

Ver non ranch hosts competitive trail ride



GAY WELLS, and George, placed fourth in the lightweight division at the recent trail ride. Hosted by Crown 'N' Ranch. Below, Bill Pitcher and Nam's Rocky captured top honors in the heavy weight division. (J. White Photos)

By JEANNE WHITE
The Crown 'N' Ranch, near Vernon, recently held its fourth annual competitive trail ride. Thirteen of 25 entrants, completed the grueling 62 mile course. The riders ranged in age from eight to 65.

Weeks of hard work on the part of volunteer crews cleared and marked the long two-day trail, up and down mountains, through the spectacular scenery of early autumn in the North Okanagan. Riders came from as far away as Calgary and Grand Forks.

The first day covered 33 miles with a target of seven hours. (Penalties are imposed for times over or under this target.) This ride is not a race — winners are based on the condition of the horse upon completing a timed course. However, a rider can't waste time and has to know how to pace his horse and keep him as fresh as possible.

IN GOOD CONDITION
Dr. Dale Severin, of the Vernon Veterinary Clinic, and his P.R. (pulse and respiration) crews did an excellent job at the frequent checks carried out. Most riders had been conditioning their horses for months. At the presentation Sunday, Dr. Severin remarked that most horses were in good condition and that the riders presented them to the crews in a helpful manner.

The second day's ride took place Sunday and was about 24 miles with a timed target of four hours.

ACCIDENTS TOOK TOLL
The riders and horses were accident-free, but some crew members were not so fortunate! Apart from the usual bumps and bruises, a few riders were injured. One rider fell from his horse on a steep descent, but he was unhurt. Another rider, who was riding a horse named Rocky, received minor injuries. A more serious accident occurred when a rider named Laverne Neufeld was checking out some trail on a motorbike. He slipped and fell, but he was not hurt. The riders presented them to the crews in a helpful manner.

his bike threw him and his leg was sliced by a sharp wire requiring 22 stitches. The axe had been carefully wrapped and placed on the back of a mishap.

WETTER KIND
The weather was just right, with no rain, and not too hot. A Chukewagon dinner, served at 11 a.m., was enjoyed by Murray Ellis, who was engaged by about 20 people.

MARKERS REMOVED
Only one thing marred the ride and it was beyond the control of the organizers, causing them considerable worry and extra work. The trails were marked with ribbons and temporary signs, to aid the riders along the unknown and sometimes dense trail. It seems each year some riders remove or alter markers. It is not only frustrating but also potentially dangerous.

The awarding of the many excellent prizes was done by the Western Show, Workshop in Armstrong. Cliff's Saddlery, of the Western Wear, Vernon, and Fr. Union and Sire Cup says News.

Part of the game strategy will be to juggle the powerplay, to look for a winning combination. The power play, in recent games, has given us several wins in the opening minutes of the game and opened the scoring, but gave up a short handed goal to the Rockets in the midway mark of the first period.

Blues shutout Westside team
By GARY INGLEBY
Daily News Correspondent
The Vernon Blues had little trouble disposing of Westside 6-0 in High School soccer, Thursday night.

Feeds of Grimford, and the Crown and Ranch took place Sunday, at 4 p.m., to a weary but happy group of riders, horses, and onlookers.

RESULTS
The Crown 'N' Ranch cooler rug for the best conditioned horse went to NaDaame, (Flappy), a purebred Arabian mare, owned and ridden by Sylvia Webb, of Cache Creek, former of Nanton, Alberta.)

Horseman was judged by Angela Jones and John L'Hennaf. Those awards went to: senior horsemanship, Sylvia Webb, Cache Creek; and junior horsemanship, Heidi Neufeld, Vernon.

Hrd Luck Award was won by Keith Cundall, of Vernon, and his Arab Rooster's Riddle. Cundall was doing well and was in contention when his horse threw a shoe and was disqualified.

JUNIOR DIVISION
L. Neuge, 4, Arab ridden by Anne Am Web, of Cache Creek, age 9 1/2.

Murray Bennett was the big shooter for the Blues, connecting for three goals, while singles went to Randall Krause, Duane Mueller and Al Gee, who scored his first of the season. Vernon is now undefeated in three games and has scored 11 goals.

2. Misty Arab-Welsh pony ridden by Heidi Neufeld, Vernon.

3. Cochie, Standardbred, ridden by Dawn Demeria of Arnd Armstrong.

4. Gin Zitz, Anglo Arab, ridden by Dawn Demeria of Arnd Armstrong.

5. Kal, 2, Arab, ridden by Carl Demeria of Armstrong, B.C.

BRIGHT DIVISION
1. NaDaame (Flappy), Arabian, ridden by Sylvia Webb, Cache Creek.

2. Rumba, T.B. x Saddlebred, ridden by Pam Shaw of Dalwonby, British Columbia.

3. Hardy, Appaloosa, ridden by Shirley McLean, Grand Forks.

4. Georgian Bay, T.B., ridden by Gay Wells, Vernon.

5. Niskey, 1, Standardbred, ridden by Wendy McLean, Grand Forks.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Hockey tickets now available

Tickets are now on sale for the Nov. 14 exhibition game, at the Vernon Civic Arena, which will have Vernon Oilers taking on the National Hockey League Oulimiers. The NHL roster includes Andy Bathgate, Norm Ullman, Dean Prentice, Sid Smith, Harry Howell, and Pierre Plante. Tickets are available at A's Esso, Ernie's Esso, Dykes Insurance, and the Kensington Shop.

COACH NEEDED
The Vernon Senior 'B' Men's Basketball Team is looking for a coach. Any one interested in coaching the club, which plays exhibition games and tournaments throughout the Interior, is asked to phone Bill Kirshman, 453-8397, after 6 p.m.

