

Rockwood Trail Riders hold endurance ride

By Jennifer Barr

Warm sunny weather and 30 miles of good trail produced many happy smiles at the Rockwood Trail Riders annual endurance ride held July 7 at the Halton Presbyterian church grounds on the Blue Springs Line, Nassagaweya.

More than 80 horses from all over Ontario were entered for the exciting event with riders expecting to travel the 30 miles in just over four hours. The contest is not a race but a timed trail ride where conditioning of the horse is the primary factor.

A veterinary team, led by Dr. Mary Bell of the Rockwood Equine Clinic, checked horses prior to the ride and recorded pulse and respiration. These were also checked at a stop half-way through the ride and horses were constantly observed by the vets throughout.

All but one horse completed the course after which horses were checked immediately and a half hour later, with recovery rate of pulse and respiration recorded.

Riders left the grounds at minute intervals and proceeded east on a marked trail through the bush to First Line, Esqueving. Proceeding southward five miles, the trail once again turned west across Hwy. 23 below Acton, through the Three Sisters hills at Dolly Varden.

The gruelling hills surprised many horses.

"My mare just slid all the way down the first one," commented Fred Buchanan of Acton while Rita Middlemiss of Eden Mills thought they looked "creepy" at first but weren't bad once you got going. The second vet check took place after a series of five steep hills.

"The most severe check they could have had," groaned Doug Wood, Acton, a member of the Rockwood Club.

A ten minute recovery period primed horses for the downhill ride to Limehouse and south, almost to Speyside. The trail then meandered northward to the grounds, traversing several creeks and streams.

Enthusiastic contestants were most enthusiastic on completion of the ride. Trailmaster Paul Thompson and his assistants Gord and Marg Cox received many compliments and congratulations. Secretary Pat Thompson was still smiling at 8 p.m. — a tribute to an enjoyable day.

The final vet check was completed by 5 p.m. and the judging team retired to an off-limits area for the awesome job of tabulating the mass of figures and coming up with a list of winners.

Contestants, club members, assistants and guests enjoyed an enormous buffet supper featuring a popular watermelon fruit salad.

Awards

Gord Cox, president of the club, and Paul Thompson, vice-president, presented the awards as follows:

Sportsmanship—Anita Brown, Willowdale; fellowship, Eric Lehman, Westhill; horsemanship, Dave Taylor, Guelph; Western turnout, Kaz Lewandowski, Acton; English turnout, Elizabeth Taylor, Willowdale.

Junior 1st—Linda Cox, Rockwood, Sundance; Cindy Johnson, Rockwood, Scout; Barb Milburn, Guelph, Cricket; Cathy Taylor, Willowdale, Taffy; Diane Korlip, Rockwood, Montigo Red; and Sonya Kamper, Richmond Hill, Amigo.

Lightweight: 1st Elizabeth Taylor, Yakety Yak Bars; Judy Nelson, Arthur, Rhyanna; Laura Smith, Guelph, Merrylegs; Mohamad, Babs Ellis, Penetang, Wahoo's Pride; Doris Rumble, Guelph, Bala; Judy Eyers, Lindsay, Cherokee.

Middleweight: 1st Pat Solary, Markham, Mi Prince; Ken Williams, Mountain Smoke; Molly Bartren, A. S. F. David; Suzanne Simmons, Scorpio; Mary Ann Martin, Georgetown, Trailwind; and Eric Lehman, Hashem.

Heavyweight: 1st Pat Dales, Rockwood, Brassett; Jim Dales, Bubba; Dave Taylor, Sherri; Don Books, Aurora, Nomad; Loretta Decarie, Amherstburg, Dandy Dee; and Kaz Lewandowski, Acton, Pacha.

Top Arab went to Mi Prince owned by Pat Solary, sweepstakes winner and McGinnis Memorial Trophy winner was Pat Dales with reserve award taken by Elizabeth Taylor.

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Riders do well in Ontario events

Riders from this district have been doing well in the annual endurance trail rides sponsored by the Ontario Competitive Trail Ride Association.

At the Kettleby ride, June 23, Greg Dales of Rockwood won the Junior Division riding "Bubba". Steve Buchanan of Acton was second riding "Blanca Khan" and Cindy Johnson of Rockwood won the award for the youngest rider.

In the Middleweight Division at Kettleby, Rita Middlemiss of Eden Mills was second on "Tinkerdale Tuffy", and Agnes McGinnis, R.R. 2, Rockwood was sixth on "Topaz". Kaz Lewandowski of Acton came in second riding "Pacha" while Dave Taylor was third on "Sherril", both in Heavyweight.

