

Lake Rod & Gun Club sees film

The Harveys Lake Rod & Gun, Inc. met recently with approximately 30 members present.

The club's feeding program has continually been helpful to wildlife and wild birds as is evident by tracks seen at feeding sites. Mal Nelson, chairman of the board of directors and co-chairman of the conservation committee, is responsible for distribution of the feed.

The next turkey shoot will be the third Sunday of March, starting at 11 a.m. The public is welcome to come out and participate. Door prizes were awarded to Fred Dodson and Joe Yanchunas, Jr.

The film, "The Right to Hunt" was shown, compliments of the Game Commission.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served.

The next regular meeting will be held last Monday of March at 8 p.m. at the clubhouse. All members are urged to attend.

Back Mt. LL registration set

Back Mountain Little League for boys will hold registration Tuesday, March 14, 6 to 8 p.m., at the Dallas Intermediate School, Hildebrand Road.

All boys eight to 12 years of age from Dallas Borough and Dallas Township should bring their birth certificates and be accompanied by a parent.

Back Mt. wrestling club meets

The Back Mountain Wrestling Club will hold weekly meetings beginning this Sunday, 8 p.m., at the Dallas American Legion. Help is needed for the

Stanton TV shut out Dallas Nursery in the George Shupp League paced by W. Stanton's 236 (533). P. Jordan rolled 519 for the nursery men. C. Kazokas hit the pins for 219 (617) to lead Baltimore Life to four points from Irene's Bar. He was aided by S. Fielding's 538. R. Allen upset the pins for 527. G. Harris posted 217 and J. Guido tumbled wood for 213 (545) to lead Harris Associates in blanking Fino's Pharmacy. H. Haefele's 517 was high for the pharmacy team. Disque Funeral Home dropped three points to Shirt Jax.

In the Ladies Country League G.H. Harris shut out Daring's Market with C. Smith slamming the pins for 198-172 (522) and R. Radzinski hitting them for 180 (504). Grotto Pizza girls took three points from Jean Clark's Diner while David Ertley and Fashion Vending divided evenly.

T. Metz, Jr.'s 215 was high game for both teams as Carverton B blanked Dallas B in the Back Mountain Church League. Trucksville C took all from Orange B led by C. Coolbaugh's 214 (520). F. Cornell recorded 524 for the losing five. W. Lozo's 209 (535) paced the Lutherans to four points from Trucksville B whose T. Oney rolled (542). Dallas A lost all to Shavertown B whose D. Wright hit the pins for 226 (584) and S. Fielding tumbled them for (573). W. Jones contributed (534). The Dallas five had J. Zuba's 542. Shavertown A dropped three points to

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Shavertown C despite W. Davis hitting 526. East Dallas and Orange A split 2-2 as did Carverton A and Maple Grove.

In the Bowlerette League Duke Isaacs girls shut out Tom Reese sparked by S. Riegel's 170. F. Allabaugh rolled 175 for the losing team. Checkerboard blanked the Hoogie Bar. L. Cyphers showed the way with 220-172 (536). T. Langdon hit for 478 for the hoogie girls.

Wesley Citgo took all from Steele's Restaurant in the Crown Major League. T. Nevel scattered pins for 212 (594). R. Bonomo, Sr. aided with 555. D. Wickard rolled 549 for the restaurant men. R. Bonomo Jr. slammed the pins for 232 (599) to lead Gebhardt Bowling Supplies in shutting out Hasay Chevrolet. The car dealer and F. Stevens 561 and P. Jordan's 558. Franklin's Restaurant copped three from Dallas Shopping Center paced by E. Connor's 523. The shoppers had

B. Harris' 229 (608) and P. Hospodar's 212 (532). T. Doughton hit 215 for Shavertown Lumber who took three points from Community Buick.

In the Imperiaette League B. Cave's 171 (490) and J. Clark's 182 (492) showed the way for Ralph Fitch & Sons four point win from Carmen's Pizza. A. Pickering hit 174 (481) for the pizza team. Dallas Dairy picked up three points from Lombardo Bakery whose J. Dickinson hit the pins for 472 and K. Hunter rolled 174. L. Thomas hit 177 and J. Bicking 171 for the winning five. Goodman Florist took all from Pesacreta's sparked by C. Smith's 175 (480). Country's Best picked up three points from Gino's Shoe Store.

Sorry, but we have no results from the previous two weeks. While we were on vacation the records were disposed of at the lanes. But congratulations to all of you bowlers who hit high games and series during that time.

Know Your Neighbor

"I love the kids-love working with them; they're a fantastic group of boys. My greatest satisfaction is not in seeing them win but seeing the healthy attitude they develop toward their opponents no animosity but a good, clean competitive spirit," said Joe Walko, coach of the Back Mountain Elementary Wrestling team.

The team won the title in the Penn Elementary League last year and this year walked away with the team championship in the league's tournament. Ten of his boys were in the finals and 13 out of 21 entered in the tournament placed.

