

Alpena Outdoors with Chris Engle

Duck Season:

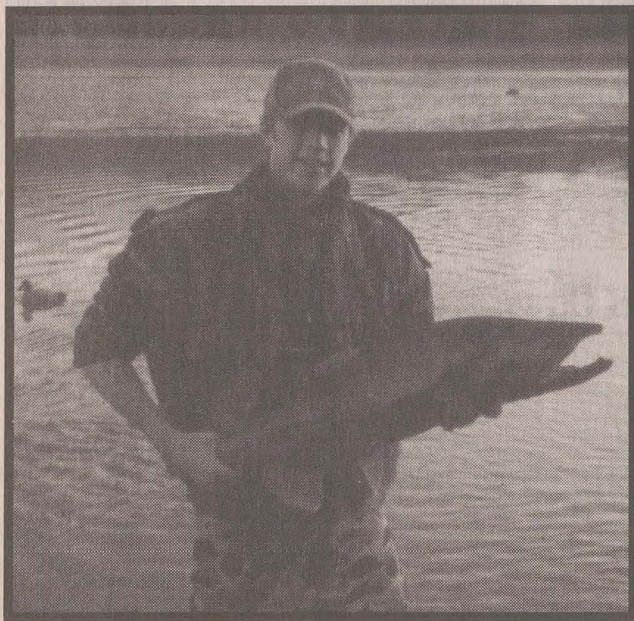
With cold weather appearing a couple weeks before the start of duck season October 4th, hunters were expecting a good number of birds making an early migration south. This was not the case, however. Few birds were taken, or even seen, on opening weekend. Hunters on Fletcher Pond, located just west of Alpena, are reporting only a handful of birds taken.

Bell Bay Marsh produced a few flocks of puddle ducks on the opener, but hardly any birds since. Watch for any sudden change in weather such as cold fronts or rainstorms. This will get birds moving and possibly produce big flocks, especially on the big waters like Grand Lake and Long Lake. Stick to your favorite spot. If it hasn't paid off yet, chances are it still will.

Color Tours:

The Alpena area received

Photo Courtesy Chris Engle



Alpena Outdoors very own Chris Engle holding his prized catch. Your photo could be here too! During deer season, snap a photo of you and your kill and drop it off at the Lumberjack office, or e-mail the pic to acclumberjack@yahoo.com.

wonderful colors in the woods this fall. The warm, sunny days we had during the sudden color change provided a great opportunity for families to take a drive on the countryside and enjoy not only the fresh air and brilliant color, but also the last few nice days before the snow flies. If you prefer to view the color from a different perspective, visit the Alpena County Airport and schedule a ride in one of their small planes during their annual Fall Color Tours. You can also catch a ride with the Lighthouse Tours at the airstrip on Bloom Road, north of town. Along with cruising over the colors, the pilot will also fly you over three area lighthouses. If you live in the area, the pilot will even fly you over your own house. If you missed the opportunity this year, try to catch it next year, and don't forget your camera!

The Salmon Run:

The annual salmon run is still going on. Fish won't normally go after lures this late in the run, but casting rubbers spawn, a spinner or a spoon is still worth a try. Remember-snagging is illegal! Even if you are not fishing, the salmon run still makes a good viewing opportunity for kids and

adults. Fish can be seen from the sidewalk at 9th Street Dam, from the bridge, and at Bell Bay located down Grand Lake Road.

Perch, perch, perch:

The perch are still on the bite all over the area. Places such as the south end of Long Lake and Hubbard Lake are producing good numbers of big perch. Evan Lake Esau, which I mentioned in my last column, is still loaded with fish. The water is getting cooler, so the fish have moved into slightly shallower water. Try depths of 16-18 feet and as shallow as 12 feet and look for weeds or structure on the bottom. Use a minnow on a #6 or #8 size hook and simply fish it straight down. Take advantage of your two-rod limit! Twice as many rods means twice as many fish in the boat.

