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1973

FIRST SINCE 1967

CUB SPO✪RTS

RESULTS OF 15 SEPTEMBER

Place Pack Points

1.....2L.....24
2.....4L(C).....14
3.....1A.....13
4.....8L.....12
5.....7L.....11
6.....1B(T).....5
7.....1B(K).....4
8.....1-3L.....2
9.....4L(M).....1

FIRST SINCE 1971

TIPPETT TR☺PHY

RESULTS OF 30 SEPTEMBER

Place Patrol Points

1...Buffalo 8L(5)...97
2...Buffalo 1-3L....76
3...Eagle 1-3L.....70
4...Eagle 4L(V).....66
5...composite 10L...57
6...(Bulldog 4L(V))

(Fox 4L(V))...47

One Guide Patrol, Orchid
2L, accepted the invita-
tion to take part, made
92 points and won the
Golden Spoon 1973.

Judges Ray Chambers,
Jim and Joan Tirrell
made comments worth keep-
ing for future refer-
ence...

With two exceptions,
the shepherd's pie was
poorly attempted - some
couldn't peel potatoes
properly, many didn't
parboil meat or veget-
able sufficiently before
making the pie, and some
even forgot seasoning!

Soups were very much
better, and some of the
puddings really excell-
ent. Handwashing was,
however, forgotten in
some cases, and food
preparation at ground
level is not expected
in this competition.
Several patrols had ob-
viously not taken the
opportunity to practise
this difficult menu be-
forehand.

ADC(S) Ken Hart adds
the observation that it
would be sense to change
out of uniform when sto-
king a fire, or at least
protect it with an apron
or overalls.

BALDOCK GUIDERS

THE DATE FOR the social evening with the District testers
will be announced shortly.

ALL ACCOUNT BOOKS should have been handed in to Mrs Wagg by
the second week in September, for auditing.

23 OCTOBER: MEETING for Guiders and LA members about the
Christmas fair: 8 pm, Park Street school.

3 NOVEMBER: TRAINING for Guide Guiders: Letchworth Guide
Hall, 10.30 au - 5 pm.

12 NOVEMBER: BOURNE Cup competition for Brownie Guides:
scrapbook to be completed at meetings during this week and
to be given to the District Commissioner.

17 NOVEMBER; TRAINING for Brownie Guiders: Friends Meeting
House, South View, Letchworth, 10.30 an - 5 pm.

LETCWORTH SOUTH GUIDERS

2 OCTOBER: GUIDERS' meeting, 7.30 pm.

6 OCTOBER: LA jumble sale, Howard Hall, 2 pm.

29-30 OCTOBER: DISTRICT SHOW, Fearnhill School, 7.30 pm.

3 NOVEMBER: GUIDE Guiders' training day.

6 NOVEMBER: GUIDERS' meeting, 7.30 pm.

17 NOVEMBER: BROWNIE Guiders' training day.

LETCWORTH SOUTH DISTRICT
presents
LET'S GO '73

at Fearnhill School
(Letchworth Grammar)

on 29 and 30 OCTOBER 1973 : curtain up at 7.30 pm.

Tickets: adults 30p and 25p, children 20p and 15p - available
at the door or in advance from Jo Steward (Letchworth 71625)
or Eileen Stilwell (3716).

LETCWORTH NORTH GUIDERS

9 OCTOBER: TREFOIL Guild.

17 OCTOBER: NORTH District meeting, 7.30.

13 NOVEMBER: TREFOIL Guild Dinner, DHQ, 7.30.

21 NOVEMBER: NORTH District meeting.

JUST FOR FUN LEAGUE

ZINGIEST GROUPS

OF '73 SO FAR:

1...8L...1597½

2...4L...1136½

3...1B...972½

4...1-3L...791½

5...5L...546

6...7L...437

7...10L...391½

8...1A...342½

9...2L...174½

10...CH...30

11...2B...0

ACTION-PACKED PACKS

1...7L...227

2...1A...220½

3...8L...206

4...4L(C)...191½

5...1B(K)...164½

6...1-3L...163½

7...5L...159

8...2L...153½

9...10L...151½

10...4L(M)...139

11...1B(T)...136

12...2B...0

District Competition

aggregate points

TRANSCENDENT TROOPS

1...8L(S)...937½

2...1B...672

3...1-3L...628

4...4L(V)...553½

5...8L(T)...454

6...5L...380

7...4L(S)...250½

8...10L...240

9...7L...206

10...1A...124

11...21...2

12...2B...0

COUNTY LIGHTWEIGHT CAMPING COMPETITION, WELL END, 29-30
SEPTEMBER : RESULT

1...HAWK 2 Bushey & Oxhey...462 points

18...PANTHER 1-3 Letchworth...337
(29 entries)

PRIMUS AND OPTIMUS STOVES

These expensive items are being stored for the winter: but
before that, are you sure they are in good order? ADC(S)

Ken Hart offers a free overhaul and renovation service. You
only pay for necessary spare parts. 38 Campfield Way, Letch-
worth.

