

Dressage show attracts stars

By C.J. RISAK

Top riders in the nation, and some local stars, will compete this week in the Cornerstone Farms Annual Dressage, which is the largest show of this type in the Midwest.

Riders and horses from as far away as San Antonio, Tex., and Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, are entered in the four-day competition. They will compete in team and individual events, in all classes, from the training level to the Grand Prix, which is the competition used at the Olympics.

Dressage is the entire process of schooling the horse to move freely forward, in a relaxed manner, and completely obedient to the rider's invisible aids. The judging is similar to skating competitions; horses are ridden in an

enclosed arena and do certain tests at certain letters throughout the arena. Both the horse and rider are scored for each movement.

Events will range from the training level with the novice rider to the different levels of competition. Horses are graded in different shows and move up classes as they improve. Riders are graded the same. There will be open divisions in which any grade rider may ride.

The show will begin Thursday with the team competition. Teams will consist of four members, with each rider competing in different classes.

On Sunday, the Cornerstone Farms Junior and Senior derbies will be held. In this event, riders must ride their horses through a specially written test. The six highest scoring riders then

switch horses and ride through the test again.

Another attraction of the show will be the kura, or freestyle rides. These tests, which are ridden to music, are written by the riders to demonstrate their horses' ability. It is the most artistic of the events.

A large host of riders from the area will be competing in every class. Among them will be Judy Bird, National Junior Champion who is a resident of Farmington, and Linda Goad of Birmingham, who placed eighth in the World Championship Trials for the U.S. Equestrian Team. Both of these riders are considered among the very best junior riders in the nation.

Joining them will be other top names in Dressage such as Chuck

Grant, considered the grandfather of Dressage; Dee Ann Cramer of Weberville, Mich., the current fourth-level champion; Kay Meredith of West Virginia, president of the U.S. Dressage Federation; and Gabor Foltanyi, a highly respected judge and former coach of the Japanese riding team.

Thursday's proceedings commence at 8 a.m. and continue until late afternoon every day through Sunday. The general price of \$1 for \$3.50 for a weekend pass) will include parking and a show program. Refreshments will be available.

Cornerstone Farms is located on Clarkson Road between Sashabaw and Baldwin, near Pine Knob. For further information, contact Linda Rands, show manager, at 394-9889.

In The Pocket.

By W.W. EDGAR

Without much fanfare or bluster, a new segment of the Women's Bowling Association has come into being and it promises to be a factor in women's tournament competition.

The new segment is the 500 Club organized by Helen Weston. For years she has been an all-star bowler. All the while, though, her feelings were with the lower average bowlers who didn't have much incentive in the way of competition outside of their own leagues.

There was a flourishing 500 Club, but many of the women didn't have the ability to gain membership. So Helen conceived the idea of a 500 Club.

That was a year ago. Now her local 500 Club has been copied in 12 associations throughout the state and has just completed its first tournament at

Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park with 490 entries.

One of the features of the club's tournaments is the fact that championships are decided in each average class with trophies going to the leaders.

With the success of this year's event, the sponsors of the club have set a goal of having a 500 Club in each of the 112 local women's associations in Michigan.

ANOTHER UNUSUAL tournament is scheduled for the women—this time at Cherry Hill Lanes—on Sunday, July 16.

It is a nine-pin no-tap tournament exclusively for the girls and entries will close this Thursday.

AMONG THE MANY tributes paid to Eddie Lubanski several weeks ago

when he was inducted into the Polish-American Hall of Fame was the fact that he won most his early honors while using a two-finger ball. He was using that type of ball when he teamed with the veteran "Sarge" Easter to win the national doubles more than forty years ago. He still reverts to the old style ball when he is in a slump.

SPEAKING OF UNUSUAL things, Detroit has hosted of two bowlers who scoffed at the conventional four step approach and went on to national laurels as three-stoppers.

The first of these was Joe Scribner, who did most of his bowling at the long-gone Palace Recreation on Gratiot in Detroit. Back in the 20s he won the national singles match game title.

Later, the late Lee Jougard, then a member of the Stroh team, set the all time singles record in the American Bowling Congress tournament with a 75 series. Lee always used the three steps and attained the honor of being listed with the best pin splitters in the country.

ANSWERING THE MAIL. According to the editors of the American Bowling Congress, anytime a 229 or a 300 score is bowled, the lanes must be inspected the following day.

The local association is empowered with the task of inspecting the lanes and reporting back to the ABC. There seems to be little reason for a bowler being forced to wait weeks before official action is taken on his score.

All-Area tracksters to compete in regional AAU Olympics meet

The 1978 AAU Region 6 Junior Olympic Track and Field Championships will be held this Saturday, July 15, at Martin Luther King High School, beginning at 10 a.m. A number of local track stars are scheduled to compete in what has

been called the strongest team ever to represent the state.

Competing against the Michigan Junior Olympics team will be teams from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia. Events will be divided into two age

groups: 12 and 13-year-olds, who will compete for honors only, and 14 to 17-year-olds, who will compete for the opportunity to meet the best in the United States at the National Championships in August. Those finishing first or second in

their event will qualify for the championships, which will be held in Lincoln, Neb.

"We are going into this year's meet with more athletes than ever before, who were either among the top 10 ranked in the weekly standings, finished in the top eight in the high school state championships, and/or were named to the All-State teams," commented Bettye Robinson, meet director and Michigan Junior Olympics chairman.

The athletes participating in this year's Olympics will come from a number of cities, such as Dearborn, Livonia, Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham, Royal Oak, Southfield, Warren, Ann Arbor and Midland.

"Some of the teams from these areas are newly formed, which indicates a growth factor for track and field in Michigan," Miss Robinson further observed.

Local trackmen will be competing for the Southfield-based Blue Jay Track Club, and will include Bob Church and

Andy Lytle (both members of the Observer & Eccentric All-Area Track Team), Scott Brandon, Mike Kurylo, Lisa Budyk, Michelle Gagner, Kim Liu and Jennifer Worley.

Church, a recent graduate from Southfield High, will compete in the two-mile run and in the one-mile walk; Lytle, from Birmingham Groves, will be in the discus, javelin and shot put; Kurylo will compete in the pole vault; and Brandon will be in the one-mile walk.

For the girls, Budyk, Gagner, Liu and Worley will all compete in the one-mile walk. While Liu, Gagner and Worley will also take part in the javelin.

Admission for the meet, sponsored by the Motor City Track Club, will be \$1 for adults and 25 cents for all students, including college, with ID. Freshmen will be admitted free. King High School is located on E. Lafayette at Mt. Elliot in Detroit, seven blocks west of the Belle Isle Bridge.

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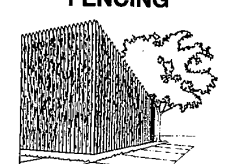
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