



New members of the Acton Legion took time from the St. Patrick's Day dance on Saturday to be initiated into Branch 197. The new members include, back row from left, Kathleen Hurst, Phil Naylor, Terry Winters, Jeremy Adams, Patrick Graham, Peg Graham, Ed Ebbinge, and Paul Hanson. Seated, Pat Peterson, Paul Kolodziejczyk, Matthew Johnstone, Ian Munday, Douglas Wilson, John Wagg, and Kelly Scott. (Mike Albano photo)

All-Canadian Heifer calf heads south

BY DOUG HARRISON
At first, it would seem to be a wise move for Robert Linham to switch from milking cows to showing them after winning the prestigious 1992 All-Canadian Intermediate Heifer calf competition with Southbrae Broker Laura.

But since the Limehouse resident has been in the dairy farm business for the better part of his 37 years, it may take more than one visit to the winner's circle to fully convince him.

It was the first time he showed the Holstein cow. Better yet, the first time he showed any calf.

Unfortunately, soon after win-

ning at the Royal Winter Fair in November, Southbrae Broker Laura and Linham parted ways in the best interests of the former and she currently resides in Lodi, Calif., with owners Hank and Carolyn Van Exel.

"It was a hard decision to make (letting her go)," began Linham's girlfriend Cathy Brown, "because part of you wants to keep her and the other knows she'd be better off somewhere else where someone will be able to show her."

"Rob doesn't show cattle, he just milks them. He just doesn't have the time to show her. We'll quit while we're ahead."

"Winning the Royal was a once in a lifetime trip," Brown went on. "The chances of going again are slim. It was just luck. There's a lot of show people out there who never get to go to something like this."

Incidentally, Southbrae Broker Laura, who's just a little over 1-year-old, has only been shown a handful of times and has already captured renowned events.

Laura Sinclair, a 4-H member from Limehouse, has shown her in Acton, Georgetown and Milton contests and she dominated her class with first-place results in all of them. She also took first and second in the non-milking classes.

Tyler Brander, another 4-H member, showed her early last fall at Rockton (where she won) and at the Royal in November with Linham in attendance.

A great deal of work was done in order for Southbrae Broker Laura to get the exposure needed to win the big events and climb the ladder of success.

"She won at the Royal so we sent a picture of her to Holstein magazines to see if the judges thought she was an ideal calf to go to the all-Ontario championships," said Brown. "After winning that, we sent a picture to the same magazines to see if she qualified as the best-looking calf from judges across Canada to qualify for the all-Canadian."

The new owners are busy getting her ready for a show in April. She's currently being taught to walk on a halter and stand in certain showing positions.

"The success of Southbrae Broker Laura isn't 100 per cent Rob. The showers and the people who lent us the vehicle to show her around were a big help. Without them, we wouldn't have won," Brown explained.

Southbrae Broker Laura will be bred in June and will begin milking nine months thereafter.

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Hammering out a new deal

Now the NHL and the Players' Association are finally on the right track of arbitration. The former way was a joke, ending with the Calgary Flames' arbitration with ex-Flame Doug Gilmour. While Gilmour was skating around in warm-up with the Flames before an exhibition game, he looked up and saw the arbitrator of his case sitting with the Calgary Flames brass. Nice, eh? The way it works now is that the players pick four guys and the clubs pick four guys as arbitrators. The players then pick one, the club picks one, and if both sides pick the same name, then that's who the arbitrator is. If they each pick a different guy, then the third guy (who wasn't chosen) handles the case. It sounds like a King Solomon deal but the thing about this way is that a discussion will come in two days, and that's the way it should be.

Re-alignment makes sense

The rumour that's making the rounds about re-alignment and has hit the Montreal Gazette makes sense, but only applies if both new expansion teams (Miami and Anaheim) operate next season.

East	Central	North-East	West
Tampa Bay	Chicago	Boston	Calgary
N.Y.R.	Minnesota	Buffalo	Anaheim
Philly	Detroit	Hartford	Edmonton
Washington	Pittsburgh	Toronto	L.A.
N.Y.I.	St. Louis	Quebec	Vancouver
Miami	Winnipeg	Ottawa	San Jose
		Montreal	

New NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman is going to have his hands full convincing different teams to agree on this re-alignment. Everybody wants the edge, but it makes sense. The eastern teams in the East Division, central teams in the Central, north-east teams in the North-East Division and western teams in the West only makes sense when you consider identification and travel costs. That's what bothers me ... it makes too much sense!

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