

Lumberjacks make the sawdust fly.....



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Betty Gross, of Cove, one of two women in the event, concentrates before tossing her axe in the axe throwing competition. While she finished out of the money in this contest, she and her husband Chuck placed third in the Jack and Jill Crosscut event.



Brothers Jim Bob and Bill Demastus of Baker teamed up in a winning effort in the Men's Double Bucking competition, sawing through a 22-inch log in 15.98 seconds, edging out Roy Booth Sr. and Jr. by only .28 of a second. The expressions of spectators in the background display the intense interest shown in the competition.

Final Standings

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| Axe Throwing | Stock Power Saw | 2. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bob DeMastus, 15.71 |
| 1. Jim Taylor, Redding, Cal., 19.16 sec. | 1. Jim Bob DeMastus, Baker, 12.58 sec. | 3. Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Gross, Cove, 17.055 |
| 2. Doc Parret, Anderson, Cal. | 2. Chuck Gross, Cove, 12.82 | |
| 3. Barton Wood, Baker | 3. Jack Stewart, Meridian, Ida., 12.865 | |
| Horizontal Chop | Mens Double Bucking | Choker Race |
| 1. Bob Weibel, Sweet Home, 19.16 sec. | 1. Jim Bob and Bill DeMastus, 15.98 sec. | 1. Roy Booth Jr., 16.63 sec. |
| 2. Roy Booth Sr., LaGrande, 19.78 | 2. Roy Booth Sr. and Roy Booth Jr., 16.26 sec. | 2. Jim Taylor, 17.095 |
| 3. Ron Gibson, Veneta, 22.4 | 3. Bob Weibel and Ron Gibson, 18.52 | 3. Jeff Poppe, Skamokawa, Wash., 19.03 |
| Vertical Chop | Jack and Jill Crosscut | Hot Power Saw |
| 1. Roy Booth, Sr., 15.34 sec. | 1. Roy and Joan Booth, Sr., 13.725 sec. | 1. Jack Stewart, 3.75 sec. |
| 2. Dan Jackson, Bellingham, Wash., 24.19 | | 2. Roy Booth Sr., 3.805 |
| 3. Arden Corey, Sweet Home, 24.29 | | 3. Claude Fields, Cascade, Idaho, 4.96 |

..... as 800 gather to watch

Excitement as well as sawdust was in the air at the Morrow County Fairgrounds last Saturday afternoon as professional contestants from five states entertained a crowd of more than 800 with exhibitions of skill and power in the first annual Heppner Spring Lumberjack Show.

Roy Booth Sr. of LaGrande, a past world champion in three events, earned the trophy for best all-around lumberjack and collected \$150 dollars for winning two events and placing second in three others in the face of tough competition.

Donna Palmer, queen of the Morrow County Fair and

Rodeo court, presented Monte Stookey with a well-deserved trophy for best county contestant amid much applause. While Stookey didn't make much headway against the pros, he competed gamely in five out of eight events. Wife Sharon was his partner in the Jack and Jill Crosscut contest, while Mike Stookey joined his father in Men's Double Bucking. Stookey was also awarded a plaque for his part in organizing the show.

Harry Kennison, manager of Kinzua Corporation, accepted a plaque in behalf of the company for its donation of the logs essential to holding a lumberjack competition.

Though Heppner's contest did not offer points to lumberjacks looking for a championship, 54 members of the N.W. Association of Logging Sports used this first show of the season to polish their skills

and tune up their equipment. The Fair Committee was complimented by several contestants for running an extremely well organized show, and plans are already underway for next year's event.

In the evening, musicians

from the Blue Mountain Fiddlers Association kept toes a'tapping and couple of all ages a'swinging during a concert and dance offering good old-time fiddle music. Around 200 persons attended the evening's festivity.



Fiddler Willard Noble of Hermiston was one of approximately 15 Blue Mountain Fiddler Association members who entertained a large audience Saturday night.



While Dick Hoffman of Lexington didn't come close enough to challenge the champions, he gave it his all in the stock chain saw race (above) and the axe throwing competition.

It's easy to see why the choker race is considered an event for the athletic, younger man, as front-runner Roy Booth Jr. shows the winning form that gained him first place in the race. Second place Jim Taylor of Redding, Cal., gives him a run for his money.