

Bass River's Annual Trail Ride



Fred Priest was riding in style! He says this wagon is at least 100 years old. His horse Dixie was going to be taking him on a delightful ride, enjoying the fall foliage, during the annual Bass River Fire Brigade's Horse Trail Ride. (Harrington Photo)



Gordon and Ivan Lewis drive their team of horses into Reg Myatt's farm for the start of the Bass River Fire Brigade's Horse Trail Ride. Judy Lewis is enjoying the comfortable ride in the new wagon Gordon just finished building. It has a radio, headlights, and hydraulic brakes. (Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

The Annual Bass River Fire Brigade's Horse Trail Ride started right on time, at 10AM on Sunday, Sept. 26th. This was the tenth year for the fund raising event and although numbers were down from a high of 35 participants a few years ago, over a dozen riders were enjoying the fresh air and fall foliage of a country ride through the back roads of Bass River.

Organizer Pete Christiensen gave an outline of the route. "They will leave Reg Myatt's farm and travel down the new Castlereigh Road for about 2 to 3km to the Fingerboard Road (this was the original wagon train road). The wagons will then stick to the main road and the horses will travel up the Fingerboard Road. The horse riders will have a choice of routes up near the old Pirate Mine, below Gamble Lake. The end of the trail for all riders is at the Fire Chief's cabin, where they will enjoy a delicious meal prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary," says Peter.

The trail is approximately 18 km long and should take the riders about 2 hours to complete.

Heather and Al Boyd were busy hitching up their team, Irving and Stetson, to their covered wagon, while 5 year old Liam was helping out where he could.

The Lewis team from Bass River arrived all ready to roll. Gordon Lewis, says he and his brother Ivan share the team, while his wife Judy says she was just tagging along to enjoy the beautiful ride.

Gordon was proud of his new wagon. He built it from scrap steel, using his own design. It has a radio, hydraulic breaks, head lights and running boards. "The side doors make it easy to get in and out," says Gordon, "And the seats are really comfortable as they have springs in them."

Five year old Myra Digout was anxious to get on the trail. Her mother, Rorie says this is the first time Myra has rode her own horse on the trail, other years she has been in a wagon.

It looked like all those participating were going to have an enjoyable day on the trail.



Five year old Liam Boyd gives Stetson a pat on the head before heading out with his family on Bass River Fire Brigade's Horse Trail Ride on Sept. 26th. The ride covered about 18 km along the New Castlereigh Rd. up to Gamble Lake. (Harrington Photo)



Five year old Myra Digout is led by her mother Rorie as they both head out on the Bass River Fire Brigade's Horse Trail Ride, Sept. 26th. This was the tenth year for this fund raising event and about a dozen riders took part. (Harrington Photo)

Team Oland's whip Team Keith's in Red Neck Cup

By Bruce Hillier

Once a year the Debert golf course lets down its hair and hosts the "Red Neck Challenge". It is a fun tournament and played in the Ryder Cup (Match play) style. This year, Team Oland's pounded Team Keith's unmercifully to retain the prestigious Red Neck Cup and bragging rights for the year. Teams were originally picked by their handicaps and choice of beverage in order to keep the competition close but this year it wasn't close and

actually was the biggest blowout in the history of the Cup. Team Keith's has vowed to pull up their socks and regain the hardware.

Oland's team captain Peter Atkinson graciously accepted the cup on behalf of his players and with Keith's team captain Steve Masters looking on. The lopsided win came as a surprise to the Oland's team, due to the fact that Team Keith's player Owen Slack's putter was on fire that day and Bill Fulton handled Darryl

Cunningham a convincing loss.

On a much more serious note the "Rally for a Cure" was held at the Debert Course with \$1,920 raised for breast cancer. Donna Webb did a great job organizing this thoughtful event. Geraldine Gratto and Laurie helped to gather prizes. There were approximately 50 golfers of which 18 were male supporters. Team Feathers (Joey and Wendy Chapman, Sterns and Laurie Blackmore) won the event. Valerie Rushton won the closest to the pin

competition and Joey Chapman won the putting contest. It is always nice to witness an act of kindness and this was displayed by Bill Stone. After winning the 50/50 draw Bill handed over his winnings to support the Rally.

The Fall Classic is slated for Oct the 9th. It is in support of the West Colchester Minor Hockey Association. If you are interested in playing please call 662-4499. Until next month, from the Jewel of the Cobequids.



Oland's team captain Peter Atkinson graciously accepted the cup after winning the Red Neck Challenge at the Debert Golf Course. (Hillier Photo)

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