

National Titlist Paces Area Riders

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Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills riders, led by Alison and Rick Cram, Debbie Willson, Sue and Peter Foley, and Mrs. Graham J. Graham made their presence strongly felt in the winners circle last week at the Detroit Horse Show.

Miss Cram, National PHA dressage champion, riding in her best title-winning form, captured five blue ribbons and finished third four times. Doctor Rick gained one victory, was runner-up three times, and finished third once.

DEBBIE WILLSON, 13-year-old Bloomfield Hills rider, went for broke, either winning or failing to place in each event she entered. In light of her three victories, the method must have considerable merit.

Sue and Peter Foley combined talents to win one event and both gained one individual victory apiece.

Mrs. Graham won two events and was runner-up twice. Robert Sample settled for one blue ribbon and four thirds; Bill Whalen run second one time, Krystn Glancy collared two seconds and a third, Chuck Grant finished third, Chris Jones guided her mounts to two second places, Blyth Davis won one event and finished third in another, and Mrs. R. C. Egan and Mrs. E. E. Fisher combined for fourth and fifth.

MISS CRAM'S VICTORY in the AHSA medal class—PHA dressage, qualified her to defend her national title in that event at Madison Square Garden next November. Last year she tied with Miss Pat Heukeroth of Connecticut, at the Garden, becoming the youngest national champion in the 78-year-old history of the classic.

Her victories in the Detroit Horse Show

came in the dressage; Open Equitation (14 thru 17), hunter seat, no jumps; Working Hunters (Juniors) for the Jean Coulson Memorial trophy; MSUO combined events—championship; and BOH junior equitation high score—reserve.

SHE FINISHED third in the Michigan Hunt's perpetual junior challenge; in the Hunt Team with Carol Dubois and Leellee Rice; working hunter's appointments (Juniors); and Michigan Bred Hunters.

Rick Cram topped his sister in the Michigan Hunt's junior competition with his victory.

He ran second in the AHSA medal class, won by Peter Foley; second in the Class A; AHSA medal (USET combined test); and third in the open equitation (14 thru 17).

MISS WILLSON, turning in a very impressive performance, won the Open Equitation (13 and under) hunters seat, no jump; open equitation, open jumps; and Tally-Ho Club combined events.

Sue and Peter Foley combined to top in the working hunters, amateur, and Susan won the Hunt Teams.

Mrs. Graham's Battle Fashion triumphed in the working hunters (middle and heavyweights) and ladies working hunters, and was second in working hunters hacks and hunters (middle and heavyweights).

BOB SAMPLE WON the reserve championship and Blyth Davis finished first in the Maiden Equitation (9 years and under), open jumps, hunter seat.

For Sample, it was his first year in open jumper event competition against professionals. A 19-year-old native of Northville, he won the event aboard High Society, his own eight-year-old brown gelding.

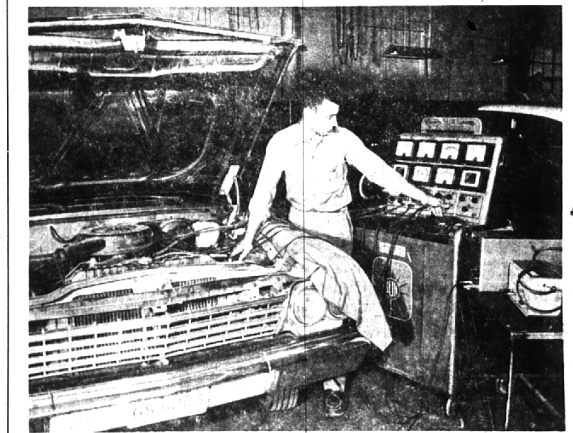


FIVE BLUE RIBBONS is what this 15-year-old Birmingham lass collected at the 15th annual Detroit Horse Show at BOH last week. Debbie won the Tally-Ho Combined Events trophy, and BOH junior equitation high score—reserve.



DEBBIE WILLSON of Bloomfield Hills (13 and under), hunters seat, no jumps; and Open Equitation, open jumps (13 and under). Saturday Debbie won the Tally-Ho Combined Events trophy.

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TWO MEN OF KEY importance in the July 12-15 Motor City Open golf tournament at Knollwood C.C. pose for a pre-tourney picture on one of the greens which they hope will provide a difficult test for the incoming pros. (From left), George Kayes, general chairman of the tournament, and MacElmurray, Knollwood club pro.

Knollwood CC Sponsors Motor City Open Classic

Notice that special lightness of step in the walk of Knollwood Country Club members lately?

It results, from honest, open pride in their club, which July 12-15 will sponsor its first major professional golf tournament, the \$35,000 Motor City Open.

Big Mike Souchak will be the defending champion, leading a field of the PGA's top touring pros in the renewal of this Detroit Classic.

This will be the first time the Motor City Open has been held since he swept to a eight-stroke victory over Hong Ford and Billy Casper at Meadowbrook in August, 1959. Souchak strung together rounds of 69-63-67-62 over Meadowbrook's 6,701 yard par-71 layout.

Plum Hollow Holds Mixed Golf Tourney

Plum Hollow Golf Club will hold its 17th annual Mixed Invitational and dinner dance July 11.

All district clubs were sent invitations to the tourney and dance. Participants will play 18 holes under the selective drive-alternate shot system. Prizes will be awarded for low gross and low net in each flight. The field has been limited to 100 teams.

All tournament arrangements are being handled by Harold Dittlerich and Mrs. George Wettlaufer.

