

CANADA'S JUNIORS

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The Canadian Hackney Society sponsored five Junior Exhibitor Competitions in 1971 and our Directors are looking for more and different ways to improve this in 1972. Several suggestions have been made to help the situation and they are studying those hoping to find the solution. I would like to encourage all our exhibitors to get behind our Directors and encourage the shows to put on more classes for our Juniors in the Hackney Division.

Last year I was fortunate enough to be able to work with and get to know a number of our Juniors. All of these youngsters are avid exhibitors and competent horsemen and women. All deserve our acknowledgement and praise for the fine sportsmanship they exhibit throughout the year. And so, it is with great pleasure that I present to you our Junior Exhibitors.

First a word or two on the winners of the Canadian Hackney Society Junior Exhibitor Competition.

Dennis Alderman took the top honours this year winning at St. Catharines, and the C.N.E. Dennis has been showing his father's ponies, Laudydale Rajah and Cambridge Ringleader, with great success in both this Competition and in open classes at our numerous fairs. This year we saw him show Mr. Sedore's yearling, Lockburns

Prime Minister, to win his class at the C.N.E., The Royal and a reserve in the futurities. The Aldermans have great faith in his ability and have encouraged him to take the ponies and horses to the fairs when his father has been unable to attend. Their faith was justified; he came home with the ponies undefeated and several reds for the horses. Softball and hockey keep him busy between shows and chores. He attends Grimsby Secondary School where he is specializing in electricity with an eye on electrical engineering in the future. Congratulations Dennis on a fine season.

Miss Debbie Brown of Ottawa was reserve Champion in this difficult class. She showed the DeeBee Farms open pony, Cracker's Princess, to win the Competition at Ormstown, Que., and Ottawa. She was just eight yrs. old when she first showed her saddle pony and is now kept busy showing her three-gaited saddle horse Night Mist as well as "Crackers". Debbie is sixteen and in Grade 11, an active cheerleader, and modern dancer. She has served as president and treasurer of a girl's youth group and if this wasn't enough she is also studying grade eight music. Debbie is a prime example of our youth today and we wish her the best in all her ventures. Watch for Debbie and "Cracker's" next year, they make quite a pair.



Kevin and Wallace Kent of Mississauga are the sons of Dr. & Mrs. Kent, nephews of Ralph Kent and Wallace Munroe. They are the third generation to show Hackney Horses. Kevin who is seventeen was second at St. Catharines, and third at the C.N.E. in the Junior Competition. At the Royal he was second with Mississauga Princess, a two yr. old, in the Junior Showmanship class. I understand he is headed for U. of T. next year to major in science, with perhaps an eye on medicine in the future. Thirteen yr. old Wallace was fourth in this class at the C.N.E. and I believe this was his first time in the ring. He deserves a pat on the back for such a fine showing. Faith is their seven yr. old sister and we expect the future will find her following in the family footsteps.



Fifteen yr. old **Connie Dunn**, granddaughter of Dr. W.W. Bartlett, is no stranger to the world of horses. The past years have seen Connie showing at such shows at St. Catharines, C.N.E., Brampton, The Royal Winter Fair and Peoria, Ill. An impressive number of ribbons have been collected over the years by Connie and her favorite pony "Fashion". She is now showing Dun-Haven Wild Honey with similar success. During the winter months Connie and her Grandfather enjoy sleigh riding with their pleasure Hackneys. Beside her show career, she plays in the school band, sings in the choir and is a member of the 4-H Club. Younger brother John, who has just started showing, topped the year off by winning the Governess Cart class with Cassilis Sonnet at the Royal. We wish both Connie and John equal success next year.



Dr. & Mrs. Bovaird of Brampton have had Junior Exhibitors in the family since as long as I can remember. **Debbie**, eleven, and **Faye**, seventeen, are keeping up the family tradition. Debbie and Commando's Boy make quite a picture in the Governess Cart and are usually well up in the ribbons. She is in grade six and is also an accomplished accordeon player. Faye, who has captured several beauty contests, shows her long-tail Masterpiece in the Junior classes and was reserve champion Junior Driver at the C.N.E. this year. Both girls have been showing since they were little tots and the years of experience are certainly evident.



