

63 horse enthusiasts compete in RTR trials

By Jennifer Barr
Approximately 63 horse enthusiasts turned out Sunday for the Rockwood Trail Riders annual Trail Horse Trials held at the Halton Presbytery Grounds, Blue Springs Line, Nassagaweya.

A six-mile course took competitors over an hour to complete. Horses were ridden through a variety of obstacles including a gate to be opened from horse-back; a bridge; a steep gravel and sand slide; sheets of flapping plastic;

and a great white bedspread. The first obstacle, at the grounds, consisted of two barrels containing two orange stuffed plastic bags and a smelly cow hide. The rider was supposed to remove the bags from one barrel (from the saddle), drape them over the saddlehorn, carry them to the second barrel and place them on the hide.

Some horses were not too sure of this at all, and one rider ended up landing on her safety helmet while her

mount removed himself from the scene at top speed. Dragging a bag of tin cans through cedar trees proved an interesting obstacle, as did the pail on a long rope which was to be filled with river water from horseback.

Well-known show jumper, Ray Skorapad of R.R. 2, Rockwood, changed hats and appeared as a trail rider on a new horse Montigo Red, purchased from competitive endurance rider, Mo McGinnis. Ray placed third in the open class giving all credit to his trained mount. His lowest score was, of all things, on the jump.

Long legged Montigo trotted over the obstacle when he was supposed to have jumped it in true show style.

A corn roast followed the exciting day and awards were given out by club president, Gord Cox, and Trial organizer, Pat Beck.

Awards were as follows:

Open: Horsemanship: Leroy Kufsky, Guelph, 1st; Leroy Kufsky, 2nd; Nelson Cole, Guelph; 3rd, Ray Skorapad, Rockwood; 4th, Peter Buitenhuis and Ron Dast both of Galt; 5th Ken Tuck, Peterborough; 6th, Ethel Simpson, Vineland; 7th, Steve McIntyre, Acton; 8th, Fred Barnes, Guelph; 9th, Fred Buchanan, Acton; 10th, Renate Begmann, Thornhill.

Novice: Horsemanship: Diane Bursey, Guelph; 1st, Diane Bursey; 2nd, Larry Newhigging, Cambridge; 3rd, Kim Break, Rockwood; 4th, Chris Dales, Rockwood; 5th, Doug Wood, Acton; 6th, Jerry Hamilton, Guelph; 7th, Al Reichertz; 8th, Jane Murray, Rockwood; 9th, Jayne Guild, Rockwood; 10th, Bill Hacking, Puslinch.



STRIKE! Debbie Heater of Puslinch swings and misses. They won this game over Rockwood 23-14.

Gino's of Guelph new Eramosa girls' champs

"Just have fun out there, don't worry about anything else." This was the attitude at the Eramosa girls' 20 and under ball tournament held in Rockwood last Saturday.

The girls played seven inning games or one and a half hours, whichever came first. If a team was ahead of their opponents by five or more runs at the end of five innings then it was an automatic win.

The teams playing included Belwood, Arkell, Erin, Gino's of Guelph, Rockwood, Fergus and Puslinch.

One observant spectator was overheard saying, "It looks like the team to beat is Gino's," and he was right. Gino's defeated Puslinch with a victory of 15 to 2 to become the Eramosa Girls' champs. The day's tournament began at 10 a.m. with Arkell defeating Belwood 8 to 6. Rockwood beat Fergus, after

five innings, by a score of 16 to 9. The next game was between Erin and Gino's in which Gino's won after five innings with a score of 12 to 4. Puslinch had a bye in the first round.

In the next round Puslinch beat Rockwood by a score of 23 to 14. In the next game between Gino's and Arkell, Gino's won by three runs, 13 to 10. In the last game Gino's were victorious by a score of 15 to 2.

Rockwood herd brings \$658 avg.

The 115 head of Holsteins in the Kersvale herd of D.D. McKersie, Rockwood, brought a total of \$75,710, for an average of \$658.00 at the Brubacher Sale Arena, Guelph, on August 9.

Sixteen animals brought over \$1,000 each, with the top price of \$1,950, paid by Maridon Holsteins, Galt, for a fresh two-year-old daughter of Shugs Roll On Rockland.

Andy Alma, Smithville, paid the second highest price of \$1,550.00 for a five-year-old daughter of Shugs Roll On Rockland. He secured ten head in all, including another five-year-old at \$1,100, by the same sire.

Ten head went to Connecticut, purchased by Grant Kirby. These included a six-year-old daughter of Clearstone Sovereign Senator at \$1,050, a three-year-old daughter of Spring Farm Performer at \$1,000, and the highest priced heifer calf at \$460. Lloyd Lichty, Guelph, paid \$1,200, which was the highest price for a bred heifer.



DAVE JOHNSON, Rockwood, negotiates the slide on Strawberry at the Trail Horse Trials, Sunday.



