

# Sports

## Marvelville ladies edged in finals

The Marvelville Ladies Ringette team ended the regular season with a close loss in the finals of the Gloucester and Area Ladies Ringette League.

Hammond ladies emerged as League Champs with a 5-3 win at the Clarence Creek arena. Although not entirely happy with the loss, the Marvelville ladies were in agreement that they had given their very best and that Monday was a very good team.

A week later the ladies came very close to winning the Gloucester and Area Ladies Silver Spoon Tournament. In their first game Marvelville defeated Waterloo 4-3. They then faced Blackburn and again were vic-

torious by a 5-4 score.

This drew them against their arch rivals Hammond. After falling behind, the Hammond crew rallied in the final period to defeat Marvelville by a close 5-4 score.

The following girls were presented with trophies — Angela Bowers for the Most Improved Senior Skater; Erica Hyland for the Most Improved Intermediate Skater and Patricia Alexander for the Most Improved Junior Skater.

Every club is most appreciative of skaters who provide on-ice assistance above that normally expected. In this category Penny Hind and Jennifer Jackson received awards for Junior Helpers and Kathy Young, Linda Hind and

Monica Vandam for Senior Helpers.

The Lost Skate Guard Award was presented to Jill and Wendy Patterson for their outstanding on-ice contribution during the Clubs Skating Show.

Last, but not least, the Club showed its appreciation to outgoing President Carol Budarick and her husband Wilbur — Carol for her tireless efforts in guiding the Club through a most successful year and Wilbur for his efforts in preparing the club float for the Metcalfe Carnival.

Also, his work in making props for the Ice Show and his all around contribution to the Club not only during this season but in past years as well.

The Executive for next season is as follows: President — Sharon Heagle; Treasurer — Betty Young; Secretary — Jeannie Jeacle; Badgers — Eve Hind; Phoning — Linda Getz; Past Pres. — Carol Budarick; and, Athletic Dir. — Mary Broadhead.



The Marvelville Ladies Ringette Team: Back row, left to right, Duke Denby (coach), Charlene McCargar, Bev Welk, Pat McLaren, Lynn Ransome, Marcia MacDougall, Wendy Denby (Asst. Coach). Front row, left to right, Shirley Young, Monique Martineau, Flo Semple, Claudette Piche, Evelyn Vidal.

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## Horse Bits

### The psychology of horses

By Lola Wood

So much that I take for granted in my relationships with my animals is really impressions from my early childhood. My horses are my real teachers. I will be telling someone why a horse behaves the way he does and they wonder how I can possibly know.

Horses are refreshingly open in their behaviour. To me, this is the source of their charm. They are said to have the mentality of a three-year-old child. This is undoubtedly so, but they can shock you with their perception at times.

They make me a believer of reincarnation. Otherwise, how could they invent the uncanny things that they do. They can become very "tuned in" to their handler — if he is "tuned in" to them. Stick them in a stall and forget them and they can become very dull individuals indeed.

Every horse has his own distinct personality and abilities — both physical and mental and it is up to the horseman to discover them and use them to his advantage. Thus you can bring a horse to the ultimate of his potential.

A horse can be a stubborn creature but with the use of tact — "equestrian tact" — he can be made to do your bidding and believe it was all his own idea!

Many people argue that horses are stupid. This I will dispute with my dying breath. All you need do is learn to read their messages. All horse owners have a repertoire of anecdotes to back me up. I have been made to look foolish many times by a "smart-ass" horse.

Because my specialty in the past was reclaiming ruined horses, I have had to learn very quickly how to understand their problems. Horses always remember the bad things that have been done to them. Especially if they could not understand. This is why you must be logical and adult in

your approach. A fit of temper can undo months of careful training.

I think the greatest difficulty any new owner can encounter is in deciding when to be strict and when to be understanding. The horse has no trouble finding you out and taking advantage of you if you are undecided. This, of course, isn't fair because you don't want to mess up his training by administering unwarranted punishment. "He's got you, hasn't he?" This is where you apply your psychology!

If you are having difficulties with some aspect of your horse relationship, either in the barn or the ring, call or drop me a line. I will consult my panel of experts and for sure will come up with a solution.

#### CLINIC

During the Easter Break, we had a real fun clinic at PineTree Stables. It was a teaching clinic. Each pupil prepared two lessons. A riding lesson and a tack-room lesson which they taught to the rest of the group.

The quality of the lessons was very high both in preparation and delivery. Everyone learned a great deal and had fun too. There was a fun-day for the juniors.

Next clinic will be an Equitation Clinic which will be held in May.

#### PINETREE STABLES QUARRY

It's spring and the dangers of young people being drawn to the

open water of the quarry is with us again!


I am reminding parents that it is their responsibility to warn their children and enforce their warnings.

Some parents seem to feel that it is depriving children to forbid them to play around the water and possibly drown. Intelligent, thinking parents think otherwise.

Surely, this summer I will be able to relax and enjoy my farm.

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