



Horseman's Date Book for 1982
VERNON AND DISTRICT PONY CLUB
 Jan. 6-Feb. 3: Wednesday evenings, 7 to 8 p.m., VSSS classroom sessions for Pony Club members.
 Feb. 8: Regular Quiz in Summerland.
 Feb. 13 and 14: Two-day Clinic for C's and instructors.
 Feb. 17: Pony Club information night for prospective new members and parents.
 Feb. 24-Mar. 27: Wednesdays and Saturdays, classroom sessions on stable management.
 March 20-21: Clinic for C's and instructors.
 April 10, 11, 12: Riding clinic. (Information from Cheryl Halbert, 542-4561.)

VERNON AND DISTRICT RIDING CLUB
 Jan. 19: Tentative film night, open to members and non-members. (Information, June Lalonde, 545-0803.)

ARMSTRONG-ENDERBY RIDING CLUB
 Jan. 16: Annual banquet and awards night. Regular meetings, third Monday of each month, Oldtimer's centre, Armstrong, 7-10 p.m. (Information, Marg Stevenson, 545-3406.)

FOUR SEASONS EQUESTRIAN CENTRE
 Feb. 21: Stallion service auction and using horse sale.
 Feb. 22-23: Cutting and Western riding clinic with Bill Collins.

Each Tuesday and Thursday evening: 7 p.m., Roping Jackpot, Roping every second Sunday at 1 p.m. (Information 545-5857.)

DICK WITBECK TRAINING CENTRE
 Sundays, 10 a.m.: Cattle penning, lessons and practice for the whole family. (Information Dick Witbeck, Realm Road, Armstrong 546-3873.)

DIAMOND K RANCH (Formerly Whiskey Jack Ranch)
 Jan. 10 and 24: BCRA Approved Team Roping.
 Every Monday night through January, ground classes for beginning team ropers.

Every Wednesday and Friday night, practice roping.
 Feb. 17 and 21: BCRA Approved Roping.
 Feb. 16, 17, 18: 1st Annual team roping school taught by Walt Woodard and Doyle Gellerman.
 Feb. 25, 27, 28: Barrel racing school taught by Sheila Haggar.

Other events coming in March. (Information, Randy Kerner, 547-6609.)

HORSE EXTRA VAGANZA
 Feb. 18, 19, 20: Polson Place Mall, Vernon. (Information, June Pitcher, 542-0643.)

COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDING CLINIC
 March 13 in Vernon, location to be announced. Led by Dr. Kerry Riggway, Santa Rosa, Calif. Help for Veterinarian judges, crew personnel and riders. (Information, Bill Pitcher, British Columbia Competitive Trail Riders, 546-6968.)

HORSE COUNCIL B.C.
 March 7: Region 4 Annual General Meeting and elections: Okanagan College. (Information Dr. Larry Anderson, 542-6016.)

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CURLING CLUB NEWS

By RON HOUSTON
VERNON CURLING CLUB MANAGER

WEEKEND SCHEDULE
 Club closed Dec. 21, Jan. 1 and 2 (holiday and ice work).
 Commercial league 3:30 and 5:45 p.m.
 Legion mixed at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY COMMERCIAL AGGREGATE (top eight)
 Spallumcheun 20
 National Hotel 20
 Labatts 17
 Price Steel 17
 Lions No. 116
 RCMP 16
 Alpine Distributors 15
 Dulabais 15

SUNDAY COMMERCIAL LEAGUE SCHEDULE
 Sunday, 3:30 p.m.: Spallumcheun, National Hotel, Labatts, Price Steel, RCMP, Lions No. 1, Dulabais, Alpine, Ullavaser, Fanning, Jubertin, Gillen, Terry, Yamaha, Rock Hounds, and Lions No. 2.

Alpine, 5:45 p.m.: Hipkins, Lee, Odellovers, Ferroux, Toyota, Frank's Auto Green, Empire Meats, Reid Heating, Kicksville, Davis, Coldstream, Bob Brown, Vernon Fuel Inc., Vernon Pre-Cast, Boesel.

CURLING TIP
 Remember when the end is over and a measurement is required, it is the responsibility of the thirds to make the measurement and they are the only ones allowed in the house area. All other players should get prepared for the next end.

Vernon Men's Open Spiel will be played Jan. 7 to 10.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Night skiing hours extended

Silver Star Ski Area is extending its night skiing hours. The Green Chair and Roma Lift runs will now be illuminated from 4:30 to 10 p.m. daily. On Tuesdays during daylight hours and an additional 29 lift the slopes at night. Silver Star spokesman Mike Duggan said up to 700 people can ski at night, without line-ups at the lifts. There are 24 centimetres of new snow on a 140 centimetre base. Silver Star will be open New Year's Eve and Day.

MEETING PLANNED
 Molson Men's Slowpitch League will hold a meeting next Wednesday, at 7 p.m. in the Vernon Daily News offices. Topics on the agenda include election of officers for the 1982 season.

TWO GAMES
 Two games are scheduled in White Valley Hockey League action tonight, at the Lumby Arena. At 7 p.m., Mountain Meadow Mustangs take on Ladys Gardens and at 9 p.m., National Hotel Raiders face Labatts Sabres.

NAMED MAN OF YEAR
 ST. LOUIS (AP) — Wayne Gretzky, the first National Hockey League player to average more than two points a

game during a season, has been named 1981 Man of the Year by Sporting News, a weekly publication. Gretzky, 20, becomes the first hockey player to win the TSN award. During the 1980-81 season, Gretzky set an NHL record by totalling 164 points in 80 games. He also made a record of 106 assists, a brief 2½-year NHL career. Gretzky has scored more than 400 points.

