



KING OF THE SLOPES, Mark Koehler of Burlington demonstrates the use of his Snow Bob. The machines are new to this area but apparently are used extensively in Europe. Mark was one of hundreds who had fun during Burlington's Winter Games at Lowville Park Sunday.



NOT TOO ENTHUSED about the goings-on, one-year-old Johnathon Lake of Burlington has a snooze while his parents Mr. and Mrs. Brian Lake head for the skating area. They were among those folk joining in the fun at Burlington Winter Games at Lowville Park Sunday.

First Queen's Plate winner born on Halton County farm

North America's oldest horse race, "The Queen's Plate", was first run on June 27, 1860. The winner was a bay thoroughbred colt, born and bred on a Halton County farm where, in 1973, horses are still being bred. That first winner was "Don Juan", and a handsome trophy is to be presented in his honor at a Woodland Stables reception and dance at the Bronte Legion Hall on Friday, Feb. 16.

Each year, "The Don Juan Trophy" is to be awarded to four horsemen whose animals are stabled at the former home of that very first champion.

Throughout the past year, this year's winners and their horses have competed at English and Western style Horse Shows in Burlington, Oakville, Brampton, Milton, Carlisle and Mount Hope, and the trophy will be won by the horsemen who have brought the most honor to their stable.

The stables still retain the name "Woodland", which was adopted in 1861 by the original owner, James White. Four generations later, the farm is now in the hands of George S. Atkins whose family acquired it more than half a century ago

from a son-in-law of the original owner.

The impressive new "Don Juan Trophy" is presented by Mr. Atkins, a well known CBC radio/TV commentator, to encourage good horsemanship among younger generations of Canadians.

The stables, now on the farm from which the illustrious "Don Juan" came, are being operated by Katherine and Wayne Vincent. The former is a horsewoman in her own right, whose grandfather was a member of Queen Victoria's Household Cavalry. She points with pride to those glamorous years in the 1860's when "The Queen's Plate" was won four times by horses from the stables which she now operates and she looks forward to further successes in competition with other stables throughout the country.

—Participate in the Snow Festival this weekend.

—"Every dog has its day" and that day will be Saturday when Milton Rotary Club sponsors a "mutt show" at the fair grounds as part of the Snow Festival.



THE RACE IS ON and it's "sugar coated" in the lead. Oh, here comes "dream whipped" along the rail. The donut eating contest was a popular event at Burlington Winter Games in Lowville Park Sunday. This announcer added to the fun with a glowing commentary on each race.



A FULL LOAD and then some... A wagon hay at Burlington Winter Games Sunday in Lowville. The ride was a popular attraction for youngsters. (Photos by B. Burt)



A SMALL FIRE was a warm welcome to many who visited Burlington winter games at Lowville Park Sunday. Snowmobiling, skating and other winter games highlighted the fun.

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