

# Village Writer Wins Red Lantern, Praises Her Village Chief

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All winter our village Chief Adams and his wife held Bingo Games to raise funds for our spring carnival.

Our spring carnival started with two days of women races, April 2nd and 3rd. For total elapse time, Babe Adams was first, second was Maria Winer, third was Ethel Joseph, fourth and last of all I, Elsie Pitka with a cute red lantern.

April 4th and 5th there was 3 dogger race with 8 teams.

First for two days was Cliff Adams Jr., second Sammy Blackett, third Gilly Joseph, fourth Victor Winer, fifth Valorie Adams, sixth Mary D. Billy, seventh Kenneth Moe, eighth Susan Winer.

April 9th and 10th men races with 6 teams. For total elapse for two days. Village Chief Cliff Adams was the champ, second was Elman Pitka, third Jay Esinhart, fourth Arthur Henry, fifth George Winer, sixth the last team with a cute red lantern, Uncle Lee.

April 11th and 12th teenage race, with Arlene Pitka first for two days. As you can see I am the poorest musher out of the

Pitka's Clan. Second was my niece Gloria Pitka, third Alice Cruikshank, fourth was Jerry Henry, fifth Norman Joseph, sixth Bonnie Adams, seventh Laurie Van Dyke.

April 17th there was one

dogger race and snow shoe race. That concludes our spring carnival for the year of 1971. We can look forward to better races next year, as long as we have Cliff Adams for our chief.

Three cheers for our chief!