

# Media committee getting message out to both urban and rural folk

**JOHN PHAIR**  
Today's Farmer

Dave Muscat and Grant Jones are co-chairs of this year's IPM Media Committee and say they have an important message to deliver to both the rural and urban communities.

"It's about getting the hype out there to encourage both rural and urban people to come out to this year's IPM," says Jones, a Fingal-area farmer and part-time cabinet maker.

"We want to have them come out and see what St. Thomas and Elgin County has to offer and I think they will be pleasantly surprised when they get here."

Jones and Muscat have been helping local and international media spread the word and will also be available on site during the plowing match to direct media sources to particular stories and events that may interest them.

Muscat is a retired school teacher and notes that while he lives in the country, until he became involved in the IPM he really had no idea about the number of rural and agricultural issues that have a direct impact on urban dwellers.

Muscat believes the IPM is a great way for the rural and urban communities to exchange information.

"We are so intertwined. Farmers are the basic fabric of our society; they are as close as our dining room table or our pay cheques," Muscat says, adding that farmers are a significant economic contributor to Elgin County as well as the overall Canadian economy.

"There is really an opportunity here for farmers to reach out to their fellow citizens," said Muscat.

"Many of us (non-farmers) are certainly not aware of the many



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IPM Media Committee co-chairs Grant Jones (left) and Dave Muscat keep a close watch as the IPM's tented city emerges on the outskirts of St. Thomas.

issues that impact the agricultural community and this event is a great opportunity to build awareness of these issues among city dwellers."

Muscat says in the past he was really unaware about how agriculture impacted him in a personal way.

"Many of these local issues involved me but I didn't know it, especially as we become more aware of how our food has undergone so many changes with

so much of it being imported," he says.

Muscat notes that with local food being a major theme of this year's IPM, it presents the people and consumers of Elgin County and beyond with an opportunity to meet local food producers, processors and marketers, many of whom may be their neighbours.

"That's just one of the issues concerning agriculture and then there is the whole technology thing and some of the exhibits

here will just blow you away."

Muscat says he's particularly impressed with the volunteerism that has surfaced for the IPM event.

"Some of these people have been working here for several

years, it's become almost a full-time job for many of them," he says.

"The dedication of these people is just phenomenal."

"I have never worked with a group that is so focused on a

goal, and at the same time the atmosphere is so collegial and friendly."

Muscat adds that if the weather co-operates and good weather prevails, he's hoping for a near-record crowd for the 2010 IPM.

## Plenty of wireless capacity at this year's plowing match

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Exhibitors, campers and daily visitors to this year's IPM will have no worries when it comes to accessing their cell phones, internet or other wireless services.

IPM co-chair Donna Lunn says Rogers and Bell have both

installed wireless towers on-site to ensure there will be lots of capacity for those wishing to access wireless technology.

"We had coverage here but we really wanted to ensure that we had sufficient capacity so our vendors and exhibitors could utilize their wireless technology,"

says Lunn.

"Rogers and Bell have both really stepped up to the plate in this regard."

She notes that the Bell Tower is located near the IPM's RV Park because a lot of people today rely on accessing internet services in their RVs.

## Congratulations to Elgin-St Thomas on Hosting the 2010 International Plowing Match from Sept 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>



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Linda Young checks the map of the RV site for the 2010 International Plowing Match to see which sites are still available.

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# RV park boasts of offering 2,300 sites

**PATRICK BRENNAN**  
QMI Agency

For anyone planning to bring a recreational vehicle to the 2010 International Plowing Match in September, Linda Young is one year side.

She has taken up the job of turning 116 acres on Highway 3 near the St. Thomas Municipal Airport into an RV park for those who will be coming to St. Thomas

Elgin for the festival starting Sept. 21.

It was three years ago, she was approached by the 2010 IPM committee to plan parking for RVs.

As Young and others who watched the plowing match hosted by other communities observed, travelling in an RV is a preference for many visitors.

