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Quinn Cruise demonstrates one of the many moves she's learned at Fighting Griffin Martial Arts.

Silent student making major Karate strides

By STEVE LeBLANC

The Champion

Quinn Cruise can't hear the cry of the warrior, but she follows it all the same.

The 12-year-old does so at Fighting Griffin Martial Arts Club, where she has the distinction of being the first and only deaf karate student.

This offers a unique challenge to both Quinn and sensei Scott Hogarth, who at times is as much her pupil as her instructor.

"She's taught me some sign language but sometimes it's still difficult because I'm such an outspoken person," explains

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He's King of the eighth hole

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Seven may be lucky for most but eight's the ticket for Josh King.

The Milton teen used that number hole and iron to leave his mark on the Oakville Executive Golf Course last Tuesday, where a perfect shot turned into a hole in one.

"The ball got some good wind under it and took just one bounce before falling," said the 13-year-old of his memorable 141-yard shot. "I just went crazy. I fell down and started screaming."

Josh was participating in a week-long junior camp — run by Clarke's Golf of Milton — at the time of the milestone.

Instructor Scott Clarke described it as an unbelievable moment which left everyone in the group both awestruck and speechless.

"He (Josh) was silent for a good 30 seconds but then he couldn't calm down for the rest of the day," quipped Clarke.

Also witness to the par three eagle was fellow instructor Garrett Lauzon, who added "we had a closest to the hole contest going when Josh made the shot. After the initial shock wore off, the first thing he yelled was 'Somebody owes me 50 cents.'"

"It was hilarious."

Josh has quite an effective long-range shot despite having only taken up golf last summer. His interest in the sport comes from father Clive, himself an avid golfer.

This was the second consecutive year that a member of the local junior camp recorded a hole-in-one. A Mississauga teen did it last summer.



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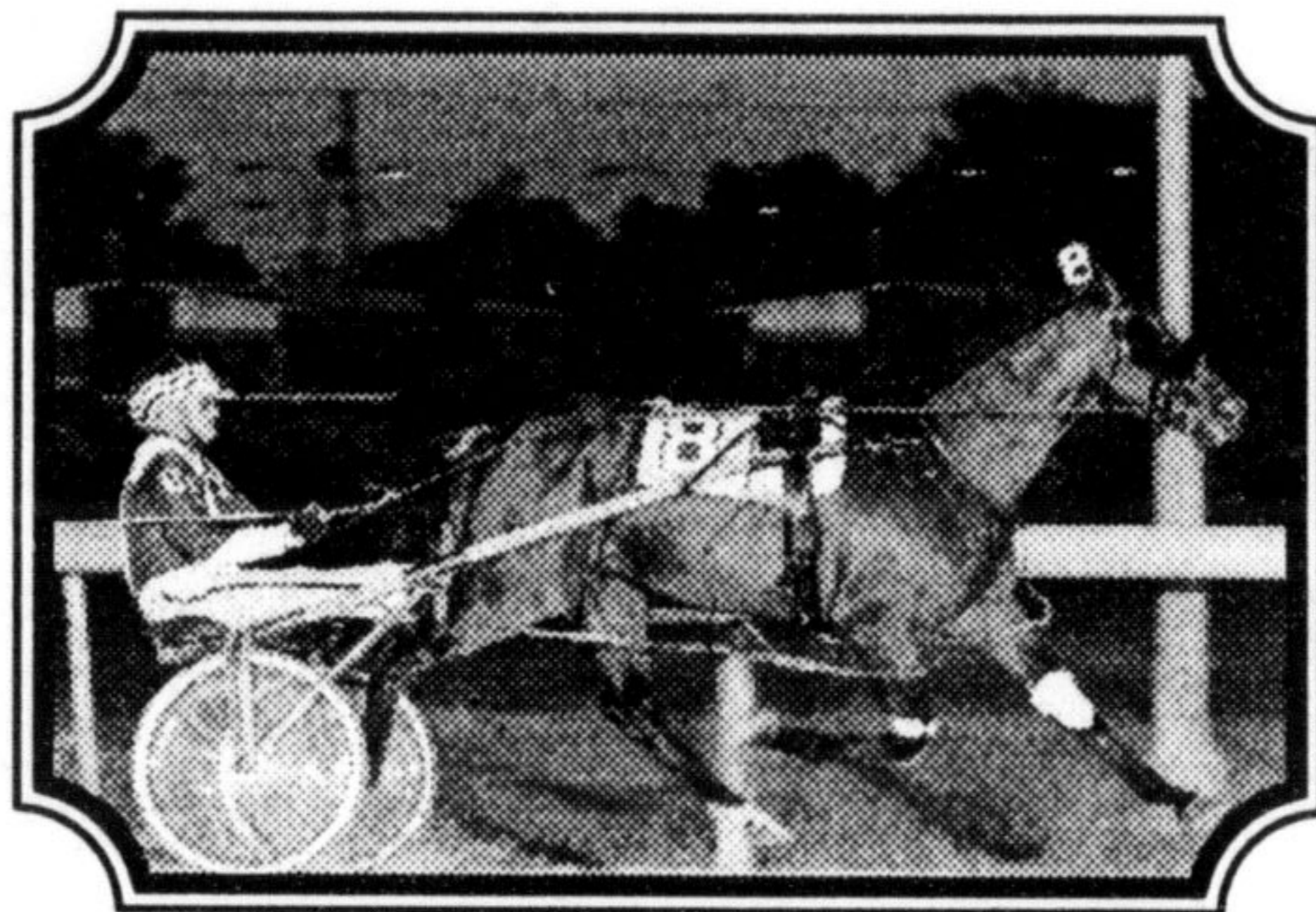
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