

# Bear Island

well-produced adventure drama

by Terry Dupuis

**Bear Island** is an exciting and well-produced adventure suspense drama adapted from one of Alistair MacLean's many novels. Previous MacLean novels to be transferred to the screen have included *The Guns Of Navarone*, *Where Eagles Dare*, *Ice Station Zebra* and *Puppet On A Chain*. **Bear Island** is on the whole better than any of them, except possibly *The Guns Of Navarone*.

**Bear Island** deals with a team of experts who are sent from the United Nations to an island off the coast of Norway. Here the small expedition is to study the changes in the world-weather situation. They are to be isolated at this outpost for a period of six months.

Intrigue soon begins to rear its head after several members of the expedition are mysteriously killed. It turns out that there is a fortune in gold bars on the island; the site was previously a base for German submarines during the Second World War. A modern-day Nazi group wants the treasure back for its coffers, and someone in the expedition is an agent who has been sent to retrieve it, willing to kill anyone who stands in his way or stumbles across the secret.

**Bear Island** is a Canadian-British co-production, and at \$9 million it stands as one of the most expensive movies to have been made here. Along with *The Changeling* it also

stands as the best Canadian feature film I've seen so far this year.

**Bear Island** has a good cast which includes Canadian, British and American players. But most of them are playing members of an international expedition which includes Germans, Russians and Norwegians, and their accents are not always convincing. Richard Widmark in particular comes off rather poorly playing the old German scientist who is the leader of the expedition.

Also in the cast are Canadian Donald Sutherland as the movie's hero marine biologist; Vanessa Redgrave as a Norwegian nurse; Christopher Lee as a Polish scientist, and American players Lloyd Bridges and Barbara Parkins. Also prominent in the cast is Canadian actor Lawrence Dane in the role of Widmark's assistant.

The Characterizations in **Bear Island** may be a little thin and sketchy, but it's the type of movie in which characterization is usually of secondary importance. More important to these stories are the action, suspense and intrigue, and **Bear Island** has these in abundance.

Also, production-wise **Bear Island** is top-notch, particularly in its fine color camerawork. There is some beautiful breathtaking scenery in it. The movie was shot at Stewart, British Columbia, and in Glacier Bay, Alaska.

# The guys and the gals see golfing action at MGCC

A total of 56 golfers teed off Wednesday night for a regular weekly match at Midland Golf and Country Club.

Gary Hooper and Roy Lavin burned up the course with equal scores of 37.

Net winners in the first flight were Ken Tannahill and Garvey Whale.

A 39 by Bruce Stickler and a 41 by Rick Duval captured gross in the second flight.

Jim Pedan was first low net and Ovi Lemesurier was second net.

Third flight gross victory went to Bill Gray with Ray Miller placing second. Net winners were John Moss and Roy Head.

The Finlayson Cup, for women, took place at MGCC yesterday and although no results were available at press time it is understood 60 golfers from Midland, Orillia, Collingwood and Barrie teed off at 11 a.m. for a day of golfing under almost ideal conditions, weather-wise.

And earlier this week the gals, 26 in all, braved wet almost snow-like weather to compete in a Tuesday match.

There was a three-way tie for first in the Two Ball-Better Ball Tourney: Zena Seldon and Mary Moseley came up winners as did Eva Regan and Shirley Stokes along with May Seldon and Eileen

O'Shaughnessy.

And getting back to the Finlayson for just a moment, going into yesterday's play, Midland was leading by 21 points over second place Collingwood and third place Barrie.

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# Cousineau's pitching, team hits down Mr. Sub 7-2

In Wednesday's Olympia Fastball league game, Peter Robson's pitcher Earl Cousineau pitched his team to a 7-2 victory over Mr. Submarine.

Back up by 12 hits, Peter Robson's team scored two runs in the second, third and fourth

innings and added a seventh run in the bottom of the fifth.

Mr. Submarine scored runs in the top of the second and fourth innings. Dennis Gignac took the loss for Mr. Submarine. His team managed only five hits off Earl Cousineau.



## Reasons to be happy

You'd be smiling too, if you had won one of a) a new Ford Mustang or b) a one week vacation in the Bahamas. The car and the trip were the top prizes in the Midland Y's Men's Club's Car Draw, held June 7 at Midland's Centennial Arena. From left

are: John Scott (Huronian Travel), John Gianetto (trip winner), Chester Graham (Draw Chairman), Steve Ogden (car winner), and Des Carpenter (Courtesy Ford).

# NEW WAVE ROCK



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