In total, she said, there will be 2,300 sites, 2,156 served with

water and electrical hook-ups.

That leaves about 200 unserved lots for people who are just interested in using a tent or something else, she said.

Young said the site will be designed to hold a large entertainment stage in the middle, as well as a small general store.

"The entertainment will be mostly local," she said.

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation has already said no RVs

will be able to turn off Highway 3 on the trailer park.

Traffic flows are being designed to send the RVs down Elm Line to reach the park.

"The units coming are large," she said.

Young, working with a map of the park in her home, is busy booking sites by the day.

Two types will be offered, one measuring 25x40 feet and the other, 30x45 feet. Young said the

trailer park will be adjacent to what will be known as the tented city, where most of the IPM activity takes place.

She knows RV owners and others at IPM are keenly interested in the nightly entertainment.

"That's what people come for, is that entertainment tent."

She's now looking for volunteers in August to help build the temporary RV park.

Between now and then, Central

Elgin staff will lay down waterlines for the park and Hydro One will be installing hydro lines and transformers.

"We will have 2,000 feet of perimeter snow fence up," she said.

Anyone interested in helping looking for information on reserving an RV site, Young at 519-637-8776.

# Rural Lifestyles area lets tired IPM visitors rest and enjoy tea and cookies

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The chair of the 2010 IPM's Rural Lifestyles Committee says this year's Rural Lifestyles exhibit will be something just a little bit special.

Lynn Acre says the Rural Lifestyles exhibit will consist of four tents: the Quilt Tent, a Theatre Tent, Artisan Tent and a significant Farmers Market tent.

The exhibit will also feature Elly's Café, named after the IPM's female mascot.

"Elly's Café will be located in a corner of the Farmers Market tent and will be run by the Women's Institute who serve coffee, tea, hot chocolate and locally-baked cookies," says Acre.

She adds that there will also be a beautifully decorated courtyard with a sitting area where patrons can sit down and relax while enjoying their tea and cookies or other snacks available.

Acre notes that the Theatre Tent will feature daily speakers, music and entertainment every hour, on the hour.

"We will have a lot of knowledgeable speakers talking on various

subjects such as horticulture, the environment, as well as dance numbers and cooking shows put on by local restaurants," she says.

The Artisan Tent will feature all hand-made products such as jewelry, sewing, crafts, wood-working, paintings and artwork.

"Most of this will be made by local artisans but there may be vendors there from a distance as well," says Acre.

She notes that she has a very talented woman looking after the Quilt Tent and will be featuring some beautifully hand-made quilts and there will also be a number of vendors on hand selling quilting and sewing materials, quilting equipment and other supplies.

"It will be a quilter's dream."

Acre notes that she has a great group of women on her committee who have worked very hard to ensure the Rural Lifestyles exhibit will be a success and predicts it will be one of the most popular exhibits on site.

"I think the farmer's market will be a huge draw this year and will give the area an added touch."



Lynn Acre is the chair of the Rural Lifestyles Committee.

# More than 10,000 students expected to attend the IPM's education tents



Cathy Bishop is chair of the IPM's education committee. Bishop is expecting more than 10,000 school children to attend the event.

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As always, education plays a major role in this year's IPM and committee chair Cathy Bishop says that means providing useful information for people of all ages.

She notes that this year's IPM education exhibit will be made up of three tents named: Little Sprouts, What We Grow, and Animals in Motion.

Bishop, a librarian by profession, says the Little Sprouts tent will feature interactive games, primarily for children ages three to five.

"The Elgin County Library people are also coming to provide stories and crafts for the children," she says, adding that a special needs area will also be included.

Bishop says the What We Grow tent focuses on grains from the seed stage right through to the harvesting of grain and its by-products.

"This area will include a number of interactive displays for children as well."

The Animals In Motion tent will feature interactive displays provided by the On-

tario Farm Animal Council.

