

Kiwanis rodeo has ARA ok

The upcoming Back Mountain Kiwanis Club rodeo, slated for May 20 and 21, has been given official approval by the American Rodeo Association, making it a truly professional rodeo.

The rodeo will attract over 150 American Rodeo Association cowboys from various states across the nation, and all of them will be competing for \$5,000 in prize money, and Championship points.

Professional cowboys and cowgirls can win points toward a championship in the ARA only by competing at ARA rodeos, sanctioned such as this one.

What does the ARA sanction mean? It means that the Back Mountain Kiwanis Club Rodeo will be a professional event conducted under the rules of the ARA, and since the quality of the production and performance is upheld by these rules, has the approval of that organization.

Mainly, the ARA sanction guarantees professionalism in all aspects. Only those cowboys meeting and keeping the qualifications set by the ARA are members of the organization. The same is true of the stock contractors.

The Back Mountain Kiwanis Club Rodeo is important to ARA cowboys since each dollar won here counts as a point for the ARA championships. The top ten cowboys who win the most money at rodeos such as this also earn a position for competition at the American Finals Rodeo held at the end of the rodeo season.

ARA championship contest events approved for the Back Mountain Kiwanis Club Rodeo are bareback bronc riding, team steer roping, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, brahma bull riding, calf roping, and cowgirls barrel race.

While most of the contestants here will be professional ARA cowboys, local cowboys may enter the rodeo without holding a membership card provided they live within a 25-mile radius of the rodeo town. Entry information can be obtained by calling 717-225-3386 or 717-624-2512.

Besides the cowboys, everyone working with the rodeo, secretary, judges, rodeo clowns, etc., are all ARA members who are professional at their own duties.

All in all, the Back Mountain Kiwanis Club Rodeo expects this rodeo to be one of the best held in this part of the state.

Tickets for the rodeo are now on sale from any member or at the following locations: Cook's General Store, Lehman; Cook's Pharmacy in Kingston and Shavertown; Prince Hotel, Tunkhannock; Trucksville Pharmacy; Fino's Pharmacy, Dallas; Gino's Shoe Store, Dallas; and Puterbaugh Market, Harvey's Lake.

Beaumont baseball turnout is good

"We have an exceptionally big number of youngsters out for Little League this year," John Weiss, manager of the major division team of the Beaumont area, said in commenting on the upcoming season for teams in the Bob Horlacher Memorial Little League.

"We have a nice bunch of prospects out for the major division team, and indications are we will have to field two minor division teams, as well as a 'farm' division team, because of the large turnout of youngsters at early practice sessions," Weiss said.

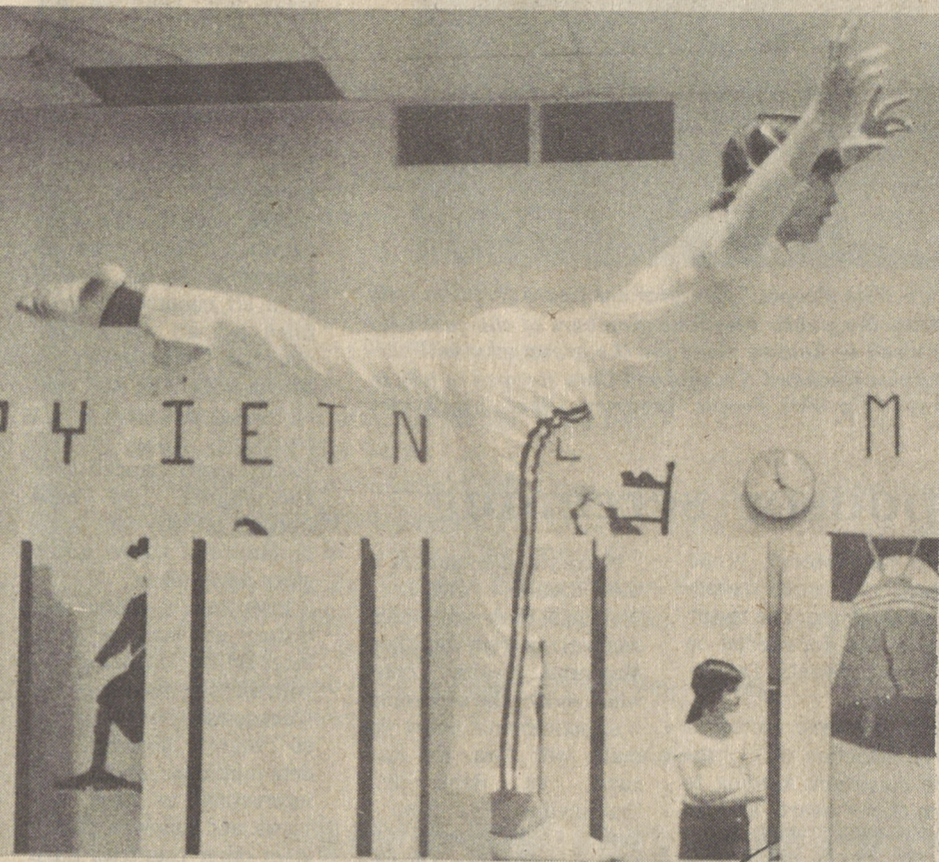
Cooperation from parents of the Little Leaguers at Beaumont also is noticeably better. Weiss will manage the major division Little League team from Beaumont. He will be assisted by Roger Bellas and Dave Richards. The minor teams will be in charge of Dale Wright, Harry Zacharias, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Condon and Mrs. and Mrs. John Smith. Farm team will be supervised by Dori Zacharias and 'Skip' Martin. Beaumont will open its official 1978 Little League season at home on May 2 against the Harveys Lake team.