One last note: Rifle season is less than three weeks away, and I'm looking for any hunters who fill their tag this year! If you bag a buck or a doe, snap a picture with you and your kill, and drop it off at the Lumberjack office with your name and date harvested. Space will be limited, so hurry and get yours in! Deadline for photos is November 21.

Sports Briefs and Tidbits

* The women's volleyball team concludes the season on Tuesday, October 28 on the floor of Sault College.

* Alpena beat Cadillac 28-14 Friday night in prep football, finishing their season with a 4-5 record on the season.

* Here is the complete tournament schedule for the men and women's basketball opener November 7. The games will be played in Park Arena.

2 p.m.: Algoma CC vs. St. Clair CC (women)

4 p.m.: Algoma CC vs. Kirtland CC

(men)
6 p.m.: Sault College vs. Alpena CC (women)

8 p.m.: Sault College vs. Alpena CC (men)
November 8:

11 a.m.: Sault College CC vs. St. Clair CC (women)

1 p.m.: Sault College vs. Kirtland CC (men)

3 p.m.: Algoma CC vs. Alpena CC (women)

5 p.m.: Algoma CC vs. Alpena CC (men)

2003-04 Men's and Women's Basketball Schedule

Date:	Opponent:	Time:
11/7	ALPENA CC TOURNEY	2 p.m.
11/8	ALPENA CC TOURNEY	11 a.m.
11/21	Muskegon CC Tourney	1 p.m.
11/22	Muskegon CC Tourney	1 p.m.
12/12	Muskegon CC Tourney	5:15 p.m.
12/13	Muskegon CC Tourney	1 p.m.
12/19	ALPENA CC TOURNEY	2 p.m.
12/20	ALPENA CC TOURNEY	11 a.m.
12-30	Macomb CC	5 p.m.
1-3	MACOMB CC	5:30 p.m.
1-6	Wayne County CC	5:30 p.m.
1-8	Oakland CC	5:30 p.m.
1-10	St. Clair CC	1 p.m.
1-14	MOTT CC	5:30 p.m.
1-17	HENRY FORD CC	5:30 p.m.
1-21	KIRTLAND CC	5:30 p.m.
1-24	Delta CC	1 p.m.
1-31	WAYNE COUNTY CC	5:30 p.m.

* Home games in CAPS

Photo By Kara Eubank

ACC Volleyball Season Finishing Up

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Although the Alpena Community College Lady Lumberjacks volleyball team didn't win many matches this year, it was a great learning experience for the squad.

With only three returning players and the remaining seven not knowing what to expect, the team adapted to the faster pace of the game.

"Because only three of us returned, I think it took more time to get settled because of

the changes in the rules from high school to college," said sophomore Lynne Gralewski.

The ladies learned that the way the team practiced is the way the team played. "We figured out after the first game that we needed to play with more intensity during practice because that's how game situations are," captain Melissa Dorsey said.

The ladies also pumped each other up during practice and games to keep their confidence up because that

helped them play better. Phrases such as "great job, keep it up, nice try" became staples of practices and games.

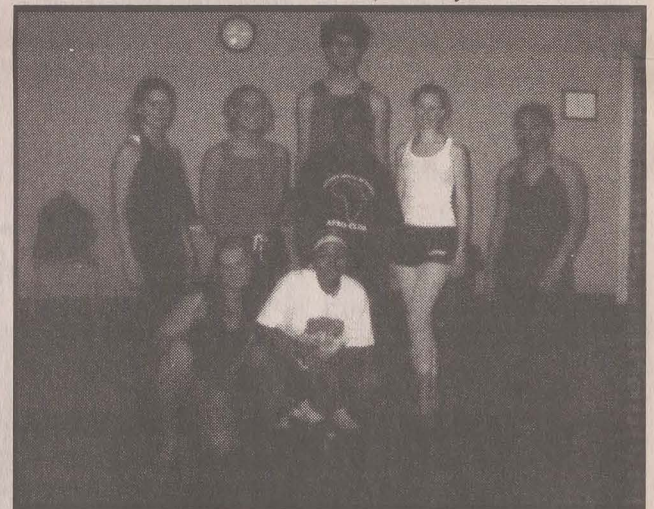
"Knowing that you have teammates that support us, it makes us confident that we'll make great plays," said left front hitter Mary Meyers.