Bishop notes that displays such as Jule the Cow (a Plexiglas cow that demonstrates a cow's digestive system) will also be featured.

"However, this is not to be confused with the real cows we will have on site," Bishop says, noting there will live cow milking, sheep shearing and other demonstrations.

Bishop says that everything seen by the children in these tents is in keeping with the Ontario school curriculum.

"Everything is curriculum-driven and this will be a real eye-opener to a lot of teachers."

There will also be computer stations available for children.

Her committee is also co-ordinating the busing of school children within the Thames Valley District School Board's region to the site.

"We expect to have at least 10,000 students come to the event.

"But actually I think there will be a lot more than that because I've also talked to a lot of home-schoolers who are also planning on attending."

# Local food a major theme at IPM

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The 2010 IPM co-chair says there are two major themes she wants to promote at this year's IPM — local food and the celebration of women in agriculture.

Donna Lunn is one of three co-chairs of this year's IPM and she has a background in economic development.

Within that capacity she's written a lot of grant proposals and consequently brought those skills with her to the IPM by writing and earning approval for two major grant proposals for this year's IPM.

One was a federal Marquee Tourism Grant that will cover some new and unique events such as bringing the Dodge Rodeo to the IPM, as well as holding the Horse Spectacular event, which



**DONNA LUNN**  
Serves as IPM co-chair

of Listowel-area horseman Dave Carson.

Lunn says her other proposal was for a Celebrate Ontario Grant from the provincial government, which focuses on developing methods of improving and enhancing existing festivals to attract additional tourists to the IPM event.

"I began thinking that with local food being such a new hot-button issue, we could use that theme to enhance the IPM," she says, adding that she proposed to do that in a number of different ways.

"One would be by producing a commemorative cookbook featuring recipes that are reflective of our culture here within Elgin County."

She adds that they had 3,000 of those cookbooks printed and will be giving them away to women as a formal way of recognizing

the contribution of women to agriculture.

"We will be issuing passports to women at the gates and there will be certain venues within the IPM that they will be able to get their cards punched and hand them in at the Farmers' Market Tent (also a new exhibit this year) and get a free commemorative cookbook," Lunn says, adding that 500 cookbooks will be given away to women daily during the IPM.

Lunn notes that the commemorative cookbook is not to be confused with the traditional cookbook that's sold at every IPM, although it will be identical but leather-bound.

"There is a very limited number of the commemorative books and will not be sold," says Lunn.

Lunn says the other major theme being promoting at this year's IPM is local food.

The IPM banquet held on the

Friday night (Sept. 24) of the match is being dubbed the "Celebration of Excellence Banquet" which will be held in a brand new hangar on the St. Thomas Airport and will feature food produced within Elgin County.

"Another thing we are doing to enhance the local food theme, is we will be bringing in a celebrity chef to do a food demonstration in the VIP tent each day at 3 p.m. and the emphasis will be on locally produced food."

However, Lunn says the main thrust into the local food theme will be the establishment of an on-site farmers' market.

"Our farmers can bring in their produce and value-added products for people to purchase," she says, adding that the IPM is providing environmentally-friendly green grocery bags with the Elgin County logo to all its campers in the RV Park.

"There will be 2,300 sites in the RV Park that will need fresh fruits and vegetables for the week and they will be able to purchase them in our farmers' market tent."

On top of that, Lunn notes they will be holding a daily Sample Fest.

"For an admission charge you will receive a plate with the buy local, buy fresh logo on it, as well as a wine glass and you can sample some locally-made ciders and wine as well as some of the other treats are vendors are willing to do up for us," Lunn explains.

"It's not a meal, just a sampling and we will be utilizing only local food."

Lunn adds that there is sure to be something for all tastes.

will feature reigning and cutting horses in a corral specially built for that purpose.

Dog agility demonstrations will also be held at this site, as well as a daily heavy horse demonstration featuring the six-horse-hitch



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## Community pitches in

Ted Chyc (left) of Royal LePage Landco Realty, presents a cheque for \$1,000 to Jim Burgess, Nancy Millman, and Brian Crocker, members of the Allen Millman Tractor Park committee with the 2010 International Plowing Match.

