


HALTON HILLS JILLS GYMNASTIC CLUB
ACTON - GEORGETOWN

REGISTRATION

MONDAY, MARCH 26
& TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 1984
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Georgetown Memorial Arena (Rose Room)




Cliff Wedge pulled the winning hockey lottery numbers Saturday. Robert E. Lee, Streetsville holds the winning ticket and Ron Robinson sold it to him.

Charity ball

The Redmen basketball squad will be taking on the Toronto Q 107 radio station basketball team tomorrow (Thursday) at 7 p.m. to raise money for charity. A video dance will be held afterwards.



The Mississauga Algonquins took on Leamington in the Centennial Atom Tournament and defeated their opponents 2-1 in a fiercely competitive match.



SOCCER REGISTRATION

MARCH 24th

GORDON ALCOTT ARENA
9 a.m. to 12 noon

\$20.00 Boys & Girls born 1976-1977
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Bus gives trapper's side

by Mark Holmes

With all the controversy about hunting and trapping animals in recent months Bus (John) Chisholm wonders why no one has bothered to ask the trappers what their side of the story is.

Chisholm has been hunting, fishing and trapping since he was 10-years-old and as far as he is concerned it is a lot more humane to control the animal population than let them become too numerous and die of disease or starvation.

The 64-year-old self-professed naturalist said he took early retirement from Ford Canada in Oakville a few years ago because he preferred the great outdoors to the clamor of factory work.

Since his retirement he has been trapping in the winter months and selling the furs to the Hudson Bay Company for handsome profits.

This year he sent wolf, fox, raccoon, wild mink and muskrat pelts to the sale and within a few weeks he'll receive between \$1,000 and \$1,500 for his work.

When Chisholm traps and hunts he doesn't do it for sport and every part of the animals he catches is used in some way or another, he said.

"I usually eat what I catch and what I don't use I give to others who can," said Chisholm as he brought out a recipe book on how to cook everything from skunks to muskrats.

"Sometimes I use the carcasses of the animals for bait as well," continued Chisholm, "and scraps make great fertilizer."

Chisholm uses two types of traps in his work, one of which is the controversial leghold trap. Many "Anties" as Chisholm calls the people who are anti-trapping, "think that animals caught in traps will chew off a leg or a foot to escape," said Chisholm, "and in all of my years of experience I've yet to see an animal do that."

Chisholm went on to explain that animals that are attracted to water are usually caught in a trap that, once sprung, will drag

the animal into deep water where it will die quickly. On the other hand wolves and coyotes generally just lie there when they realize they can't escape, said Chisholm.

"As a matter of fact," he can stick my hand into a leg hold trap and let it spring on me and it won't even raise a bruise."

The other type Chisholm uses is called a body hold trap that pins an animal's entire body or neck so that death usually occurs within minutes.

Chisholm traps about 2,000 acres of bush in the area under licence from the government and he is under strict regulations to ensure that his work is in the best interest of the environment.

He starts in the fall, looking for animal trails and droppings to determine how many creatures are in an area and sets his traps accordingly.

"You have to be extremely careful not to thin out the animal population too much," said Chisholm, "because if you do you're not only breaking laws you're robbing yourself of a good harvest next season."

Chisholm said he usually has to walk or snowshoe about 10 miles to check all of his traps and in the winter it is sometimes almost unbearable.

"But that's the law, you have to check all your traps every 24 hours," said Chisholm.

When animals are found in the traps Chisholm makes sure that any left alive are killed quickly and humanely and then the real work begins. The animals must be skinned and all the fat taken off before the pelts are left to dry.

"It takes a good hour to skin an animal properly and it's hard work," remarked Chisholm, "But it's well worth the effort because I'm really helping the animals and I love being close to nature."


In his spare time Chisholm also carves images of the animals and outdoors that are so important in his life and for the future Chisholm said he is going to continue to stay close to the land and animals.

GORDON ALCOTT TENNIS CLUB

GENERAL MEETING

MARCH 28, 1984
7:30 P.M.

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O.H.A. SENIOR 'A' SEMI-FINALS

GAME NO. 5
PETROLIA SQUIRES
vs.
GEORGETOWN CHRYSLER RAIDERS

Saturday, March 24th, 7:00 p.m.

GORDON ALCOTT MEMORIAL ARENA
GEORGETOWN

GAME NO. 7
(if necessary)
Tuesday, March 27th, 8:00 p.m.
GORDON ALCOTT MEMORIAL ARENA

WINNER OF THIS SERIES TO PLAY EITHER CAMBRIDGE OR DUNDAS FOR THE O.H.A. SENIOR TITLE.



John (Bus) Chisholm, a local trapper, said he loves to be close to nature and that's why he took an early retirement. Chisholm traps about 2000 acres and catches everything from muskrats to wolves.