

### Rockwood bowling

The Rockwood bowling league is moving into the new year with team positions staying about the same. Standing in first place are the Neighbors with 73 points, 2 Gooyers and Rockets 68, 3 Jr. Farmers 65, 4 Nortons 64, 5 Pacers 62, Barley Sandwiches, Carneys and Guelphites 61, 7 Country Men 59, 8 Ramblers 57, 9 Trotters 56, 10 Four Corners 54, 11 Unruhfuls 51, 12 Optimists 50, 13 Alley Cats 45.

Women over 500 show May Swackhammer 671, Nancy Gordon 654, Linda Garner 575, Peggy Ellis 562, Viv Nightingale 552, Nancy Ferguson 551, Betty Brydges 548, Darlene Hawkes 536, Edna Davis 531, Nellie Stokman 517, Millie Smith 515, Ruth Kingsbury 509, Mabel Wingrove 508, Doris Jestin 500, Winnie Hillis 505.

Men over 400: Art Davis 882, Dunc Kingsbury 765, Walt Jefferies 712, Lloyd Maraden 696, Fred Nightingale 695, Sandy McPhedran 686, Gordon Burnett 655, Harry Jestin 655, Dunc McPhedran 640, Tony Stokman 638, Mike Martin 634, Clarence Hilton 632, Glen Gray 631, Bill Scott 625, Jim Thatcher 613, John Thatcher 610, Ted Jestin 607, George Smith 606, Bill Robinson 606.

Junior Farmers were the victors in their game against Ramblers on Tuesday's games with Jr. F. Glen Gray making a 631 triple with singles, 243, 218, and 180; Harvey Allan bowled 568 with 217, 180, and 189, singles; Bruce Miller brought in a 551 triple score with 230, 159, and 162. For the Ramblers Peggy Ellis topped in for ladies with 131, 216, and 215, to triple 606.

Gooyers Clarence Hilton topped the roll with a 632 triple with singles, 194, 230, and 208, and John Gooyers made a 122, 230, and 189 set of singles to triple in with 514. Optimists were dead on with 71 points straight against the opposing Unruhfuls nil score as Opt. Sam Nyholt bowled 596 with 217, 217, and 182, and Mabel Wingrove 508, with singles 203, 136, and 169. Ur's showed Alex Duffield with 225, 188, and 174, with 567 triple; John Thatcher bowled a 610 triple with 200, 242, and 168, as Phil Shrive brought in a 585 triple with singles 199, 148, and 218.

Carneys versus Nortons showed 5 to 2 for Carneys with May Swackhammer bowling 671 triple with 265, 195, and 211, Nancy Gordon 654, with singles, 262, 179, and 213; Nancy Ferguson triples in with 551, with 178, 219, 154, singles, Art Davis was the Norton's high scorer as he zipped in an 882 triple with singles 306, 219, and 377. Fred Nightingale made a 695 triple with 193, 258, and 242, and Vivian Nightingale bowled 582 triple with 187, 186, and 189, single games.

Against the Rockets, the Pacers were top dogs with a 5 to 3 win as Facer Gordon Burnett bowled 212, 206, and 235, to triple 633; Paul Waddell made 590 with 153, 219, and 218, singles, Dunc Kingsbury was the Rocket with 765, from 214, 214, and 207, singles, and Harry Jestin bowled 635 triple with 218, 218, and 221, singles.

Barley Sandwiches showed the good boys with 5 to the Country Men's 2 with Walt Jefferies bowling for the B.S.'s, showing a 712 triple with singles, 184, 197, and 337; Mike Martin bowled 634 with 238, 218, and 180; Bill Robinson 252, 182, 192, to triple 606. For the Country Men, Ted Kiever bowled 589, with singles, 189, 199, and 201; Eva Bosch bowled a 485 triple with 182, 181, and 182.

With the Guelphites versus Alley Cats, Guelphites lead with 5 to 2 as Gic. Lloyd Maraden made a 696 triple with 247, 285, and 184, and Bill Scott bowled 625 with 214, 185, and 196. The Cats showed Betty Brydges with 568, with singles 202, 170, and 176, and Garred Farwell for the Cats brought in a 478 triple with singles, 192, 118, and 168.

Neighbors vs. Trotters came out 5 to 2 for the N's, with Dunc McPhedran bringing in a 640 triple with singles, 228, 209, and 203, Linda Garner bowled 575 with singles, 204, 208, and 163; Trotter's Sandy McPhedran bowled 666, with singles 280, 216, and 160; Jim Thatcher made a 615 triple with singles, 218, 172, and 227, as Ted Jestin bowled in a 667 triple score with singles 218, 199, and 250. It was Four Corners 5 and Gooyers 2 with Tony Stokman tripling in with 632, with 199, 204, and 236 for single scores; Jack Parkinson made a 573 triple with 184, 171, and 218, singles. For

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## 4-H awards night, banquet at Barrie Hill

Barrie Hill church was packed to capacity last Tuesday, Jan. 15, when the annual district 4-H awards night and banquet was held as sponsored by the Guelph Federation of Agriculture.

An enticing turkey dinner was food fare for the evening followed by a short showing of slides by Mrs. Morris Smith of Guelph who, with her husband, had recently participated in an exchange program. Guests attending the banquet were able to share their trip through Kenya, Africa.

Several breed association awards were handed out to 4 H'ers from the Holstein club, Hereford, Angus and Charolais Associations. David Cleghorn, Beverly Floyd, and Wanda Dunk, Althea Lambert, Mark McAninch, Kathy Moyer, and Don Zandervan were awarded a pen from the Holstein association. Sandra and Susan Doughty, Gary, Robert, and Nancy Haddon and Sally Parkinson received a lapel pin from the Angus association.