RAY SKORAPAD, R.R. 2, Rockwood, places the plastic garbage bags on the hide at the Rockwood Trail Riders Trail Horse Trials, Sunday. Watching are judge Mo McGinnis and helper Kelly Buchanan.

Silverwood

Burts are honored

Ballinafad community hall was the scene of happy occasion on Saturday evening Aug. 10 when over 200 guests met to honour Pearl and George Burt on their 40th wedding anniversary.

The evening was spent dancing to the Fred McDougal orchestra of Erin, assisted by Earl Burt and Basil Watson.

Neighbours and community friends presented the couple with an electric fry pan, electric carving knife and coffee table.

Individual gifts from guests outside the community were also received.

Judy and Muriel Burt made the anniversary cake and it was beautifully decorated by sister Shirley.

Silverwood Women's Institute members served a delicious lunch. Pearl is a

valued member of the group. The Burt family presented their mother with a ruby brooch and their father with a tie tac with ruby stone.

Visitors, visiting Mrs. F. Campbell, Mrs. I Carmichael and family spent a week at Wasaga recently.

Cathy Carmichael has spent her holidays with a cast on her foot. Hope it will soon be off, Cathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell Penson and Linda have returned home from a trip to Moosonee recently.

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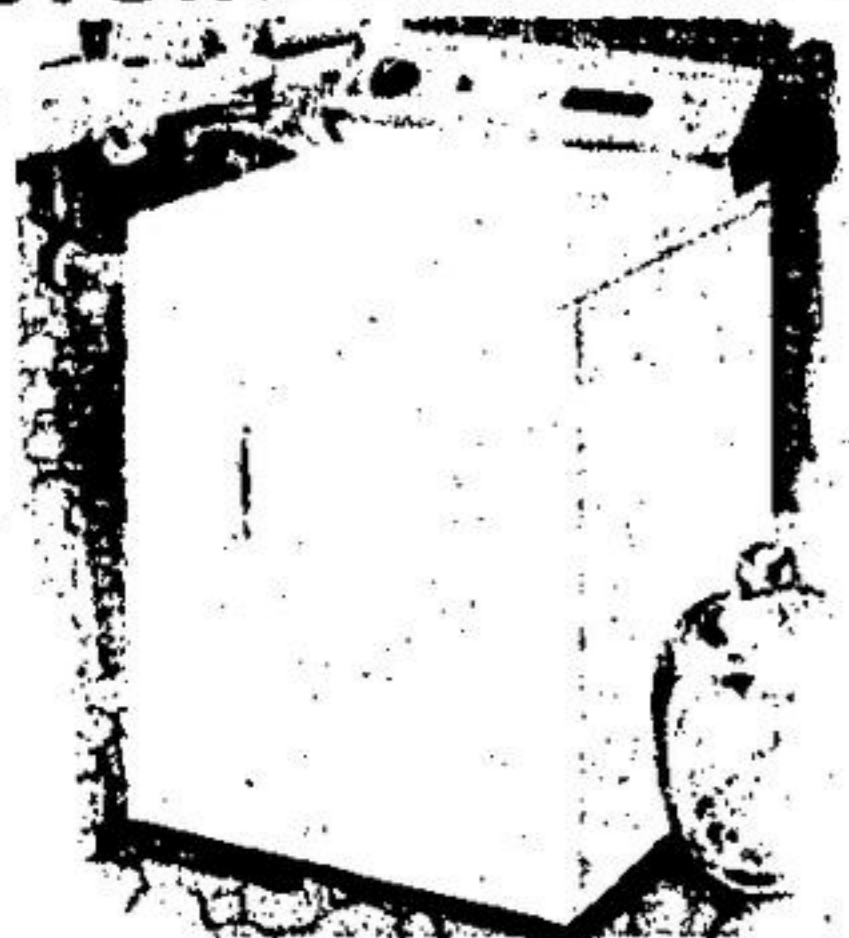
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Acton Jr. Farmers plan booth at fair

By Doris Burt
The August meeting of the Acton Junior Farmers was held on Wednesday August 14 at Ballinafad Hall. Reports were given on all zone and provincial field days held in Orangeville and Guelph.

Delegates have been announced for the Junior Farmer trips. They are Rick Ramm and Frances McLean to go to Provincial Leadership Camp. Both are from the Acton Club.

Winner of the United Nations Tour is Ken Ittledge from the Nerval Club.

Fall fair plans
The members are presently busy preparing a mini farm and refreshment booth for Acton Fall Fair.

The County Junior Farmers, will be responsible for the wagon tours and a food booth at the International Plowing Match.

A good time was had this past weekend at a county camp out and beach party held at Sauble beach.

People who want their day's pay to be based on the minimum when it's a deduction and the maximum when it's to their advantage are an interesting breed.

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