THE FOLLOWING people have already sent in their arrangements: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Last of Western CC, playing with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rex of Plum Hollow, Mrs. Werner and Sally Sharp of Forest Lake has chosen Harry Nedelander as her partner.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Wachowiak of Plum Hollow are paired with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lorenz of Wastonia. George Isle CC is represented by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Krussell, Jr. and Mrs. S. A. Kwasiborski, Mr. and Mrs. William Reed, Dr. and Mrs. Eldon Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Bert McCord.

MR. AND MRS. James W. Gunn from Oakland Hills, and Frances Ruggz paired with Mrs. Frances Shantz, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schmitt from Lochmoor will participate with Mr. and Mrs. William Hashea of Plum Hollow, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Blakely and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Harness will represent their Jackson, Mich. club.

Plum Hollow members participating on the event are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Foster, Mr. and Mrs. William Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Landre, Mr. and Mrs. Mares Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. James Funston.

PGA TOURNAMENT activity in the Detroit area the past two years has been the Western Open in 1960 and the National Open in 1961 at Oakland Hills.

George Kayes, has been named General Chairman of this year's Motor City classic at Knollwood, and will work closely with Knollwood pro Mac Elmurray.

Of the par 71, 6,872 layout at Knollwood, MacElmurray says: "Nobody is going to take this course apart, I look for some low rounds; my guess is that a score of 272 to 274 will win."

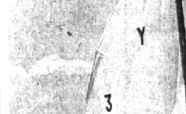
"THIS IS a course that demands a good tee shot," says MacElmurray. "It won't be enough to hit for distance. Players will need accuracy, too. Anybody who sprays his shots will be in real trouble."

"The seven finishing holes are terrific. A player will need a good assortment of shots to get around. Those holes will keep him thinking every minute. He can't relax at all."

MacElmurray says that the combination of No. 12 and No. 13 is likely to give the big-time shot-makers their biggest headaches.

No. 12, a 425-yard par four, has a dogleg to the left. The next hole, a 405-yard par four, has a dogleg to the right. Both holes are heavily wooded and the fairways are narrow.

"We are anxious to see what the best on the PGA circuit will do at Knollwood," says George Kayes. (See CLASSIC, 2-E)



'Looks Good, Mate'

Just how much wind fills the sails is of prime importance to these two members of the Ladies Sailors of Orchard Lake Country Club. The club stages races at 1 p.m. each Tuesday and Friday around the center island on Orchard Lake. The races are divided into three summer series, each lasting four weeks. Prizes are offered to series winners and total series winners at the season's conclusion. The nine or ten 'Y' boats used in each race are 19' long and equipped with 250 square feet of mainsail, in addition to 35-40 square feet of jib.

'One For the Ditch,' And Reynard is Off!

They still hunt at Bloomfield Open Hunt, site of last week's Detroit Horse Show; and the fox has a lot better chance than you might think.

The formal hunting season or "riding to the hounds" as some still refer to it, begins September 13 after a month of informal preparation and lasts until March 15, according to Albert A. Clark, master of the fox hounds at Bloomfield Open Hunt.

Clark added: "We hunt all winter, weather permitting. On Wednesday afternoons, anywhere from a half-dozen to 30 or 40 of us gather at the Club at daybreak and away we go."

"LATER ON in the season, we hunt in the afternoon; but it has to be a pretty bad day to keep us in the club house."

Some fine old traditions endure about fox hunting, Clark said. The steeple cup is still very much in vogue. This is, of course, a portion of potent potable taken just before the hunt begins. In other societies, it is referred to as "one for the ditch," Clark added.

During the hunt, there are frequent checks along the way for a nip from the saddle flask, "purely as a precaution against the cold, you understand," Clark winks, and this brew is traditionally a combination of port wine and brandy.

THE HOUNDS in "riding to the hounds" are registered American fox hounds. These critters look like king-sized beagles; and the Bloomfield Open Hunt has 14 couple of them. Of these, they will use six to eight couples on a hunt. Incidentally, the term "couple" does not refer to sex but means pairs.

Clark also mentioned graciously that in fox hunting, there is true equality between the sexes with many women holding such august titles as master of the fox hounds. At BOH, they even had a woman president—Mrs. Susan Fisher being a past president. This year's president is John C. Emery, Jr., of Birmingham.

HUNT TERRITORY at BOH is (See REYNARD, 2-E)

Orchard Lake Hosts First Area Western Since 1925

Dr. F. M. Adams of 325 Overhill Road, Birmingham, president of Orchard Lake Country Club, and George H. Welch of 140 Hanlan Drive, Bloomfield Hills, the general chairman, today announced the 25 key-committee chairman for the Western Amateur golf championship. The club is to be played on the Orchard Lake course July 18-22.

The Western Amateur, a national tournament, sixteenth in the series, is sponsored by the Western Golf Association, is the first major championship event ever held at Orchard Lake and returns to the Detroit area for the first time since it was played at Lochmoor in 1925.

Its winner last year was Jack Nicklaus, rookie on the circuit and recent winner of the 1962 U.S. Open at Oakland.

THE AMATEUR will attract a field of approximately 100 of the best amateur golfers in the country. Except for several Public champions, the entrants are nearly all members of private clubs recognized by the WGA.

Among past Western Amateur champions are such golfers as Francis Ouimet, Chick Evans, Charles Stricker, Charlie Cox, Shew Reigel, Tommy Aaron, Mason Rudolph and Bob Babbish of Detroit.

Clubs from which this year's entrants will come include the best in the country. Those in Michigan which are members of the Golf Association of Michigan, an affiliate of the WGA.

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Monday and Tuesday will be devoted to practice rounds for the incoming entrants. Formal tournament play starts Wednesday, July 18, with 18 holes of stroke play and 18 more on Thursday to reduce the field to the low-fifty qualifiers.

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