## Safety rules listed

Antique And Historical Exhibitor's Safety Rules IPM 2010

1. Operators of motor vehicles must have a valid driver's license.
2. Operators of tractors and motorized vehicles on the grounds will be at least 16 years of age.
3. Entrants in the parade of operating equipment will be at least 16 years of age.
4. No alcoholic beverages are permitted on the grounds. No one shall operate equipment or vehicles while under the influence of alcohol.
5. Operating equipment will not be left unattended.
6. Report all unsafe practices or conditions to a committee member.
7. No exhibits are to be moved without the permission or escort of a committee member.
8. Show area must be kept tidy.
9. Working displays will be supplied with "show time" notice boards.
10. Exhibitor description cards will be provided.
11. Security will be provided from 6 pm, Friday, Sept. 17 to 6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 26.
12. The Antique and Historical Committee, nor the IPM, nor the OPA can be held responsible for theft, damage or accidents.
13. Further safety regulations may be issued during the IPM.
14. The committee reserves the right to take action against exhibitors not following the rules.
15. No merchandising of any kind is allowed on the grounds of the Antique and Historical Display without the express written consent of the OPA/IPM.

Please note:

- The deadline for registering was Aug. 20, 2010.
- All exhibits must arrive before Tuesday, Sept. 21, and remain on the site for the duration of the show.
- There will be no paid trucking for individual exhibits. Exhibitors will make arrangements their own transportation.
- Only exhibitors with at least \$2 million in liability insurance will be registered as exhibitors.
- Steam boilers must be licensed and certified.
- No exhibitor vehicles are allowed on the show grounds during public hours (9-5).
- No pets are allowed on the IPM grounds.
- All working displays must have a fire extinguisher and a first aid kit present.

Exhibitors will be provided with passes on the following basis:

- Static displays; small working exhibits; non-working manned equipment
- One pass per exhibitor per day
- Large working exhibits
- pass per operator per day
- Large collections
- Two passes per exhibitor per day

Volunteers

- One pass per day (must perform a minimum number of hours of service as determined by the IPM Executive)

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IN ELGIN COUNTY, SEPT. 21 TO SEPT. 25**



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## Waterlines installed

Tom Halstead (left), along with Rob Martin and Frank Dujardin were busy installing 300 risers to water lines being installed in the area for the RV Park at the Elgin-St. Thomas International Plowing Match beginning Sept. 21. Each riser will offer water connection for eight trailers, accommodating 2,400 units in all.



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## Feds kick in dollars for Elgin IPM

Duncan McPhail (left), chairman of the 2010 International Plowing Match committee, Cathy Lasby, executive director of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, Donna Lunn, vice-chairman of the 2010 IPM Committee and Joe Preston, Conservative MP, Elgin-Middlesex-London, celebrate the announcement of \$255,460 in federal funding for the IPM.



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## Getting ready for the match

Earlier this summer, nine containers arrived at the International Plowing Match site on Highway 3, east of St. Thomas. The containers are loaded with materials to build the huge tented city for the September match. The shipment contains everything from huge tents that will house the many displays and vendors, to hydro poles that will carry power lines to the RV park and tented city.



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## RV park gets a lift

Raymond Bosveld (left) and Scott Carrie (right) of Edward Jones and Investment Services present \$1,250 to Linda Young, chair of the RV park at the 2010 Elgin St. Thomas International Plowing Match. The donation is a partnership with investment companies Franklin Templeton and Hartford.

# Plowing competition prizes and awards list

## DAILY PRIZE MONEY

1st Prize	\$100
2nd Prize	\$ 90
3rd Prize	\$ 80
4th Prize	\$ 75
5th Prize	\$ 70
6th Prize	\$ 65
7th Prize	\$ 60
8th Prize	\$ 55
9th Prize	\$ 50
10th Prize	\$ 45
Remaining Contestants	\$ 30

\*To qualify for any prize money, Competitors must plow on each day of competition (four days).

