would not represent a change of land use and that it would be a one event affair.

Have obeyed
Deputy-revee Len Coxe said Monday night that Miss St. Jean has obeyed the laws fairly well. He added that the group is bringing in a very special orchestra for this occasion.

"In the winter time we gave them permission, but the weather is a little different now and maybe some will be able to enjoy it now who couldn't get out in the winter time," Reeve Tom Hill said.

Let's talk about
HORSES
By Jennifer Barr

Nobody has as yet sung a song to the husbands of horse-loving women; those long-suffering creatures who pay the bills; haul the trailer; make the hay; and pick up the pieces.

My own poor husband was a happy cattle farmer till he met me! How his life has changed. He is now moderately horsey, mostly by osmosis, and manages to put up a brave face.

During the first week of July, my zingy Half-Arab mare shied out from under me and deposited me on the ground. After all these years of bounding around like a rubber ball, I finally did it! I did some things to my back which are keeping me off a horse for a while.

So what happens? My dear husband has to take time off from building a barn for my horses in order to ride my horse for me!

Down the road lives Alice who has a zingy Arab mare and a long suffering husband. Two weeks ago the mare shied out from under Alice depositing her on the ground. Now Alice is flat on her back with a cracked vertebrae and Tony is taking time out from building a barn for Alice's horses to ride Alice's mare!

What would we do without them?
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The Rockwood Trail Riders are sponsoring their first

Gymkhana on August 26—a fun day for the Junior members of the club. Many games are featured as well as such classes as Horsemanship, Lead Line and Costume. Admission is free, so why don't you come along to Dales Farm, just north of Rockwood on the 5th Line on August 26 at 12:30 and see the fun?

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The great Pine Ridge Trail Ride will pass through the area on August 25. The purpose of this 200 mile relay ride is to focus attention on the plight of the horseman and the lack of off-road riding facilities. Trails are provided for snowmobilers, hikers and cyclists but horses are banned from all conservation areas and parks. Petitions, with thousands of signatures, will be presented to the government and appropriate ministers. Let's hope they work.

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Food prices and their frightening escalation is a subject on everyone's lips these days. Tearful women at meat counters are a common sight. Feed prices to the farmer are unbelievably high and naturally this includes horse feed. Those people who have their horses on pasture are going to have an awful shock when they start to buy feed this fall!

Parks and rec. briefs

At the regular meeting, Monday, August 13, Acton Parks and Recreation Committee:

—Authorized committee member Gil Malcolm and arena manager Harold Townsley to decide on the purchase of a kickboard to go around the base of the boards on the arena ice surface. Townsley reported it would cost \$537 for the crystaplex kickboard compared to \$150 for 2 x 6 lumber, but he pointed out the new substance would last 10 years, while wood has to be replaced every year.

—The committee also decided to investigate the possibility of installing lexan polycarbonate in the community centre front entrance doors instead of glass. Glass in the front doors has already been broken three times to the tune of \$400. The lexan polycarbonate has withstood bullet tests from a police revolver at six feet. Committee member Lou Bonnette expressed concern that the new substance might scratch easily and ruin the appearance of the entrance.

—Councillor Orval Chapman suggested the committee send a letter to the Acton Lions Club expressing thanks for their thoughts of a worthwhile project, namely the moving of the CN station to the park. The club informed the committee by letter they had abandoned plans for the move because of the extreme difficulty they would encounter

going down Knox Ave. The club originally planned to move the building to the Lakeview side of Fairy Lake, but ran into opposition from residents there.

—Decided to proceed with an order for \$500 worth of picnic tables from the Guelph Correctional Centre. The committee will get 18 tables at a price of \$28 per table, tax included.

—Followed a recommendation from program committee chairman Councillor Barry Inscoc that summer playground supervisors Rick Rocher, Susan Mills and Karen Hillman be granted an extra week's pay for time they spent preparing for the program, extra hours worked while it was operating and time spent cleaning up afterwards.

—Authorized the purchase of a new tractor at a price of \$3,852. The old park tractor was acquired by the town works department for a price of \$850.

—Arena manager Harold Townsley recommended two large lights be purchased to be placed on each end of the arena exterior.
Chairlady Diane Spielvogel presided for the three hour meeting. Committee members Ted Pratt and Ed Wood were absent.

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