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The following report of hunting prospects in Ontario will fill this space for this week and next since this scribe will be hunting Moose for a week. I journeyed into the north for the opening of the moose season on September 28 and was amazed at the lack of hunters opening day.

At that time, success was limited by the fact the leaves were still in the trees, making hunting difficult. It is hoped the leaves will be off so Thanksgiving hunters will have better success.

We talked to one official at a Department of Lands and Forests check station. He reported less than 30 cars were checked opening day. Last year he checked almost 200 cars on the same day.

Maybe the hunters planned to wait a couple of weeks to miss the crowd, as our party has. At any rate, the Department reports good winter survival among the moose in the Swastika district due to the small amount of snow last winter.

On October 27 and Nov. 3 there will be a shoot on the "partridge walk" for a trophy donated by John Coulson. The trophy will be awarded to the shooter with the highest score of the two days.

HUNTING PROSPECTS 1968-1969

A successful hunting trip has many ingredients. The enjoyments of a day afield can be flavoured by one's hunting companions, human or canine, the weather, and the amount of "elbow room" available. The most memorable hunts generally do have these in happy combination. For most hunters, however, the knowledge that a reasonable amount of game is available adds considerably to hunting satisfaction.

Lands and forests district staff have carefully evaluated all available information and here are their predictions for the up-coming hunting seasons.

MOOSE

Winter surveys showed moose still abundant. Very heavy summer rainfall across much of the north country has produced abnormally high water levels. Many moose may be able to reach water without exposing themselves on the shorelines of lakes and rivers. However, there will be better access via smaller rivers and streams. Some bush roads have washed out. The best success will be enjoyed by fly-in hunters and by those who get off the beaten track; one portage often is all that is necessary to escape the increasing numbers of hunters using accessible area.

DEER

If early November weather co-operates, hunting success across the eastern deer range should equal or surpass that of 1967. The past winter was a mild one for deer. Most districts in the main eastern deer range predict modest gains in success if reasonable hunting conditions prevail.

Fair hunting only is predicted for Sudbury, North Bay and Pembroke forest districts.

In the western region, the 1967-68 winter was mild; deer herds are recovering from losses during the very deep snows of 1965-66. Improved hunting success is predicted for Kenora, Sioux Lookout and Port Arthur forest district. Success should remain excellent in Fort Frances district; though losses did occur during the 1965-66 winter, very high deer populations were present and hunting success was affected only slightly.

BLACK BEAR

This year, 1968 will be remembered as "the year of the bear". Black bears have gradually increased over the past few years and were present in astonishing number over most forested areas of the Province this summer. Most northern districts predict excellent hunting for bear in early autumn. The Haileybury-Englehart areas are "hot spots".

The department's Pembroke district staff have had problems with nuisance bear this summer and they are happy to direct hunters to bear trouble areas.

Many bears were taken during the November deer hunt in central and eastern Ontario last fall. If mild weather keeps brown active, deer hunters may see even more of him. Prospects for the 1969 spring bear hunt are the best in years.

(Continued Next Week)

Mayor to compete again at the "International"

Mayor Les Duby will again compete in the special class for mayors at this year's International Plowing Match, at the Gilchrist farm north of Guelph. The class created much interest last year when Acton's mayor finished second, behind Mayor Allan Pietz of Welland.

This year's event will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, October 17.

Prior to last year's contest Mayor Les's plowing experience was next to nil. He had borrowed Bert Davidson's tractor to plough his own acre 17 years before. Albert Gray, an old Rockwood ploughman, also gave him a few hints.

When judges narrowed the winners down to three and he was one of them, Mayor Duby was one of the most surprised.

Adult skaters register, too

Figure Skating Club registration began last Saturday at the community centre and continues this Saturday. The response was reasonably good, but more are expected this week.

As well as instruction for children, there will be adult instruction this season. There are special rates for family groups and married couples.



It follows that this year's contestants will be watching Acton's mayor with interest and desire to emulate.