Not only was it a learning experience for the players, but it was also a learning experience for the new head coach, Bill Matzke. Now with one year under his belt,

Matzke has an idea on what needs to be done to be successful next season.

Players who may be able to come back next year include Amy Dzieszinski, Megan Grulke, Megan VanSchoten, Melissa Dorsey, Kristy VanMassenhove and Stephanie Stanley.

Matzke has said that if he can have another successful recruiting season, like he had last year, bringing in the above players, the teams future looks bright.



Here are the eight who tried out for "Barefoot'in", the new halftime entertainment during men's and women's basketball games.

Red Wings Primed for Another Cup Run

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The Detroit Red Wings enter the 2003-04 highly motivated to be successful. After an embarrassing loss in the first round of the playoffs to the Mighty Ducks last season, the Wings retooled their roster and are expecting to make a run at the cup this season.

Second year coach Dave Lewis finds himself with a year of coaching experience under his belt, and a healthy roster once goalie Curtis Joseph returns after recovering from surgery. Steve Yzerman returns for his 19th season, and is healthy for what many believe is his last season. Defensemen Jiri Fischer, who missed most of last season with an injury, also

returns to the lineup.

The biggest surprise of the season is the return of the Dominator, Dominik Hasek, who came out of retirement before the start of the season. Lewis finds himself in a dilemma, as he has two number one goalies on the roster in Hasek and Joseph, not to mention Manny Legace, who is regarded as one of the best backup goalies in the NHL. It's no secret that the Wings are trying to trade Joseph and his multi-million dollar contract.

The Wings' biggest off-season acquisition was defenseman Derian Hatcher. Hatcher, along with Chris Chelios, Nicklas Lidstrom, Fischer and Mathieu Schneider, whom Detroit picked up at the trading

deadline last season from Los Angeles, the Red Wings may very well have the best defense in the league this season.

Detroit suffered only one big loss in the free agency this season. All-star center Sergei Federov left and signed with rival Anaheim before the start of the season.

The front lines may prove to be the Red Wings weak spot this year, and it may force some of the younger players to step up their game and play a more decisive role on offense. Some of those players include Pavel Datsyuk, Jason Williams and Henrik Zetterberg. The Wings still have some experience on the front lines, however, in the likes of Brendan Shanahan, Brett

Hull and Yzerman, among others.

The biggest obstacle for the Wings to overcome on their way to another Cup will be getting through the Colorado Avalanche. The Avalanche signed Teemu Selane and Paul Kariya to go along with perennial all-stars Peter Forsberg, Joe Sakic and Rob Blake. Colorado did lose all-world goalie Patrick Roy, though, and that should make things interesting.

In the Western Conference, the Red Wings and Avalanche are 1A and 1B as favorites for the Stanley Cup. Whoever hoists the Cup this year, will undoubtedly have to get through the other.

Don't expect another first round flop from the Wings this season.

"Barefoot'in"

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Halftime of every men and women's basketball game will feature some fun and entertainment.

Teri Eide, an Education and Social Sciences instructor at ACC, has put together a dance squad called "Barefoot'in" consisting of about ten students.

Eide is very experienced in dance. When she was four, she began taking dance lessons, including tap and jazz dancing, as well as ballet. She has also coached high school dance.

The dance squad plans to first start out by rotating performances between both men's and women's basketball games at halftime.

"This is strictly a dance squad, not a cheerleading squad," Eide said.

Eide decided to call the dance squad "Barefoot'in" because students that are in the dance squad will perform barefoot. Why barefoot? It's cheaper and it leaves no damage to the gym floor.

By starting this dance squad, Eide hopes to increase the attendance and crowd participation at ACC's home basketball games.

The performers will be going completely casual for the performances, wearing either cargo or yoga pants with a tank top.

"This is not the spandex, Barbie doll, show lots of skin type deal," Eide said. "I want everyone to feel comfortable."