## Group 7 PRIZE MONEY

1st Prize	\$ 75
2nd Prize	\$ 70
3rd Prize	\$ 65
4th Prize	\$ 60
5th Prize	\$ 55
Remaining Contestants	\$ 50

## Classes 1 to 6

Cash Prizes are awarded to Winners and Reserve Winners as follows:

\* Winners and Reserve Winners will be awarded \$300 and \$200, respectively for groups in classes 1 to 6.

\* Additional money to assist with travel expenses will be awarded to all junior and senior contestants who enter the Canadian Championships in 2011 prior to their departure for that competition.

Class 2 Group 1 — sponsored by MGM Townsend  
MGM Townsend is sponsoring the Champion \$300 and the Reserve Champion \$200.00 for Class 2 Group 1.

Class 2 Group 2 — sponsored by Glenda Bradfield

Glenda Bradfield is sponsoring, in memory of her late husband, Gordon Bradfield, the Champion \$300.00 and the Reserve Champion \$200 for Class 2 Group 2.

Class 5 Groups 1 and 2 — sponsored by Kverneland Group North America Inc.

As well as providing two (2) reversible plows for use at 2010 IPM, the Champion will receive \$300 and the Reserve Champion will receive \$200.

Class 6 Group 3 — Sponsored by Craig Insurance — Shannon & Graeme Craig

Champion of Class 6 Group 3 will receive \$300.  
Reserve Champion of Class 6 Group 3 will receive \$200

## Junior Champion Tractor Plowperson

The Winner and Reserve Winner competing in Class 2, Group 2 will be eligible to compete at the 2011 Canadian Junior Championship Plowing Competition. Registration fees will be provided for the winner and reserve who enter the Canadian Championship

## Ontario Championship Tractor Plowperson

The winner and runner-up in Class 5 Group 1 will be eligible to represent Ontario at the 2011 Canadian Championship Plowing Competition. The winner and runner-up in Class 5 Group 2 will be eligible to represent Ontario in the 2011 Canadian Championship Plowing Competition. Registration fees will be provided for those eligible contestants.

## Ontario Champion Horse Plow Award

(Highest total points scored by a plower at the IPM in Class 1)

Ontario Champion Horse Plow — \$300

Ontario Reserve Champion Horse Plow

— \$200

## IPM Champion Antique Award

(Highest total points scored by a plower at the



## IPM in Class 6

IPM Champion Antique Plower — \$300  
IPM Reserve Champion Antique Plower — \$200  
IPM Champion Tractor Award  
(Highest total points scored by a plower at the IPM in Classes 2, 3, 4, and 5)  
IPM Champion Tractor Plower — \$300  
IPM Reserve Champion Plower — \$200

## SPECIALS

Best Show Team  
Ribbons first to sixth.

## Harold Nie Memorial Special

A fifty-dollar, (\$50.00) cash award will be presented to the first time competitor with the highest aggregate score in Class 1. Marion Nie donates this award in memory of her late husband, who was a long time horse plow person.

## Fred and Helen Davenport Memorial

A pocket watch will be presented to the tractor-plowing competitor with the highest aggregate score in four days of plowing, including Class 2, 3, 4 under the age of 16 years. Previous winners are not eligible. Fred Davenport was an OPA Director for 15 years.

## Elliot Moses Memorial Special

A piece of Native pottery will be presented to the contestant with the greatest number of points in Class 2, 3, or 4 — Group 1 and Group 2 who were born after 1990. Contestant must compete each day that plowing competition is held during the match. This award, donated by the Moses family, is in memory of Elliot Moses, from Oshweken, who was OPA President in 1933 and was a Director for 33 years, until 1960.