VERNON LOSERS
Vernon women's field hockey team lost two games played recently at VSSS. The local squad dropped a 6-2 decision to Kelowna on 21st, earning \$2.781.607.

SWIMLESSONS
Greater Vernon Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a set of children's swim lessons starting Oct. 14. The lessons run twice per week, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The program is open to all ages in all programs including Mom and Me, Shorties, Pre-beginners, and afternoons to senior 'E' further information phone 453-6033.

HOSTS TOURNEY
Vernon Senior Secondary School will host an international exhibition volleyball game (Oct. 14, at 8 p.m.). The match will be preceded by three high school games, involving the valley's six AA teams. First match starts at 5 p.m. Admission will be \$2 per person.

RUGBY GAME
Vernon's entry in the Okanagan-Mainline Rugby Union travels to Trail on Sunday for league game. The local squad will play its final match of the season Oct. 18, in Kelowna.

ANYONE CAN PLAY
MONTREAL CANADIENS (CF) — Any player who can contribute to the team is welcome with Montreal Canadiens, coach Claude Ruel said Wednesday. He was referring to criticism that the National Hockey League club has traded Gilles Lupine and Normand Dupont, two French-speaking players, and that their presumed replacements are Bill Kirt-

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Vernon Outdoors

By BOB PLATT
CANOEING — CYCLING

The recreational values of the Silver Star Park are increasingly daily with the work being carried out there by the park's branch, and within the forest areas, by the cross-country ski club.

The hikers saw the results last Sunday when they walked the trails system, not in process of enlargement. The emphasis is on reduction of brush to ground level and this makes for a good pedestrian pathway. Also provision is being made for observation points along the way, to give splendid views of valley and hill. All this means much improved access to the park, and the hikers will recall its benefit.

HOLDS MOISTURE
The wooded areas are holding moisture all through the summer months and releasing it in the form of small streams into the lower levels. As a result, the trails are sometimes boggy, in sections, but these are not numerous and no doubt the rangers' Club could get permission to put down narrow, low level corduroy to avoid wet feet.

The plateau carries hard, signs of erosion, in one draw can be seen the slumping of boulders which have been moving from the humans who come into this habitat. Deer are there too, but they seem more obvious near the road — it is thought they look for salt in the sand used during the winter. Only 22 kilometers from the city, on a vastly improved road, Silver Star will receive in future much more patronage, not only in the winter months, but all through the year.

After a fairly successful season — why they couldn't sustain the strength of the turnout at Grimford last May is a puzzle — the committee has had to cope with low water levels and the drop in temperatures, left most during the early morning hours.

Semis scheduled Saturday

Vernon City Soccer League semi-finals will be played Saturday, at MacDonald Park.

At 12:30 p.m., Vernon Motor Products meet King Can Auto Towing. At 2 p.m., first place National Hotel Ottumiers battle Super Shoe Selects.

Winners advance to the league final Oct. 18.
VMP and Camels may both be short-handed. Due to injuries and university, VMP will have only 10 men available for duty.

Camels, who finished second during the regular season, will also be without some key personnel. Rob Donald, Gene Anderson, and Marty Stein are at school on the coast, and defender Jim Madden is holidaying in Europe. Donald and Anderson should be available to play Saturday.

Nations have lost only one in 22 league, playoff, and promotion games this season. However, Super Shoe is much-improved after a mediocre start this year. In recent playoff game, Selects whipped Camels 5-0.

Lakers doubled BCJHL play

Vernon Lakers dropped a 4-2 decision to Revelstoke Rockets, Thursday, in BCJHL action in Revelstoke.

Laker's coach Russ Newton said his team came out in charge in the opening minutes of the game and opened the scoring, but gave up a short handed goal to the Rockets in the midway mark of the first period.

The Lakers then gave up two more goals before coming back to close the score 3-2 at the end of the first.

The team, however, "came out flat" in the second period, says News.

"We just threw the puck away," he said. "We gave up four goals in the period, and only came back with two."

In the third period, the locals were outscored by a 2-0 margin. "It was a fast game, good up and down hockey, but we just didn't put the puck in the net. We also gave up too much in our end," Newton said.

Goal scorers for Vernon were Kevin Polair, with two, while Kevin Balfour and Jeff Vest added single goals for the Rockets.

Although the performances of several Vernon players verged on listless, Newton said he was pleased with the game of newcomers Mike Wiese, a large defenseman who attended the Abbotsford Flyers' training camp earlier this season.

Newton said that before tonight's game against Merritt, two cuts will be made.

"It is likely we will only dress 17 players," he said.

He says that the team will have to go out and skate Merritt into the ice.

"We need big games out of our players, some of our lines just aren't producing."

"We also need a good game in the nets, and for the first time this year, Jim Balint will be starting in nets."

Garbutt was pleased with the scoring output by Bennett. He said: "Murray had quite a few scoring chances in our last two games, but today he capitalized on his chances. Plus, he looked calm out on the playing field."

Mike Chabot is also the team's first star, is one of the club's steepest defensive players and Garbutt is glad to have him on the team.

"Mike is a good defensive player and he also helps the team by talking a lot on the field. It's an added incentive to the team when a player such as Chabot talks to his teammates and tells them where to pass the ball and where the opposing player is."

The Coach said the game against North Kamloops next Thursday on VSSS field will decide if the Blues can get to the Valley finals. He feels that of this squad can put on a good showing against North Kamloops, they probably be in the Valley's and possibly go down to Vancouver for the coast will also depend on how good the Kelowna teams are.

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