The ploughing match and farm machinery demonstration is being held October 16-19. It's expected many from this area will attend since the event is so close. Albert Gray of Rockwood is vice-chairman of the match while Doug Forsyth and John

Lorne S. Fletcher downs bull moose

Lorne S. Fletcher shot a 1300 lb. bull moose while hunting near Chapleau last week in a party with Albert (Bucky) Oakley and John Gilbert. They were the second successful party of hunters from this area to bag a moose near Chapleau.



SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS, Charlie Pearce, Doug Mason and "Scotty" Mair hang up a cow moose and her calf in front of Doug's Lake Ave. home. The moose were shot in the Chapleau district Saturday. (Staff Photo)

Free Press Sports Page

North Halton kart track

Kart races thrill Charlie

By Charlie Thomson

If you have never attended a kart race, go as I did for the first time, and get a great kick out of watching these go-karts travel approximately 65 to 70 miles an hour on a kidney shaped asphalt track.

The North Halton Kart Club track is located on the fifth line, south of Highway 7, down below Linthouse. They were racing under the lights last Wednesday night.

The executive of the Kart club is exceedingly keen and very co-operative.

There were seven classes and a powder puff race consisting of juniors up to 15, six, five, four, three, two and twin one on a quarter mile track. Each class has three races and there were 50 entries.

This happened to be O'Keefe trophy night and Chuck Henderson was there to make the presentation. There is no admission charge.

Results of the races were: 1st Race-Junior Class, 7 entries, 10 laps, 12 to 15 yrs. old; Winner David Tendell, 2nd John Parker, 9 yrs. old, 3rd Peter Haynes.

2nd Race Class 4, 9 entries, 10 laps; Winner no. 33.

3rd Race Class 5 and 6, 8 entries; Winner no. 61.

4th Race Class 3, 7 entries; Winner no. 14.

5th Race Twin Class 2, 3 entries; Winner no. 1-3rd. Lap No. 14 out blew muffler.

6th Race-Junior Class; Winner David Tendell no. 47.

7th Race-Class 4; Winner No. 1.

The races to this point were very interesting some spills and lots of thrills.

8th Race Class 5 and 6; Winner no. 61.

9th Race Class 3; Winner no. 61.

10th Race Twins Class 2; Winner no. 17.

11th Race Junior Class, 7 entries; winner no. 47.

12th Race Class 4, 7 entries, one car spun out and another lapped two others; Winner no. 44.

13th Race Class 5 and 6, 7 entries.

14th Race Class 3, 13 entries, no. 47 conked out; Winner no. M3.

15th Race Twins Class 2; Winner no. 1.

16th Race Powder Puff for girls, no age limit; Winner Pat Morey, 2nd Sandy Farr, 3rd Sandy Cash. No. 4 spun out but stayed in race. No. 15 was leading all the way until about the 8th lap and engine trouble put her to the pit. No. 4 spun out on back stretch.

OK! FIFTEEN TROPHY NIGHT WINNERS

Juniors Dave Tendell, John Parker, 9 yrs. old, Peter Haynes.

Class 6-Oliver Rawson, Sam Burke.

Class 5-Elish Edge, David Morey, Gerald Whiting.

Class 3-Will Hambrook, Greg Morrow, Ron Skilton.

Class 4-Gene Morden, Gord Cash, Walt Farr.

Twins Jim Rancier, Richard Clark.

Powder Puff-Pat Morey, Sandy Farr, Sandy Cash.

Prizes consisted of Trophies, Drinking Mugs, Gloves, Oil and Medallions from the Kart Club.

Two hunters apprehended but Canada goose missing



CANADA GOOSE

The only Canada goose at Fairy Lake has disappeared.

And two men, apprehended shooting on the lake, have been turned over to officials of the Department of Lands and Forests to be charged. They were apprehended after shooting at a goose on Fairy Lake October 2.

The two men were in a boat on the lake, shooting with a

rifle, when they were seen by Cons. Roy Wood. The two went ashore, but were stopped at The Breezes park. The incident occurred about 6 p.m. on Wednesday of last week.