## Sidney Sisler Memorial Trophy Special

Sidney Sisler Memorial Trophy presented to the Junior Champion Tractor Plowperson.

## John S. Moffatt Memorial Trophy

A Trophy and \$100 be awarded to the Top Drag Plow winner. This trophy is in loving memory of John S. Moffatt and is donated by his wife Elizabeth and family.

## Gordon Bradfield Memorial Special

Glenda Bradfield, in memory of her late husband, Gordon Bradfield, will present a Trophy to the Contestant with the highest aggregate scores in Classes 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Gordon Bradfield was a

veteran Plowmen and an IPM Judge.

## Orville and Ruth Fried Special

\$200 and a Coat and Hat to be awarded per contestant qualifying to compete in the Canadian Championships, Senior Class. Orville is a past plowman and currently is an IPM Judge. Orville and Ruth are very active in the Oxford-Blenheim Plowmen's Association.

## Norwell Dairy Systems

\$200 and a Coat and Hat to be awarded per contestant qualifying to compete in the Canadian Championships, Junior Class.

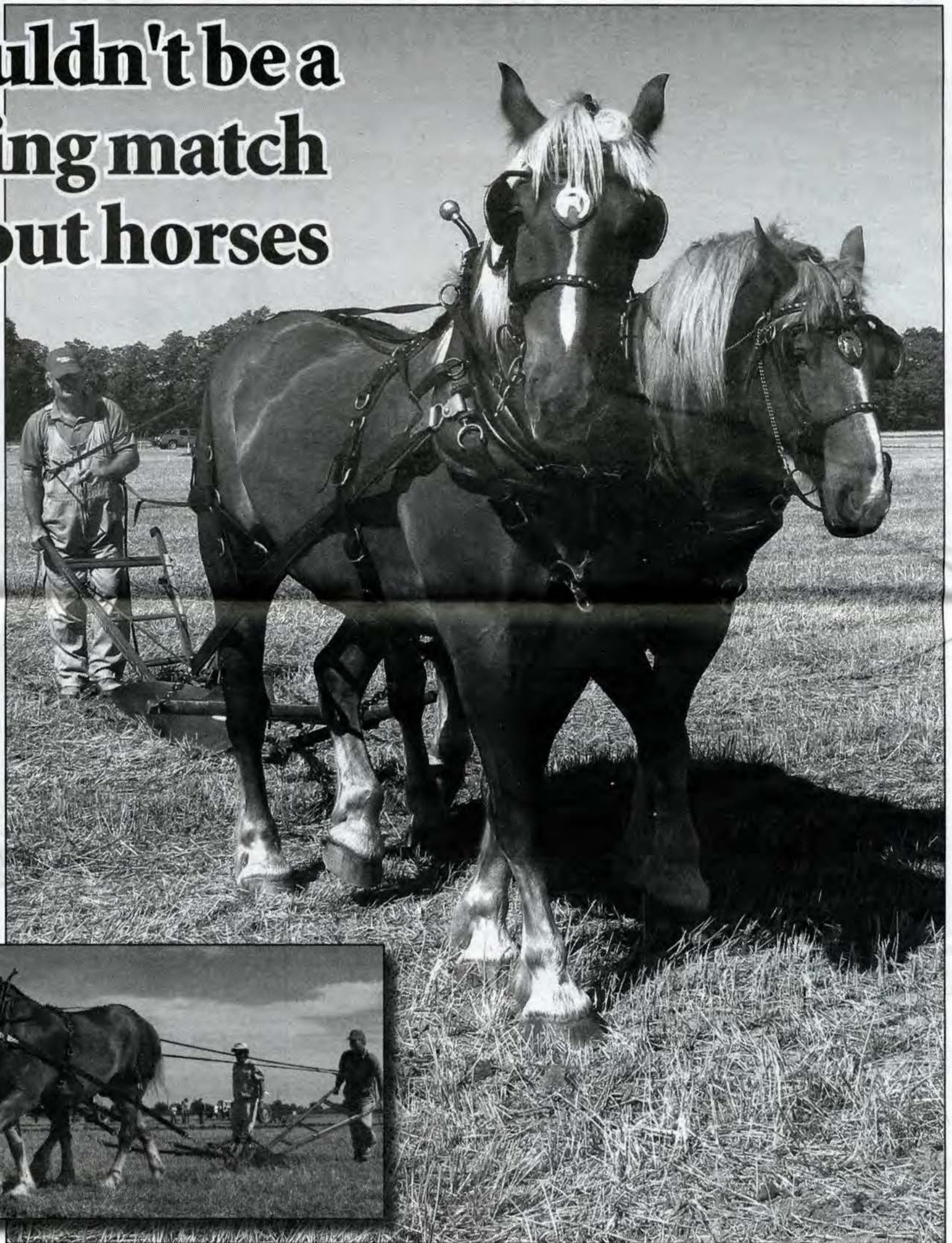
## Kiwanis SAGE of Ottawa Inc. Special — Class 7