On June 7, the Peterborough ride saw Di Lindblad of Rockwood winning first place in the Middleweight Division on "Rocklea Tresebara" and Reserve Champion Sweepstakes Trophy. Mo McGinnis also of Rockwood, was third in Heavyweight on "Montigo Red" while Fred Buchanan of Acton was sixth on "Misty". Trevor Swan of Acton picked up a sixth in Middleweight.

The Palgrave Ride, May 19, gave Steve Buchanan another second riding the same filly, trained by himself, just beating his father's third in Heavyweight. Mo McGinnis was second in the same division. His wife, Agnes, won a fourth in Middleweight, while Trevor Swan placed fourth in Novice.

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Six placings in six classes led to this award - Angela Spence rode the pony to a second place in beginner jumper, third in pleasure hack; third in good grooming; and a fifth in walk-trot. Cheryl Spence earned a first in handy hunter; and a second in working hunter.

At the same show, Laurie Clements of Limehouse won a second in walk-trot and a fourth in good grooming. Her sister Kim received a third in equitation (12 years and under). Susan Markham won a third in walk-trot and Carolyn Panabaker of Georgetown was first in equitation; first in pleasure hack; and a fourth in handy hunter.

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READY TO RIDE for 30 miles, numbers one, two and three are Vincent Synnott, Rockwood (Rockwood Trail Riders oldest rider) on Skeeter; Linda Cox, Rockwood, on Sundance; and her brother Dave on Red. All horses owned by the Cox family.



"TUFFY" IS CHECKED by veterinarian Geoff Faulkner prior to the Rockwood Trail Riders' endurance ride, Sunday. Looking on is owner Rita Middlemiss of Eden Mills and assistant Glenna Faulkner.

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putting her in second place for over-all competitor for the day.

Five members of the club are being sent to the large competitive Area "C" Rally July 7 - 10 at Mohawk Raceway, Campbellville. They are Jennifer Lister; Gaye Sears of Erin; Mary Hurley, R.R. 4, Acton; Cathy Chamberlain, R.R. 4, Acton; and Cheryl Spence.

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Fatal accident ends Floridian vacation

A Floridian holiday ended in tragedy on June 24. Mrs. Pool, wife of Acton farm coach Rob Pool, and her girlfriend Rita Chantaj had flown to Florida on Sunday, June 23, 24 hours later, while crossing a street in Ft. Lauderdale, Rita Chantaj was hit by a car and killed instantly.

The driver of the car was tracked down to his home. He is charged with failing to report an accident.

James Frazer was chosen the first Clerk of Esqueving Township on January 1, 1971. Township elections were held at the farm of Joseph Standish.

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Although no medals were won, 15 ribbons of "personal best" and "higher achievement" were won.

Mrs. Jean Mitchell and Mr. Graydon Petty gave their time and efforts in training a team that was well deserved of representing Georgetown.

On the beat



Al Kirkness
This is the ninth of a series of photographs to introduce the Public to their local police staff.

Al Kirkness, seen above, is a long time resident of Acton and has worked for the Town for over 20 years.

Al has been caretaker at the O.P.P. office for the past several years and can be found there almost daily from seven until ten in the mornings.

Al is well liked by all the officers and is the general handy-man around the office, even when it comes down to making coffee Al's right on the job.

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Increase rates at region dumps

A move to increase rates for use of sanitary land fill sites in the region from \$2 to \$3 a ton met with some opposition but was eventually passed at Regional Council Wednesday.

The public Works Committee made the recommendation and noted the increase was necessary to help make the sites self sustaining propositions.

Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett suggested the increase was unfair noting Oakville was required to pay an increased fee to use a dump the town gave to the region Jan. 1.

Controversy

Sanitary land fill sites have been a controversial subject throughout the region since the regional council assumed responsibility.

The three main sites in the region are in Georgetown, Burlington and Oakville. More will be required in the near future. A consultants' report indicating, among other things, the best places for sites, is expected to be presented to the Public Works Committee in the near future.

Hauling garbage

Milton currently hauls garbage to Oakville dump and faces the likelihood of having to haul an even greater distance to the Georgetown site.

Ernie Sykes, Georgetown's representative on the public works committee, had expressed concern about the expanded use of the Georgetown site for

surrounding areas. He noted the site was supposed to serve the town for 10 years but that lifespan is now reduced to about three years.

Milton's coat of arms has been approved by the special committee and goes to consideration of full council next. It was designed by artist Dorothy Stone, who also designed the Halton Hills Crest.

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