"A lot of the credit goes to my wife, Marilyn, publicity chairman, and assistant whenever needed

as well as to Ray Dennis, assistant coach and the other men who volunteer their time," said Walko.

The team practices two hours three times each week and has a meet nearly every Sunday.

Coaching kids is not new to Walko who moved to the Back Mountain with his wife and family after the 1972 flood. Natives of Wilkes-Barre, Joe graduated from Coughlin while his wife the former Marilyn Burke, graduated from St. Mary's High School.

Following graduation from high school in 1956, Joe entered the US Army where he was in the military police. He was discharged in 1958 and worked as a tool and die maker until he became a licensed electrician. Joe is now a member of Local 163 and is employed by Bechtel Corp.

Wrestling is not new to Joe Walko. He was a member of the varsity at Coughlin High School and also a member of the high school's championship track and field team.

In 1960 he became involved in coaching. The late Drew McElwee was his inspiration in working with kids.

He coached the Local 163 team in St. Therese's Teeners League for eight years and his team won the league championship four

WILKES-BARRE FATS

They don't forget State Champs

by Lee L. Richards

"I just had a hunch we were going to have two or possibly three regional champs. Our kids have really worked hard toward these tournaments and the results speak for themselves so far," said a happy Jim Davis.

Lake-Lehman saw two of its wrestlers capture individual titles in the AA Regional championships, while Jack Swire finished fourth and earned a trip to Penn State's Rec Hall this weekend where the annual state championships will be held.

For the second week in a row Ray Leskowsky gave away a heap of weight in the heavyweight division, but out-maneuvered his foes to the top of the heap. In the finals he collided with Mark Spencer of Crestwood, whom he beat in the district finals.

Davis said, "Ray wrestled very smart and did what he had to do to win, he keeps getting better and better."

As a sophomore he captured a title, but last year just didn't get his act together. Dana Sutliff wasn't going to be denied this time around. Pushed into an overtime bout, Dana showed his foe the lights and copped a three-zip decision in the finals.

"Dana and Ray have been getting tougher and tougher from working together. It didn't hurt either when we went down to Meyers last week and wrestled with the other district champions," Davis pointed out.

So Wyoming Valley wrestling fans will have five regional champs advancing to the big event.

Some wrestlers are content to win a district or regional title, but people forget those, but they don't forget a state champion.

A total of 22 wrestlers from District 2 will wrestle in the States. That is an excellent showing thus far.

For the sixth time in 10 years Penn State has captured our Eastern Mat Poll. The Nittany Lions of Coach Bill Koll finished the season with a 13-2 record. The Lions received six first-place votes two second and two third from the 11-man panel.

Joe Walko loves kids

of those years. Joe was president of the league for two years.

A PIAA official for 10 years, he retired when his oldest son, Mark, a junior at West Side Tech High School, entered senior high school because he did not want to run the risk of being accused of showing partiality. The Walkos have two other children, Marilyn, cheerleader at Dallas Senior High School, and John, seventh grade student at Dallas Junior High.

Joe has coached elementary wrestling for the past 12 years, first at the Wilkes-Barre YMCA with Walt Hennebaul, then in 1976-77 came to the Back Mountain Club with Hennebaul to coach the local teams.

In May, 1976, he was named "Layman of the Year" at the YMCA. In 1977, he was named "Coach of the Year" in the Penn Elementary League.

Following Hennebaul's resignation as coach when he moved to the south, Walko took over the position as head coach of the Back Mountain Elementary team and Ray Dennis, with the team for three years, became his assistant coach.

The team was undefeated during the 1976-77 season and this year lost only one match—that at the beginning of the season when five boys were out due to illness.

Walko is also assistant chairman of the Penn Elementary League.

During the years, he and Hennebaul were at the Wilkes-Barre YMCA, they turned out some strong teams and outstanding wrestlers such as John Brennan, Ken Kuderka, Tom Clemente, Bud Hennebaul, Vince Macri, Brian Corbett, and Kevin

Bonham.

At the Y, they originally started with bouts against local schools who had Saturday programs. They defeated Valley West 56-12, so decided they were ready to go farther abroad, so they obtained a match with Williamsport who defeated the local team 63-0. The local coaches soon learned they had to go against stronger competition if they were to build a strong team.

They used to wrestle a lot of teams from the Bethlehem-Easton area but eventually those

Syracuse, off its victory over Lehigh, jumped into second. The Orange posted an 11-4-1 mark. Lehigh, No. 1 in the last poll, tied for third with Princeton. Coach John Johnston's Tigers finished with an undefeated 19-0 mark, but wrestled only one team in the current Top 10 which was East Stroudsburg.

Meanwhile, here's how the final Top 10 looked: 1-Penn State 101, 2-Syracuse 94, 3-tie-Princeton and Lehigh 78, 5-Pitt 75, 6-Clarion St. 41, 7-Rhode Island 40, 8-East Stroudsburg 26, 9-Wilkes 24, 10-tie-Bloomsburg and Buffalo 13.

