



JENNIFER VERNON enjoys a well-deserved drink while Mom (Anne) looks after Apache following the western Ontario Pony Club D Rally held Saturday in Mississauga. The three Vernons live at R.R. 1, Limehouse.

60 compete in horse trials

By Jennifer Barr

On such a hot day as last Sunday, splashing up a gurgling creek with a friendly horse was a pleasant occupation—especially when it was part of the annual Trail Horse Trials sponsored by the Rockwood Trail Riders. The event was held at the Halton Presbytery grounds, Blue Springs Line.

Sixty riders, competing from all over the province, rode an eight mile trail and maneuvered obstacles such as jumps, hills, a bridge, opening and closing a gate, and leading in a trailer.

The first obstacle was "a good one" according to trail organizer, Dr. Lindblad. "It really showed up the good horses. Horses had to back through a series of poles and around a barrel while riders dragged a tire on a rope. Some horses reacted to this test with a decided lack of cool."

Obstacles

Other interesting obstacles included rounds of barbap under which the horse and rider were to pass without fear. Logs rolled in black plastic proved a true test of trailability while most horses negotiated the track between a bear hide and smoldering

tire with only a startled look.

Competitors had to remove a lucky draw ticket from a squeaky mailbox while on horseback. Those failing this were not eligible for the draw.

A pail of water had to be dipped from a pond and poured into a barrel—again from horseback, and riders had to mount in midstream from stepping stones.

Roast

The event took most of the day to complete and was followed by an old-fashioned corn and weenie roast.

Organizers Dr. Lindblad and Mary Smith were delighted with the turnout and thanked the many club members who acted as judges, holdback people, secretaries, guides, and corn huskers.

Awards were as follows:

English Division: 1. Jim Cook, "Ben", Caledon; 2. Susan Dunlop, "Black Bart", Guelph; 3. Anita Gray, "BonaDee", Fraserville; 4. Shelly Cooper, "Miss Kiwa Bars", Rockwood; 5. Sandy Poot, "Black Jack", Nashville; 6. Martha Jessome, "Shrade"; 7. Catharines; 8. Suse Stone, "War-U", Rockwood; 9. Cathy Smith, "Vicki"; 10. St. Catharines; 11. Nancy Glendinning.

Western Division: 1. Pete Galt, "Buck Tanner"; 2. Ron Bust, "Winsome Dude"; 3. Gerry Leider, "Joe King Cody", Guelph; 4. Mr. McGinnis, "Montigo Red", Rockwood; 5. Larry McGregor, "Tunka", Guelph; 6. Vivienne MacDonald, "Ama Bunt Regal"; 7. Fred Barnes, "Toledo's Joy", Guelph; 8. Rob Taylor, "Punchers"; 9. Peter Holly, "Red Sienna Star", Guelph; 10. Ray Coglin, "Peter's Pride", Guelph.

Rockwood, "Rockwood", 10. Allyson Amos, "Rita Anne", Georgetown.

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