CONSIDER NEW RULE

VILAS ADVANCES

MELBOURNE (AP) — Top-

seeded Guillermo Vilas of Argentina advanced to the third round of the \$400,000 Australian Open tennis tournament by defeating Larry Stefanki of the U.S. 6-7, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 Tuesday.

TO SALMON ARM

Junior league may expand



Wayne Laface rink, from Vernon, recently captured the North Okanagan Zone men's curling playoffs in

Lumby. Laface edged clubmate Dave Simpson in the final match. Winners now advance to the B.C. Curling

Association (interior) championships next month in Nelson. Team members are from left: Laface, third

Mark Longworth, second Ross Radfield, and least Barry Longworth. (Daily News Photo)

ZONE CHAMPIONS

SALES SLUMPING

Snowmobile industry hurt by poor economy

North Okanagan snowmobile dealers are not enjoying a good year, despite heavy snowfall in mountain areas.

Bill Udy, manager of Alpine Distributors' recreation division, said sales are down in most of the province.

"I don't know the exact percentage, but I know we are down so far this season," Udy said.

TWO REASONS

Udy feels there are two main reasons for a drop in sales after a 16 per cent increase in 1980.

"The late snow hurt," he said, "and so does the depressed economy. There are a lot of people out of work, particularly in the forest industry. Forestry people are major users of snowmobiles."

Alpine is the B.C. wholesale distributor for Ski-Doo and Moto-Ski.

Noble Tractor and Equipment, in Armstrong, had a minimal number of new Arctic

cat snowmobiles to sell this year. Arctic Enterprises, of Minnesota, went into receivership last February.

Jack Noble told the Daily News his used machines have been selling fairly well, but he can't give a true picture of the market because he had only a few new snowmobiles.

POOR CONDITIONS
 "I think the reason new machine sales are down this year, throughout Canada, is the poor snow conditions in the past few years. People are hesitant to buy a snowmobile until they see lots of snow."

Henry Reimer, Derek Webb, Brent Gilchrist, and Les Olsen tallied for the locals.

"The bad years and unprecedented interest rates were more than Arctic could handle," Frank Beckmann, co-owner of Vernon Motorcycle, said sales of Yamaha and Moto-Ski snowmobiles at his outlet are about the same as last year.

"But, the dealers aren't making any money," he said. "The economy is so tough that we've had to drop our prices to sell the machines."

SALES DOWN
 Tom Yonkers, owner-manager of Star Marine and Leisure, said uncertainty in the lumber industry has hurt sales.

"New machine sales are way down," he said. "Our biggest market is people in the lumber industry and because they are laid off, or uncertain about their job future, they aren't buying new snowmobiles."

"The slump in sales has started a real price war among dealers."

On the other hand, Yonkers said used snowmobile sales are way up. "People who want to buy machines are turning to used ones," he said, "or else they are repairing their old ones. We're doing far more repairs than in the past."

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By DON KENDALL
 Daily News Sports Editor

Salmon Arm may apply for a B.C. Junior Hockey League franchise in the 1982-83 season.

Gord McIntosh and Lyle Parlor have started preliminary work in preparation for meetings with B.C.H.L. governors and interested Salmon Arm residents, in January.

DIRECTOR
 McIntosh is a director with Salmon Arm Aces, of the North Okanagan Hockey League, and Parlor is the Salmon Arm Arena manager.

"I spoke with B.C.H.L. Interior Division Manager" Walt Harris last week," McIntosh said. "The league is interested in expanding and we're going to take a look at it."

"Until we talk to the city, business, and people of Salmon Arm, we won't know if it is feasible."

Salmon Arm Recreation Director Jack Alouf told the Daily News that "A lot of people are interested in the idea of a problem providing ice time for the proposed team in the city's 80-seat arena."

"I'm sure we could make arrangements to house a team," Alouf said. "A lot of people would like to have a junior club in Salmon Arm."

FIVE TEAMS
 Since Kamloops withdrew from the B.C.H.L. in 1980, the Interior Division has operated with five franchises: Vernon Lakers, Penticton Knights, Kelowna Buckaroos, Revelstoke

Rockets, and Merritt Centenials.

Dividing crowds and financial losses may prevent Merritt from continuing to operate after the 1981-82 campaign.

HEARD RUMORS
 Laker's President Al Thomas said he has heard rumors about Salmon Arm for the past five or six months, but hasn't been advised of a meeting to discuss expansion.

Thomas said, "I wouldn't be opposed to Salmon Arm joining the league. The owners would have to be prepared to work hard ... and the first couple years would probably be tough for them."

Thomas feels a sixth franchise would be good for the Interior Division, in particular Vernon.

"It would be good to have another team to play against, on a regular basis," he said. "As it is now, if we lost one of the five teams, we would be in trouble."

IS RIVALRY
 "I think Vernon could build up a real rivalry with Salmon Arm franchise could attract 500-700 fans per game. The Aces are currently averaging about 300."

Harris and other league executives are expected to meet with McIntosh and Parlor in about two weeks.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

DECEMBER, 1976
 Construction will restart this week at the Newcombe North Tennis Club in Tillikum Valley. One of the project's principles Mike McGrath told the Daily News builders will begin work on some of the structures as soon as possible.

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