Coach Koll said, "We're delighted to have been selected as the top dual meet team in the East. I think it's quite an honor. I really feel it's quite a feat to have won the Eastern Mat Poll six of the first 10 years. I'd like to thank the members of the panel. I'm going to miss participating in the poll in the future."

Coach Koll served on our panel since its inception back in 1968 and we'd like to thank him for his contribution.

Penn State's whips haven't come up with a successor yet, but it looks like former PSU grappler and asst. coach, Rich Lorenzo is the leading candidate. Andy Matter was the only other interviewed for the top job. Matter is currently the assistant, taking over for Rich when he resigned several years ago.

Both are very good pals of ours and we kinda believe either would make a fine head coach, providing they receive a little more aid and are allowed to make a western swing and compete against more teams from outside the east.

If the administration accepts Rich's proposed 10 steps to up-grade the program and he accepts the position, he wants Andy as his assistant. Rich is an instructor in the athletic department now.

While nothing will be finalized in the wrestling until after the NCAA tourney next week, an announcement will

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L-L board

meets

Mar. 14

The regular monthly meeting of the Lake-Lehman Board of School Directors will be held on Tuesday, March 14, at 8 p.m. in the Music Room of the Lehman-Jackson Elementary Building, Lehman. Gilbert D. Tough, president, will preside.

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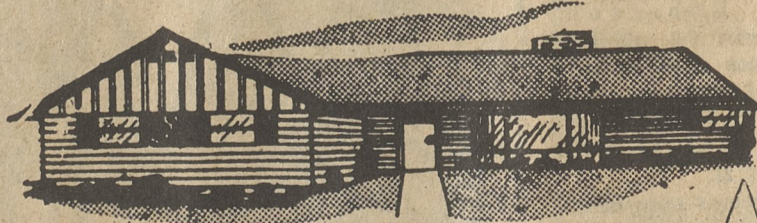
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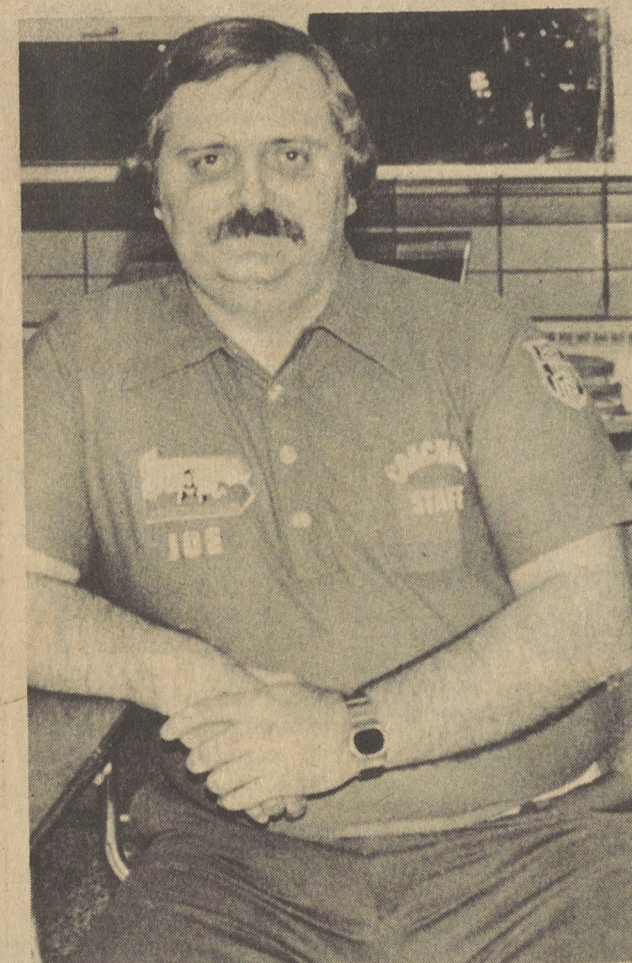
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Joe Walko

Indoor horse

show set

for Sunday

The Third of the series of Indoor Winter Horse Shows will be held Sunday March 12, at Highland Acres Equestrian Center, Machell Avenue, Dallas.

The show will feature classes in Hunt Seat Equitation, Short Stirrup, and Adult Equitation both on the flat and over fences. In the Hunter Divisions there will be classes for adult, children, suitable, special, and pony hunters.

Western Pleasure Division and reserve champion award for each division.

The public is invited to view the show from the heated observation lounge, and there is no admission charge. Refreshments will be available.

CG Flotilla plans boating course Mar. 13

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 5-15, Wilkes-Barre Pa. will present a free 12 lesson boating skills and seamanship course starting March 13, at 7:30 p.m.

The course will be held at Howard Isaacs, Inc. Route 309 Trucksville. For further information call George Isaacs at 696-1111. Subjects covered include boat handling, legal

requirements, rules of the road, marine engines, etc. These fundamental lessons can increase your boating pleasure and safety through qualified instruction.

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