PHOTO CAPTIONS AS THEY APPEAR IN THE ARTICLE

1. Dennis Alderman receiving 1st place award for Junior Exhibitor Competition.
2. Debbie Brown receiving her 1st ribbon and award for Junior Competition.
3. Debbie Brown and Crackers Princess
4. Dunhaven's Wild Honey and Connie Dunn.
5. Cathy Joyce and The Doctor 1971.
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8. Jim Kelly and High Society Babe.
9. Jim, Laurie, Nancy, Sandia and Mary Jane Kelly with King Tutt.
10. Janice Henry and Chocolate Rythmn.
11. Frances and Brenda Goth with Larigo's Patton Sock's Mocks.
12. Sharon Goth with Mohogany Model.
13. Alecia Watkins.
14. Kirk Douglas and Frosty Hollows Skipper.
15. Brenda Spirak and Kilreen's Dark Rosaleen, Eddie Spirak and Andy's Show Boy. Sandra Spirak and Cambridge Golden Nugget. Garry Spirak and Jimmeny Cricket.
16. Ken Alderman and Larigo's Graham's Miss McGee.

Perhaps our American readers are wondering why saddle ponies are pictured here, so I should point out to you that ponies in Canada in the childrens classes whether parade, 3 gaited, combination, fancy turnout, governess cart, western, roadster, or pleasure are almost exclusively Hackney. We even have the odd one that jumps. As most of the Juniors featured here show their ponies in all these classes, I thought, that perhaps, a more accurate picture would be maintained by showing the versatility of both the ponies and their young owners. Walk, trot, canter, parade gait, race, jump, ride or drive they do it all in Canada and do it well. To top it all off these ponies are all kept in training by the Juniors themselves.



Thirteen year old Cathy Joyce was the winner of the Junior Exhibitor Competition at Kingston. She started her show career when only four and at this tender age she drove her Welsh pony Prince Charming to a third and a fourth at the Royal Winter Fair. "Doc" a half-hackney was the next pony and Cathy piloted him to Zone I reserve Champion in 1969. Then came The Doctor, an impressive hackney pinto who has proved to be one of the most successful childs pony showing today. Cathy and The Doctor have won the 1970 Zone I championship 12.2 & under and reserve champion saddle seat equitation 17 and under. Dufferin Rocket is her over pony and was champion harness pony at the Central Canada Exposition. Both these ponies show in a number of divisions and are placed consistently in the ribbons. Glenlights Magic Crown, a homebred Arabian, is another winner for Cathy. Besides showing she attends grade 8 at Glenburnie Public School, plays for the schools champion volleyball team and is an active swimmer, truly a versatile young lady.



Don't know whether to say lucky or unlucky Jim Kelly as he is the only boy in the Kelly family of five. Cecil and Pat are from Ottawa and the proud parents of this fine brood. Always hackney enthusiast they keep two ponies for the kids to show. At fourteen Jim is the oldest and with High Society Babe has won the Zone I Championship or reserve three times in the last four years. Jim and his thirteen year old sister Lawrie feel they have outgrown Babe for the '72 season and for this reason she is for sale. Besides working his pony daily, Jim finds time to play hockey and lacrosse. Lawrie has also outgrown her pony King Tutt but still plans to show him in the Governess Cart next year leaving the riding duties to Nancy, eleven, and Sandra who is ten. Last but not least is Mary Jane who is all of five. To her falls the job of cooling out King Tutt, and, of course, she is the passenger in the Governess Cart. Enthusiastic snowmobilers' the winter week-ends usually find the seven Kelly's back in the bush on a weiner roast.



Janice Henry is seventeen and in grade twelve at Fenlon Falls Secondary School. She participates in all sports, particularly track & field where she excels in sprinting. For the past three years she has won the trophies for Outstanding Athlete and most Valuable Player. She has been showing single, pair, and on the line since she was eight and her natural athletic ability is evident in the skill and ease in which she drives and handles a pony. She was second in the Junior Driving class at the C.N.E. and fifth in the stiff Junior Exhibitor Competition, where she showed Mr. Sedore's Chocolate Rythmn. Janice is a natural so watch for her in the future.



Catharine, Frances, Sharon and Brenda are the four lovely daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Goth of Ottawa. Catharine was third at Ormstown and fourth at Ottawa in the Junior Competition. She shows the Goth ponies in single and ladies classes and is looking forward to her new Hackney Pony Cherrydene King. Mohogany Model and Sharon captured the reds at Ottawa in the Parade Pony and Saddle Pony classes. Brenda at ten is the youngest and started her career half way through last years season. R.B.'s Red Model is her pony now that Frances has out grown him. Larigo's Patton White Socks and Larigo's Patton Sock's Mocks do duty in single, pair and tandem, with the three oldest girls showing them in the turnout classes with great success. They won the Ottawa Winter Fairs Gorman trophy for Childs Turnout four times and are now the proud owners of the Challenge Cup. The Goths have every reason to be proud of these young ladies and we wish them all the best in the future.