Tony Cengija was the proud winner of a \$5 cheque, a crest, and one-year subscription from the Charolais association and Francis Parkinson received a pen and

pencil set from the Hereford association for his accomplishments.

Sally Parkinson tops For completion of six projects with 75 per cent proficiency awards went to Jim Henderson, Brian Cowbrough, and Mary Reinhart with merit certificates presented for completion of 12 projects to Carl Reinhart, and Rick Lamont, Robert Mitchell, for 18 projects. Mark Scott and Bruce Dickleson received certificates. Nancy Haddon was the winner of the United Breeders award for the most points in the district call club.

The coveted award, the Kiwanis trophy, donated by the Guelph Kiwanis club was presented for the outstanding 4-H club member in Wellington county, to Bruce Dickleson.

Top members in 4-H clubs were: the South Wellington horse club was topped by Vernon Gregson; Jeff Parkinson was top member of the south Wellington swine club; top member in the Guelph calf club was Wally Parkinson, with Robert Mitchell winning both the corn and grain top award.

Sally Parkinson took a special award as the top member in the Guelph

## Roads icy say police

Icy road conditions and inclement weather were blamed for the rash of accidents which plagued county roads over the weekend but Guelph OPP report no accidents of major importance happening in the Eramosa district.

Highway 7 at the second line of Eramosa was the scene of a collision Sunday, Jan. 20, when a '72 Firezza, driven by Yvonne Jacques of Georgetown rolled over into the ditch at approximately 2:45 p.m.

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## GRCA holds tour for Belwood dam

A Belwood experience is how the Grand River Conservation Authority is labelling the first outdoor outing of '74, slated for Sat., Jan. 26, at the Belwood Conservation area, just north of Fergus.

The featured program is a tour of the Shand dam as an opportunity for the public to see how it's operated, plus ice skating on Lake Belwood and tours of the tree nursery and the Belwood sawmill.

According to Joan Bell, program co-ordinator for the GRCA, there will also be organized interpretive nature and snowshoe hikes with snowshoes provided by the GRCA. "Anyone wanting to bring cross-country skis is also welcome" says Joan who describes the Belwood experience as an all-day activity from 10 a.m. to about 4 p.m.

The co-ordinator feels that dams are an important

aspect of the GRCA's work and that the January expedition should prove to be one of tremendous public appeal.

**Landmark** Completed in 1942, at a cost of over two million dollars, the Shand is, reportedly, the oldest dam in the watershed. It is considered to be a landmark in the authority's history and the first one built specifically for flood control.

As well as protecting valley residents from floods, the dam's reservoir, Lake Belwood, provides additional recreational facilities. "If the weather co-operates," says Joan Bell, "that's where skating will be." Joan promises that hot chocolate and soup will be on tap in the Belwood nature centre and is hopeful that the day should provide enough variation to encourage all types of outdoor enthusiasts.

## Criticism rejected by club's president

Protesting assertions in last week's Free Press, the president of the Rockwood snowmobile club said the local organization is trying very hard to protect village residents from noise and disturbances caused by machines and, in an effort to take drivers out of town, has attempted to re-route from Rockwood proper to other trails.

"Actually, we have less than a dozen Rockwood families in the club," said president John Thomson of R.R.2, Rockwood, "with one other from Exvorton, two from Guelph, and others from outside the village. We also have two members from Hillsburg with one or two former district residents who have kept up membership and like to attend our activities."

The president feels that the club should more properly be called the Rockwood and district club.

**Outsiders** Mr. Thomson says that usually snowmobile members are well behaved and know the rules of the road. "Mostly what we are trying to establish," is family membership, said the conscientious president, who considers membership has probably reached its capacity with approximately 60 members on the role.

"Occasionally we hear of machines in fields behind

local properties," said Mr. Thomson, explaining how police were called in recently when five or six machines were running around on private property. He suspects the drivers were members of a racing club from another area taking advantage of vacant fields.

"Our members know they are not allowed in the conservation park and stay out," he said, explaining that the short trip through the park doesn't make much sense when a prepared ten mile trail of exciting riding has already been planned out.

**Promotes goodwill** Cook outs, get-togethers, and healthy outdoor rides, are what the local club is about according to their president, and, on Saturday night, an expedition which started from the Rockwood public school grounds at 8:30 p.m. was concluded after the 10 p.m. return, with a short session of square dancing and refreshments.

"The club members are doing what they can to promote goodwill with village

residents," said John Thomson, in charge of lining up meets and organizing activities. Also on the club executive are Catherine Meredith of Jackson Street and Ray Thomson of Christie Street, Rockwood.

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## Tree burning at Eden Mills

Toboggans, snowmobiles, and snowmen, were all there at the Eden Mills tree burning on Sat. Jan. 12, as community residents met together to participate in what has become an annual event.

Rolling kids gathered around the fire as parents lined up giving turns on snowmobiles. New residents in the area came in from out of town to meet with the village folk sponsoring the event.

It was a fun time with steaming hot coffee and chocolate served by the community club to ward off winter chills. The weather hadn't zeroed in enough to supply safe skating for the ice buffs but, now that the waters of the Eramosa have frozen up skating at the village river is

a regular Saturday event. The tree burning started at 7 p.m. and was officially over approximately two hours later. The sound of laughter on the hills and vague outlines of toboggan riding figures continued to be seen through the heavy snowfall until much later in the evening.

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