In addition to the previously noted prize money, the contestant with:

1. The highest score in Class VII will receive \$300
2. The second highest score in Class VII will receive \$200
3. The third highest score in Class VII will receive \$100.

A Perpetual Plaque and keeper Trophy will also be presented to the winner of the Class 7.

# It wouldn't be a plowing match without horses



# First International Plowing Match held in Toronto

1913: Sunnybrook Farm, Toronto  
 1914: Sunnybrook Farm, Toronto  
 1915: Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Wellington  
 1916: R.J. Fleming Farm, Pickering  
 1917: Oak Park Stock Farm, Brantford, Brant  
 1918: Central Experimental Farm (cancelled), Ottawa, Carleton  
 1919: English and O'Brien Farms, Chatham, Kent  
 1920: Ontario Hospital Farm, Hamilton, Wentworth  
 1921: Ontario Hospital Farm, Woodstock, Oxford  
 1922: County Farm, Lindsay, Victoria  
 1923: John Goodison Farm, Sarnia, Lambton  
 1924: R.H. Bull & Sons Farm, Brampton, Peel  
 1925: Ontario Hospital Farm, Brockville, Leeds  
 1926: Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls, Welland  
 1927: Toronto Municipal Farm, Toronto, York  
 1928: Carmichael Bros. Farm, London, Middlesex  
 1929: Government Farms, Kingston, Frontenac  
 1930: Downey Twp. Hwy. 7, Stratford, Perth  
 1931: Monaghan Twp., Hwy. 28, Peterborough  
 1932: Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, Carleton  
 1933: Derby Twp., Owen Sound, Grey  
 1934: Maryvale Farm, Wexford, Toronto, York  
 1935: Seneca Twp., Caledonia, Haldimand  
 1936: Cornwall Twp., Stormont Co., Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry  
 1937: Beatty Bros., Fergus, Wellington  
 1938: Minesing, Barrie, Simcoe  
 1939: Ontario Hospital & adjoining farms, Brockville, Leeds & Grenville  
 1940: Ontario Hospital & adjoining farms, St. Thomas, Elgin  
 1941: N. Monaghan Twp., Hwy. 28, Peterborough  
 1942 to 1945: No matches  
 1946: Port Albert Airfield, Goderich, Huron  
 1947: Hemlock Park Farms, Kingston, Frontenac  
 1948: J.C. Chambers Farm, Lindsay, Victoria  
 1949: H.W. Amy's Farm, Brant  
 1950: Nottawasaga Valley Farms, Alliston, Simcoe  
 1951: Farm of John R. Hargreaves, Woodstock, Oxford  
 1952: Carp Airport, Carp, Carleton  
 1953: Counties Home Farm, Cobourg, Durham-Northumberland  
 1954: John Randall and neighbours, Breslau, Waterloo  
 1955: John Rahm and neighbours, Blythwood, Essex  
 1956: Heber Down and neighbours, Brooklin  
 1957: Mike Lizon and neighbours, Simcoe, Norfolk  
 1958: Armand Clouthier's Farm, Chrysler, Stormont  
 1959: R.B. Hannah and neighbours, Dundas, Wentworth