Red haired, twelve year old **Alicia Watkins** hails from Peterborough and has been showing since she was four. She still cherishes the memory when at eight she was invited to take part in the closing ceremonies at the Royal. She and her pony Topsy won the High Point Award Championship in 1969 and they were reserve in 1970. These awards are given by the Canadian Pony Society. Alicia often shows her borther's, David, ponies in the ladies classes and she drives with the assurance of one many years her senior. She is in grade six, an excellent student who participates in all school activities, as well as, assisting the teachers with the primary grades. Daily chores are done on the family farm but she still finds time to ski and snowmobile. She is an avid hockey fan and a great supporter of the O.H.A. Major Junior A teams. Best of luck in the future Alicia.



Another well established sister and brother team are **Rick, Sherri and Kim Robertson** of Dundas. Children of Jean and Bill they can be seen helping Mum and Dad at all the fairs. Rick, thirteen has already shown successfully at such shows as St. Catharines, C.N.E., Milton, Rockton and the Royal. A highlight was driving the Governess Cart in the Marathon at St. Catharines Show. Rick is a grade eight student at Spencer Valley School and is active in floor hockey and soccer. Kim who is eleven is a broomball expert, and when her brother isn't

showing their pony Lyndon's Yankee Miss she is. Eight year old Sherri can often be seen, walking a pony, in her maxi-dress. With an older brother and sister she doesn't often get to show but has managed to gain some ring experience, and like her older siblings is yearning for more.

The Douglas family of Manotick has shown Hackneys for a number of years and seventeen year old Kirk is following in the family tradition. His road pony Frosty Hollows Skipper has given him plenty of fun this past summer, and he certainly has proven that he can go with the best of them. 1970 saw Kirk learning the tools of the trade when he worked with Roger Puddy for Mrs. Frank Ryan of Ottawa. He tells me he is thankful to both Roger and Mrs. Ryan for giving him the opportunity to see, work and learn at the bigger shows. Kirk gave an impressive performance in the Junior Exhibitor Competition in Ottawa where he placed second, with a "catch" pony. He has the knowledge and assurance that is needed to become a successful horseman and will definitely be one to contend with in the future.



The four Spirak children go into showing in a big way entering every class open to them from Governess Cart to jumping. Brenda, fourteen, has been showing for five years. Kilreen's Dark Rosaleen, a half sister to Kilreen's Shan Og, is her pony and together they have captured a number of equitation awards as well as their share in the harness classes. A grade eight student at Metcalfe Public School and a member of the school executive; she is also on the Volleyball, floor hockey and broomball teams. Sister Sandra is twelve and climaxed this year with a blue at the Royal in the Governess Cart with her Hackney pony Cambridge Golden Nuggett. In 1970 this pair was Zone 1 under 12.2 reserve champion. Under saddle or in harness they have placed first or second constantly throughout the year. In the Junior Competition at Kingston Sandra and Brenda placed second and third respectfully. Jimmeny Cricket is shared by both these girls in classes ranging from jumping to harness and they won their share of ribbons in all these divisions.

Thirteen yr. old Eddie also sees action in the show ring. He showed harness ponies in '69 & '70, however, it appears that his interests have switched to western classes. He has had some success showing the former harness pony Andy's Show Boy in this division. An avid hockey player he plays center for the Greely Royals and is in Grade 7 at Metcalfe Public School. Ten year old Gary will be out on Jimmeny Cricket next year and if he follows the family tradition he should give everyone some stiff competition.



As the younger brother of Dennis Alderman, Ken has in the past been content to help clean harness and cool out ponies. This year however, Ken took the bull by the horns and charged right into the limelight. Larigo's Graham Miss McGee is his pony and together they amassed a total of 45 ribbons and four trophies. Not bad for two rookies! A grade five student at Caistor Central and goalie for the Smithville PeeWee "A" team, he has had eleven shutouts and the least number of goals scored against him in the Niagra Fruit Belt League. Keep up the good work Ken.

Unfortunately space does not allow me to cover all our deserving Juniors. There are several like Eddie Robinson, Don Morrow, John Brunton, Wayne Allison, Rusty Hetzec, Pat and Mary Beth Klatt and several Unsworths who have all exhibited the qualities that make horsemen and horsewomen.

Well there they are, a great group of exhibitors. Watch for them in the future. "They know where it's at."

