

# Riding's a confidence-builder

## Young tykes enjoy testing their newly-acquired skills

Tim Gilpin, 9, says he likes Wildwood Manor Acres riding camp because you "get to know the horses and what their attitudes are". Tim also likes learning to control his horse, he says.

Horseback riding teaches confidence and independence to the children that spend a week or two grooming, feeding and riding the horses at Wildwood Manor, says Mrs. Annette Milne.

Mrs. Milne is the owner of the horseback riding camp which caters to children and teenagers for either a residential or day camp setting.

The camp is located near Ballinacross on the Ninth Line, 10 minutes drive from Georgetown.

"It's nice for the parents to see their little darlings riding by themselves," says Mrs. Milne, who encourages parents to visit. Mrs. Milne feels strongly that children need their

independence because sometimes "parents give their children so much".

### NEED DISCIPLINE

"On a horse there has to be discipline," Mrs. Milne says. The camp has a scheduled program where the children are taught to care and feed their horses. A swimming program and sports instruction is also a part of the day's activities.

For not much more than a price of a babysitter, the children at Wildwood are put into a learning situation, Mrs. Milne says.

Nine times out of ten, there will be a child who will say they can't ride a horse by themselves. Mrs. Milne gradually allows the child to become familiar with the horse; has them lead the horse and groom it.

Soon after, the once apprehensive child wants to ride the horse while an instructor leads them around. Usually by the second day, the child is

confident that the horse can be ridden, Mrs. Milne says.

One of the highlights for the children is when they are able to confidently show their instructors that they can make their horses turn, stop and go forward. Then the children are allowed on one of the many trails in the wood and pastures behind the farmhouse.

Often the children will ask for the fastest horse if a special rodeo is held by the camp. However, Mrs. Milne will tell them that it is not the horse but the rider that makes the difference in the race.

### GROUPS TOO

Wildwood Manor Acres offers extensive programs for adults on a group basis or trail riding for half-hour or hour rides, by appointment. Surrounded by beautiful pines, cedars and spruce trees, the area of Wildwood is a mixture of open fields and wooded trails.

"You could travel for two hours on our trails and still not have to backtrack," Mrs. Milne says. Mrs. Milne operated a similar riding camp on the Jehovah's Witnesses' property just outside of Georgetown until 1978 when she moved to her present location.

Most campers come for the riding at Wildwood Manor, but the camp offers swimming instruction for all levels, canoeing, fishing plus group games and sports like tennis and badminton.

There is also a teenage Wilderness Adventure program for the 12-16 years age group. Teenagers have special day trips and an advanced program catered to their own special wants.

A Saturday program includes a Western Riding club which is less rigid in its programming than the week-long riding camp. One of the weekend instructors is former Miss Acton Fall Fair, Lisa McGrath. Wildwood Manor employs one counsellor for every five campers.

Mrs. Milne began her camp almost twenty years ago when she bought a pony for her own children. She looked after a YMCA camp and this prompted her own children to persuade her into beginning one of her own.

In her first year they had 26 children enrolled in their most popular week. Last year Wildwood accommodated 65 campers in their most popular week.

For more information about Wildwood Manor Acres, phone 877-6852.



Shane Jacobs, 8, seems to have his horse, Dusty all under control during his riding class last Friday at Wildwood Manor Acres horseback riding camp.

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Ask these boys what they enjoy most about Wildwood Acres and they'll say: riding horses! Seen here with Annette Milne are (left to right) Trevor Lewis, 7, Tim Gilpin, 9, Shane Jacobs, 8, Cy Mosun, 8.

(Herald photo)

## Squirts, Peewees at Hornby Park's baseball tournament

By BRYAN LEWIS

Herald Special

Not only did 350 runners cross home plate, 15 girls picked up various prizes in a lucky, four teams won trophies and approximately 225 children and many coaches, parents had a fun-filled day in the Hornby Park during the Squirrt and Pee Wee Girls ball tournament held Sunday July 11 in the Hornby Park.

Sixteen teams started the busy day at 8:30 a.m. and the final game concluded at 10:30 p.m. with 20 games being played throughout the entire day. Eight teams in the Squirrt division, Streetsville, Limehouse, Acton, Rockwood, Alderwood, Milton, Brampton, and Hornby.