EXTENSION CAMP

by PHILIP EAVES, Merlin Patrol, Seventh Letchworth

I travelled with the advance party on the outward journey, by road and sea. We were heading for the camp site at Gilwell Ada's Hoeve in Ommen, Holland, via Dover and Ostend, right through Belgium and most of Holland.

We arrived at A.H. after a very tiring but interesting journey, and we were welcomed by Mr and Mrs Budda, the camp warden and his wife, and Marty, their assistant. It was already dark so there wasn't much we could do that night, but the next morning there was plenty to do. All the tents had to be erected. These were 180 pounders kindly supplied by the Royal Corps of Transport stationed at Dulmen in West Germany. Some of the soldiers' sons who are Scouts in Germany also camped with us.

That evening we all got changed into uniform to welcome the Scouts with a handicap, who had travelled by air to Amsterdam and then by coach to Ommen. We were all very tired by this time and after a very good meal we retired early to bed.

The following days consisted mainly of test work, walks into Ommen, and general camp fun. We went swimming twice and the pools were brilliant. One evening we had the pool completely to ourselves. We were also allowed in the river, which ran alongside the camp site. On Friday, the young helpers had the afternoon off and some of us decided to build a raft. This plan was foiled by some staff who decided to take our oil drums!

But now to Thursday. This was our day out. Having stowed the wheelchairs in the boot of the coach we set off for Amsterdam. Once there, we were taken for a long trip on some of the 80 or more canals, passing various barges, one of which is supposed to have more than 100 cats on board. This trip was supplied free of charge by the boat firm. We then went for a meal in one of Amsterdam's famous restaurants, "The Dorious". After a scrumptious meal we were left to go where we wanted to, with our partners, for the afternoon. There were several interesting places to explore, e.g. the Palace and the Monument. We had a picnic tea at "The Dam" and then returned to camp.

Another action packed day was Saturday. This was our Open Day. The visitors arrived at 2 pm but we had been making preparations all the morning. There were about 300 visitors. They all went round to various patrols, about 38 to each. Then came the "Mini Olympics". This consisted of games for anyone and everyone, and was hilarious. After this, most of the visitors had to leave, but some stayed on for a camp fire, at which all the acknowledgements were made.

Sunday was our last whole day in camp. The morning was taken up condensing the camp into three patrols instead of six. Then came our last chance to see Ommen. When we

got back we had a quick tea and then a short closing ceremony, and we all had an early night. Most of the tents had already been taken down, so those who were able slept outside under the stars.*****

Monday dawned bright and sunny: we had been lucky with the weather all the week. Now it was time to go home. This time I was going by plane. After a very bumpy flight we arrived in Heathrow, and then by various minibuses and ambulances to our separate homes, glad to be home but sad at having to part with our newly made friends.

During this camp I was absolutely amazed at the capabilities of these boys. They did things I would never have thought possible. At our camp disco some even made their wheelchairs dance. They were great, and I'm looking forward immensely to going with them again next year, somewhere in England.

OCTOBER 1973

- 6-7 County Venture Scout and Ranger Guide Gathering, RAF Henlow
- 18 District Troop Scouters' Council, DHQ, 1930
- 20 Tenth Letchworth discotheque, Jackmans Community Centre, 2000-2230
- 25 District Patrol Leaders' Council, DHQ, 1900
- 28 GPHasels Frolic for all Scout and Guide Patrols (see HSN/HG)

NOVEMBER 1973

- 2-4 Mountain weekend, Coetmor Mill *
- 6 District Executive Committee, DHQ, 2000
- 10 Seventh Letchworth bazaar, Free Church Hall, 1030
- 13 District Pack Scouters' Council, 47 Highfield, Letchworth, 2015
- 15 Fifth Letchworth autumn bazaar (FAB), 35 Spring Road, 1900
- 17 Fourth Letchworth barn dance, St Paul's
- 17-18 County Chief Scout's Award weekend, Baden-Powell House
- 22 Champion Hills VSU annual general meeting, DHQ, 2000
- 29 District Patrol Leaders' Council, DHQ, 1900

***ITEMS FOR THE NEXT CO-ORDINATOR SHOULD REACH THE DISTRICT PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER BY FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER, PLEASE

*MOUNTAINEERING

County Mountaineering Adviser Maurice Baker announces another training weekend for anyone over 14 in the Scout or Guide movements. This one is at Coetmor Mill, the County activity centre at Bethesda, Caernarvonshire, from Friday evening to Sunday, 2-4 November. The cost including food and transport will be approximately £3.50. All interested should apply as soon as possible, enclosing £1 deposit, to Maurice Baker, 17A Marsden Road, Welwyn Garden City. Please mention that you read about it in CO-ORDINATOR, because this news was passed to the District by HSN/HG, who received it too late for inclusion in their October edition.