There had been one Canada goose at the lake, and it hasn't been reported seen since last week's incident. There was a report or a rumor it had been shot and wounded. There is a good possibility it is dead.

The Canada goose is a big grey bird with distinctive markings and a distinctive call.

Nobody here seems to know for sure, but there's a possibility the Canada goose was placed at the pond by a conservation official.

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Hunters bag two moose, timber wolf near Chapleau

At least one hunting party found the moose in the north country co-operative after a week's wait.

Hydro superintendent Doug Mason, hunting with five other hydro men from different points in the Chapleau area, arrived home Sunday with a half-ton cow moose and a large calf.

After almost a week of perfect weather and no quarry, the party had almost given up when they heard "moose" around the

camp at daybreak Saturday morning. They quickly recombed and within a few minutes had bagged both moose.

Earlier in the week one member of the party, handy with a moose call, had drawn out a big bull but he succumbed to the call of a nearby cow after giving the party a glimpse of a large antler rack. Disappointed, the hunters were "skunked" until they got the cow and calf Saturday.

Doug Mason proved his marksmanship was sharp when he shot a timber wolf during the week. The furtive wolf weighed about 60 lbs. They are rarely seen on hunting expeditions.

The party, composed of "Scotty" Mair from Toronto, Charlie Pearce, Bradford, Clem Proctor, Pictou; Jim Coleman, Aurora; Ralph Lawlor, Deseronto, as well as Doug Mason goes moose hunting annually. They reported color in the north country "wonderful." The moose will eventually end up in the pot.

Halton-Peel Minor Soccer

Georgetown defeated the Acton boys 3-0 on Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Acton high school.

The Acton team had a lot of good chances to score, but Georgetown defence was steady with excellent passing plays and combinations. They held control of the first half with a score of 1-0. Kevin Repks scored the first goal for Georgetown on a penalty kick that gave the Acton goalie no chance.

At the top of the second, Acton began pressing for points. Luck wasn't with them and within 10 minutes Dave Mieczanec also scored on a penalty kick making it 2-0 for Georgetown.

Kevin Repks scored his second goal of the game on a good kick from in front of the posts.

Georgetown players showed real class for a 3-0 victory.

By Charlie Thomson

Acton Speedway

Rain on Sunday afternoon gave drivers at Acton Speedway a slippery time this week. In every race at least one car spun out of control at some point, but as usual there were no serious injuries.

By the ninth race the track was treacherous. Cars 99 and Lucky 1 had difficulty controlling their turns. Car 48 piled up on the corner and car 99 turned completely over on the bottom curve. The driver was not hurt. Cars 73 and 666 collided holding back the race until the track was cleared. The winners were car 8, followed by 05 and 48.

In the twelfth and final race, 16 cars started out for a 20

lapper. Cars 56 and 135 tangled on the top corner. Car 117 spun out followed by car 907. Cars 168 and 135 delayed the race with a pile-up on the straight-away. Cars 111 and 80 also spun out before the finish. Car 95 won the race.

Results of the races:

1st race: 38, 474, 8.

2nd race: 67, 111, 2X2.

3rd race: 135, 56, 168.

4th race: Lucky 1, Powder Puff.

5th race: 95, 167, 8.

6th race: Trophy Dash, 51, 54, 35.

7th race: 111, 55, 007.

8th race: 51, 307.

9th race: 8, 05, 48.

10th race: 33, 80, 2X2.

11th race: 95, Lucky 1, 08.

12th race: Feature, 95, 8, 56.

Top driver of the day was car 95 with three firsts. Second was car 51 with two firsts.

Start making ice today

Arena manager Harold Townsley will pull the ice making switch to the "on" position this morning (Wednesday) at the community centre.

Unlike those who'd like to see a resumption of warm, autumn weather, Harold is hoping the air will stay cool for a few days anyway, until he has a good base for ice. The machine must run two or three days to cool the floor down before flooding can commence.

He and his staff have been busy for the past two weeks painting the boards and the refrigeration rooms in preparation for the season to start.

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