

the painted box

By Wendy Thomson

The prize lists for the fairs in this area began arriving in the mail a month or so ago. Usually I pore over them with pencil in hand, making lists of things to enter.

This year, though, the post just wasn't there. I tried, but just couldn't muster up my usual enthusiasm. The thought of the inevitable trials and errors and down-right catastrophes was just too much. Maybe I'll just sit things out.

Since '69, the youngsters and I have entered a few things in each fair and done quite well in spite of our (when you get right down to it) amateur cooking.

My cakes either have a bump in the middle and I have to put globes of icing in between the layers to keep them from cracking or they come out of the pan in pieces and need icing back together. My pastry is full of patches. No matter how I try, when the dough is rolled out, there's a bump in one side and a hollow in the other that necessitates cutting off A to fill B.

And rolls? It's quite difficult to even get them out of the house. There's something about the smell of bread baking that makes Gord growl back and forth in front of the stove, a pound of butter in one hand and a knife between his teeth.

And these days, when it comes to getting the kids into the kitchen and an apron, well, that's something else. They used to be quite enthusiastic but their interest has sort of worn thin. Besides, daughter Beth insists on eating half the ingredients as she goes along.

However, probably as the day September 14 gets closer, I'll likely get a twitching in my thumbs to throw a bit of bread dough around again. Maybe.

I was going to put a very good bread recipe at the end of this column, but maybe I'd better hang on to it for a week or so.

How about some pie instead?

Upside-down apple pie
 a large cooking apples
 4 tablespoons butter
 1/2 cup white sugar
 1 tablespoon flour
 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 1/3 cup brown sugar
 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
 pastry for a 9-inch crust

Peel and thinly slice apples. Melt 1/2 cup of the butter in a frypan and lightly saute apple. Combine white sugar, flour and cinnamon; sprinkle over apple slices and toss lightly. Cool. Preheat oven to 375°F. Spread remaining 2 tablespoons butter on bottom and sides of a 9-inch pie plate; sprinkle with brown sugar. Arrange apple slices in bottom of pie plate. Combine cheese and pastry. Roll into a 10-inch circle. Place over apples; tuck edges under and flute. Prick top. Bake in preheated oven 30 to 35 minutes. Cool on wire rack 10 minutes. Invert onto serving plate; serve warm with wedges of Cheddar cheese.

SHORT CRUST PASTRY

to make two crusts
 2 cups pastry flour
 1 Tbsp sugar
 1/4 tsp salt
 1/2 cup cold shortening
 3 Tbsp hard butter
 3 to 5 Tbsp orange juice

Sift dry ingredients. Cut in shortening and then butter. Stir in enough juice to hold particles together. Press mixture into a ball and chill slightly before rolling (about 20 minutes).

By Ken Halford

Lakeview Centre Mixed Sept. 4: Team 4 made four a winning combination when they played Team 3. They won all three games for a four point win. They had a battle for the finale, but they made it by six pins. Facing the win were Ed Wood 523 (186), Jake Draycott 534 (191) and Vince Thornton 503 (178). Best in Team 3's efforts were Oka James 586 (232), Dave McMillan 485 (181) and Alice Wilkinson 432 (153). Hellicats silenced the Yappers when they took 'em for the bundle with Don Perry 642 (211), Donna Wood 568 (275) and Tinnie Masales 567 (227) heading up the win. Topping the Yapper's trundling were Joan Knight 587 (198), Bill Braham 535 (203) and John Dunn 538 (208). After losing the first game to Team 5, the Hooligans came to life and grabbed the last two and totals. Sparking the win were Gord McKinnon 682 (254), Anne McMillan 529 (193) and Ruth Ann Moyer 499 (206). Best shots for Team 5 came from Lenora McKinnon 583 (230), Archie Baddeley 510 (180) and Lucy Symott 485 (212).

League standing: Team Four 4, Hellicats 4, Hooligans 3, Team Five 1, Team Three 0, Yappers 0.

Thursday Toppers
 Sept. 6: The Happy Gang were not to happy, they dropped the bundle to the Drifters. Heading up the Drifter win were Lucy Symott 632 (232), Colleen Robb 486 (170) and Ellen DeForest 609 (171). Making with the most for the Happy Gang were Pat Wood 585 (210), Mae Gervais 498 (188) and Jean Bindez 409 (177). Pimpus came up with a two and totals win from Hot Pants, who took the middle chukker. Topping the Pimpus trundling were Donna Slaves 576 (221), Dieta Goodings 438 (178) and Shirley Thomson 433 (156). Heading up the Hot Pants' roll were Joan Why 576 (247), Polly Hamilton 429 (190) and Wendy Fabian 383 (142). Hoolongs went hopping along for a two and totals win from the Doodle Bugs. Hoolongs almost took 'em all, but lost out in the middle canto by four pins. Top trio for Hoolongs were June Bousfield 531 (182), Joan Ager 449 (174) and Isabel Galant 437 (155). Top triplers for Doodle Bugs were Joyce Adams 530 (185), Audrey

Blanchard 447 (171) and Ruth Archibald 344 (129). League standings: Drifters 4, Pimpus 3, Hoolongs 3, Hot Pants 1, Doodle Bugs 1, Happy Gang 0.