The championship game saw Streetsville going down to defeat to Alderwood by the score of 5-0. Alderwood won the Spencer Wilson Trophy as the Squirrt Champions.

In the consolation championship Hornby

picked up the Elva Howden Trophy by defeating Brampton 19-5.

Milton, Acton, Brampton, Halton Peel, Waterdown, Rockwood and Hornby started competition in the Pee Wee division with Halton Peel winning the Audrey and Bill Schriber Trophy with a 25-6 win over Hornby.

Milton's 19-9 win over Waterdown in the Consolation series won them the Dave Leslie Trophy.

Merchants such as

Full tourney results in Friday's paper

Hornby General Store, Sports Unlimited, S and S Sports, Herron Motors, Good Year Tire and Rubber Co., and Molson's Breweries donated prizes for the girls.

These were drawn and awarded to the girls in lieu of any individual awards, such as MVP or All Star presentations.

The Hornby Minor Ball Clubs thank them for their co-operation and assistance in making the day the HUGE success that it was.

With three games going on at one time and 20 games in total for the

entire day, one does not have to use much imagination to see just how much organization and co-operation it takes to make the day run as smooth as this tournament did.

The tournament committee would like to thank the Town of Halton Hills for having the park in such great condition. Diamonds were perfect for children's ball games. Many compliments from visitors were received about the condition of the Hornby Park.

To have 20 games, it takes many umpires, score-keepers, diamond rakers, timers and the likes, to all the many people who assisted in some way, we say a very sincere "Thanks" because without your co-operation the tournament does not receive the praise it did for running so smooth.

The Hornby Park was a beehive of activity, with six teams playing at one time and six more ready to play in the next games. Plenty of parents, and friends were in the park to enjoy the ball games, have picnics and in general share with the more than 200 ball players in what can only be considered a highly successful ball tournament.

## Industrial fastball

# Armstrong edge Plumbers 2-1

In Industrial fastball action this week, Armstrong Collision outlasted C and S Plumbing 2-1. A triple by Wayne Densmore in the second inning got his club going and the defense was able to hang

on in the late innings to preserve the lead and the victory.

Varian were victorious over Hollywood Tavern 10-2. Combining four errors by the Tavern with 10 hits of their own.

Varian delivered Norval its first trouncing of the year.

Mario Santo rode the wave to victory while Dan Engley suffered the loss on the mound.

Akers Clark real estate went 9-1 against M and M Pro Sports. Five errors proved the demise of the sportsters while Don Pickett shut down their bats allowing only two hits to pick up the win over Bob McDonald.

The Merchants trounced M and M Pro Sports 8-1. The Merchants got back on the winning track behind a one hit pitching performance by Bob Robson and aided by a home run off the bat of Kevin Hotham. Joe DeForest was tagged with the loss.

Armstrong Collision outmaneuvered the Steel Builders 9-5. A 21 hit attack helped the body-

men make short work of Sid Lefebvre and company.

C and S Plumbing blanked Hollywood Tavern 3-0. In the game of the week this week, defense was the keyword. Winning pitcher Jeff Gimpel gave up only five hits to the mighty taverners.

Meanwhile Roy Spear gave up eight but got charged with the loss. Paul Briseley got the game winning RBI as he drove in John Sargent with a double in the third inning. Peel Steel squeaked past Akers Clark Real Estate 4-3. While all eyes were on the week's feature game, these two teams were locked in a battle royal.

Two rub home runs by Tom Trevelyan and Kevin Franks helped Peel pitcher John Horner to victory over Don Pickett.

## Ladies powderpuff

Continued from page B2 Adams. Gloria Sinclair and Silvia Mountain made some "stopping" catches. Alice Henderson was powerful at bat.

Skyhawk player Kim Smith was fantastic at bat and in her fielding plays.

Congratulations to Brad and Penny Butterworth on the birth of a healthy baby boy, Brydon. We all will be anxious to see him at the ball park.

Corn Niblets was victorious over L'Bats Blue 12-10 in a close game. Won't the Green Giant be proud of his Niblets who did it all on their own, with exceptional plays by Sandy Cuthbert who brought in the winning run and Linda Anderson for her shiner.

L'Bats Blue being very generous had fine catching from Brenda Fournier and solid pitching from Linda Paul.

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