1960: Thos. Humbe & Sons and neighbours, Springfield, Elgin  
 1961: Farley Vermilyea and neighbours, Belleville, Hastings  
 1962: Norman Barber and neighbours, Owen Sound, Grey  
 1963: Conn Smythe Farms, Caledonia, Peel  
 1964: Henry Baten and neighbours, Peterborough  
 1965: Massey Ferguson Farms, Miliken, York  
 1966: Jas. Scott Farms, Huron  
 1967: Jos. Cochrane Farm, Barrie, Simcoe  
 1968: Jack M. Gilchrist Farm, Guelph, Wellington  
 1969: Ross Kelley Farm, Brant  
 1970: Claire Farr and neighbours, Lindsay, Victoria  
 1971: Harewood Acres, Nanticoke, Haldimand  
 1972: Olli Zehr Farm, Sebringville, Perth  
 1973: J.D. McGuagan Farm, Alvinston, Lambton  
 1974: W.T. Craig Reid Farm, Halton  
 1975: Edward Ransom and Charles Robson Farms, Oshawa  
 1976: Earl Johnson and neighbours, Walkerton, Bruce  
 1977: Gerald Greenless and neighbours, Kingston, Frontenac  
 1978: Jim Armstrong and neighbours, Wingham, Huron  
 1979: Ian Maynard and neighbours, Chatham, Kent  
 1980: City of Woodstock, formerly Hartley Farm, Woodstock, Oxford  
 1981: Gordon Atkinson and neighbours, Barrie, Simcoe  
 1982: Alan Scott and neighbours, Lucan, Middlesex  
 1983: Garnet Ralph and neighbours, Ottawa-Carleton  
 1984: J.D. Ross and neighbours, Teviotdale, Wellington  
 1985: Wm. F. Brandish & Sons Ltd., St. Thomas, Elgin  
 1986: Sutherland Dracup & Richardson, Stirling, Hastings  
 1987: John Lowe Family and neighbours, Meaford, Grey  
 1988: Augustin Walch and neighbours, Stratford, Perth  
 1989: Hi-Way Farms and neighbours, Belle River, Essex  
 1990: Harry Emmott and Pat Telfer Farms, Paris, Brant  
 1991: Aywon Acres and neighbours, Petrolia, Lambton  
 1992: Mildred, George and Brenda Graham and neighbours, Lindsay  
 1993: Johnston Family Farm, Walkerton, Bruce  
 1994: Gary and Bev Smith, Renfrew County  
 1995: Floyd and Doreen Moyer, Ayr, Waterloo Region  
 1996: Craig and Arlene Yager and neighbours Haldimand-Norfolk  
 1997: Kerr Family Farm, Ivy, Simcoe County  
 1998: Ball Family Farm, Sunbury, Frontenac County  
 1999: Earl, Linda and Michael Becker and neighbours, Dashwood, Huron County  
 2000: Lewis and Mae Day and Morris Day, Erwin G. Musselman and neighbours, Elora, Wellington

2001: Rivington Farms and neighbours, Ottawa-Carleton  
 2002: Sunnydon Farms and neighbours, Glencoe, Middlesex  
 2003: Mel Hammond, Wayne

Woolsey, Weserus Farm, Carleton Place, Lanark  
 2004: Scott and Tracy Davidson, Meaford, Grey County  
 2005: David and Brad Carson, Listowel, Perth County

2006: Jim & Margaret Glen, Keene, Peterborough County  
 2007: Chantland Farms, Howard and Patricia Chant, Crosby, Leeds Grenville  
 2008: Wayne and Wendy

McKague and Family, Teeswater, Bruce  
 2009: Frank and Yolande Rivard, Earlton, District of Temiskaming