Acton Mixed
 Sept. 7: Smarties are the leaders with an undefeated string after two nights of league bowling. Smarties headed the Hot Shots a zero count to stay at the top of the totem pole. Heading up the win were "Shorty" Lowin 824 (331), Harry Middleton 584 (241) and Dan Porty 486 (186). Hot Shots' top trio were Arlie White 618 (241), Carolynne Bullough 592 (232) and George Fitzner 550 (211). Watchful Ones grabbed a cliffhanger in the first canto from Flyers by two pins, took a shellacking in the second, but came back to annex the finale. They were shy on the total pinfall however to take the odd point for totals. Top triplers for the Watchful Ones were Don Marzo 506 (201), Bill Boyd 474 (163) and Doris Fitzner 444 (163). Making with the most for the Flyers were Hank Earle 538 (206), Laura Treble 570 (208) and Jean Geberlein 503 (197). Rolling Stones got away with a nine pin win in the first chukker from Rovers, were okay in winning the second go, but fell down in the third chukker and lost the odd point for totals by 35. Rolling up the top tricounts for Rolling Stones were Doug Vickery 557 (208), Anna Marie Moore 539 (191) and Joan Porty 524 (183). Top trio for Rovers were Elston Adams 502 (185), Peg Hurdie 488 (189) and Lenore Vickery 454 (157).

League standings: Smarties 14, Rolling Stones 9, Hot Shots 7, Flyers 5, Watchful Ones 4, Rovers 3.

Headliners
 Not to be outdone by the Acton Mixed league in booking the annual banquet date for the end of the bowling season, the Beardmore league has set their's for May 18 1974 at the Legion—"Shorty" Lowin has posted a 324 triple for the men to shoot at, while Wayne Sheppard has checked in with a 340 solo. Lucy Symott racked up a 632 for the shemales in the triple bracket and Joan Why trundled a 247 single that winds it up once again my friendlies, so adios amigos and goodnight Concord City.



WARDEN A. MacARTHUR got some first hand instruction from Councillor Art Gibson in the fine art of plowing, before entering the plowing competition at the International Plowing Match later this month. Councillor Gibson jestingly suggested the "instruction" so the warden wouldn't let the county down in the field. (Staff Photo)

Offer 18 courses at night school

There are 18 courses offered at night school in Acton this fall. Registration night is Tuesday, Sept. 18, but applications may be received before by mail. There's an application form in the paper today.

Instructors have been tentatively lined up for most courses but there must be enough register for each course to continue. When local instructors aren't available, they can be obtained through the county board of education.

Boris Shean is the Acton high school teacher who coordinates night school here, under Willard Price of the county board office in Burlington.

Instructors listed
 Bridge instructor will be well-known enthusiast and high school math teacher Bill Coats.
 Bett Lou Bowden, formerly of the high school staff, will teach typing and a course called Brush Up your Office Skills.
 Ian McGillivray of the high school will teach Book keeping for a Small Business.
 Bruce Andrews from the school will take Fitness and Recreation, and Clarence Rognavaldson Home Equipment Repairs.
 Local craftswoman Mrs. H. Hesse will return to instruct two courses, Introduction to Handicrafts and Introduction to Needlecrafts. She would be glad to have anyone with questions about the course phone her at 877-7982.

Talented Peggy Hanna, a former home ec. teacher, will instruct in sewing and Brian Skerrett of the high school staff is lined up for a course called Family Life.

For yoga, an instructor is arranged to come up from Milton and for landscape design, from Sheridan Nurseries.

Other courses for which no teacher has definitely been assigned are conversational French, European cuisine, interior design and decoration, leathercraft, and creative painting.

Three nights Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will see the high school busy if all these courses are filled.

Officials are optimistic about a large enrolment this year. They would prefer people to register personally at the school next week, but mailed registrations are acceptable. An ad lists details today, and flyers will be sent home with children. Brochures on all night school courses available in the county were mailed to Acton householders this week.

Free courses
 Mr. Shean points out the senior citizens may take any course free of charge. He suggests they mention the fact when registering.

Also, if senior citizens have a course they would like to take together, it can be arranged for them.

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