Sportsmen complete tryouts

Sportsmen Unlimited softball Team will complete its final team tryouts on April 15 and 16 at 2:30, Field 3 at Kirby Park. Anyone not being able to make these tryouts must contact Bud Lugiano before April 15 at Bronsberg and Hughes Pontiac.



JUST HERS—Leslie Dymond does a special turn which is just for her as she works out her balance beam routine for the gymnastic team exhibition, April 20, at Dallas Intermediate School. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)



SWAN LAKE BALLETT—Leslie Dymond is not doing ballet but she is practicing the swan scale which she will include in her balance beam routine, Thursday, April 20, at the Dallas Intermediate School. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)

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Bowling

from Shavertown Lumber paced by J. Roan's 559 and R. Bonomo, Sr.'s 554. Dallas Shopping Center dropped three points to Gebhardt Bowling Supply despite B. Harris' 568 and C. Williams 543. B. Varner hit 559 for the bowling supplier.

M. Fondo rolled 201 (508) and J. Bicking contributed 175 to lead Dallas Dairy in blanking Country's Best in the Imperialette League. The win moved the Dallas Dairy team into first place by one point. Carmen's Pizza dropped four points to Pesacreta's despite A. Pickering's big 185-197 (514). R. Balberchak led Pesacreta's with 174. R. Radzinski's 188 (496) aided by G. Pomrinke's 182 paced Gino's Shoe Store to three points from Lombardo's Bakery whose best was J. Dickinson's 189 (486). Ralph Fitch & Sons split 2-2 with Goodman Florist. C. Smith hit the pins for 198 (502) for the florist and B. Cave rolled a 483 series for the Fitch team.

Dallas team to perform

Fifth and sixth grade students of Dallas Intermediate School building will present their annual gymnastic exhibition, Thursday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m.

The students will present a complete program of gymnastic events including floor exercises and the balance beam, under the direction of Larry Griffin, instructor.

There will be no charge for admission.

Bad roads keep trout ...out

Planning on going fishing in Mountain Springs Lake, Bowman's Creek North Branch, or Bowman's Creek Main Branch?

If so, you'll have to wait a while for those streams to be stocked, according to Claude M. Neifert, Pennsylvania Fish Commission Waterways Patrolman for Luzerne County 40-A District.

Neifert reports that because of extremely bad road conditions (snow, ice, deadfalls) over the year, those streams will not be stocked with trout prior to the opening day of trout season, April 15, Saturday.

Neifert hopes that initial stocking for these areas will be made before the end of April. Notification will be made to the public as soon as details are available. Until that time, access to these water areas will be locked off so as to prevent additional road damage.



TOP SPORTSMAN—Lake-Lehman senior Jim Spencer was awarded the trophy for outstanding sportsmanship in football at the Hughestown Sportsmen Club's annual banquet. Left to right, are James Nicholas, Lake-Lehman High School principal; Spencer with the engraved plaque; and Rich Gorgone, head football coach. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)

Soccer Association selects new officers

The Back Mountain Soccer Association officially moved into action Monday night electing officers and discussing plans to fund varsity soccer at Dallas High School and establish youth leagues in the sport.

Secretary and Publicity Chairman Allen Brague reported that Clyde Davis and Lee Eckert were elected co-chairman of the association; Richard Feld is acting treasurer and Tom Kilduff is fund chairman. The steering

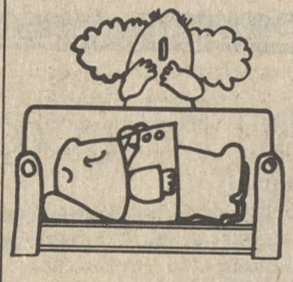
committee which launched the association consists of Ian Richardson, Paul Jobson and Kilduff.

Among the key objectives of the organization are the funding of the recently authorized varsity soccer team for Dallas High School and little league and teener league soccer.

The association has scheduled another meeting for Tuesday, April 18, at Dallas Junior High School, beginning at 7:30 p.m. All

interested parents are urged to attend.

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