



OUTDOORS

— with —
GEORGE HOARE

Rare Experience, Hooked 12 lb. Trout at Night

People who spent some time in the outdoors over the weekend must have enjoyed the nice sunny weather especially on Sunday.

I remember well the enjoyable days I spent on Lake Simcoe especially in late January and February. We were fishing in the open and catching lake trout on wooden decoys. When it became cool in late afternoon we would pack up and head for our white fish huts. After we had some hot supper we would jig for some white fish. More than often we would catch our share. It was at night when we had our best luck.

I have been asked, have I ever had any luck with lake trout at night. The answer is no with one exception. Our huts were 3/4 of a mile off shore, the depth of the water was 50 feet. It was in early January and the ice wasn't very safe further out.

We had caught some nice white fish here up to 3 lbs. Finally the action fell off so down went another can of salted minnows on the long line. My tip up started to jig and I then stepped down to see what was going on. Same thing happened as before. Some action and then nothing.

GIVE AND TAKE BATTLE

I was sort of bewildered as to just how to hook them. More bait was put down and this time I was hell-bent to hook something. My right hand was poised over the stick ready for the strike. It just gave to a slight bob and I hit it hard. Much to my surprise it was more than I could handle, finally it was coming up. It was a give and take battle, my gaff was ready in the corner and the door was unlatched from the inside. I had visions of a big ling or even a sturgeon.

The line I was using was 10 lb. test and the hooks were size 8 on the spreader, so I

knew I had to take it easy. Finally something big and grey came into the hole, my right hand had the gaff under it and it was heaved out the door.

It was a beautiful deep bodied grey lake trout. It weighed 12 lbs. Later on I found that its stomach was stuffed to the bursting point with the salted minnows I had been baiting with. I swear to this day it was just waiting for me there for each can of minnows and scooping them up like a vacuum cleaner, and that was my only experience with lake trout at night. We often jugged our decoys at nights for a reasonable length of time with no luck. When dawn came it was a different story. Many lakereels were caught then.

Of course over a period of years while jigging for white fish at night we have hooked but never held very heavy fish that just swam away slow until the hooks pulled out. They could have been big trout, sturgeon, or big ling. Who knows we could only guess. Eugene Logan and Charlie G. can vouch for the latter.

BOWFIN

Some people still insist that the odd shaped fish they caught in Lake Simcoe was a dog fish. After they describe the creature it can only be the ling or fresh water cod.

This is the information I have on hand on the Dog Fish. Other names freshwater dogfish, mudfish, chowpique grindle, lawyer, lake lawyer, cotton fish, speckled cat, scaled ling.

Colour Mottled olive, breeding male with black eye spot rimmed with orange at upper base of tail fin.

Size: Reaches 2 feet and 12 pounds.

Habits: Sluggish water in weeds and mud in lakes, rivers and swamps. Moves in groups. Famous for nest building habits and ability to survive in small amounts of water. It has powerful teeth and is a voracious, pugnacious fish and a strong fighter.

BURBOT OR LING

This is a fresh water member of the cod family.

Names: Ling; lake lawyer; eelpout; mudblower; freshwater cusk.

Distribution: Very widely distributed in central and eastern Canada and in the Mackenzie basin and the Columbia River watershed also in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Great Lakes basin and New England. A sub-species in Alaska.

Colour: Dark olive mottled with black. Sometimes has reddish spots and blotches. Dirty grey underneath.

Distinguishing Characteristics: Its shape and the long dorsal and anal fins. A barbel under the chin and a very short one at each front nostril opening. Small imbedded scales.

Size: Average weight is 5 lbs., but runs up to 20 lb.

Food: Fishes and fish eggs.

Habits: Deeper waters in large lakes; goes up rivers and creeks to spawn. One of the fish whose value to anglers is dependent on the scarcity of other game fish.

NOT FOR ME

So much for those two species. It's not much wonder people get confused, because they are called similar names. Some say the ling is good to eat. All I can say is "ugg". Not for me. Of the two I will take the Dog Fish, but I don't want to eat either one. It's a known fact that the ling chase the white fish away, so when they move in below, you just have to catch the slimy things before the white fish will start again.

Don't be surprised if they bark at you when you get them in the hole. Because they do just that. I have caught many of them including an 8 pounder on a decoy.

BEAVER

World of the Beaver was on TV on Channel 2 last Friday at 7:30. It must have been very interesting to watch.

I missed it because Miss Marg Turney of Brampton invited my wife Dolly and I to her apartment for a venison supper and all the trimmings. I must say it was delicious.

After supper I showed 500 feet of Super 8 film on Trapping Beaver by Johnny Usher of Huntsville, Ont.

Another film on Goose Hunting in James Bay area was also shown.

Miss Marg Turney teaches school here in Georgetown. She is also a very experienced person with a fly rod. Her father taught her the art years ago. Mr. Turney fished Eugenia waters for big speckled trout for several years. Thanks again Miss Turney we hope you will join us here when we have our annual Beaver leg supper.

FLY TIEING FOR BEGINNERS

When tying flies make sure you leave enough room near eye of hook to finish off the head. For small flies use fine thread, for bigger ones use coarse thread.

More on this subject later.

Thank you all, for your comments. That's all for this week. So enjoy the outdoors, tight lines, and above all safe departure and return.

SMILE

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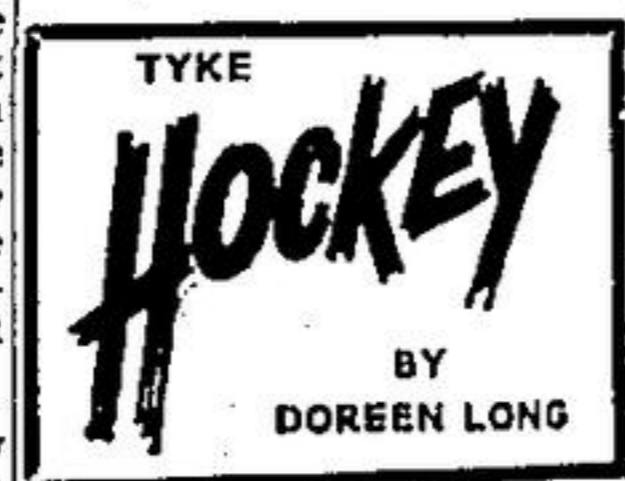
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Montreal Takes Top Position for Tykes

On Friday, January 30th it was Boston 4, Chicago 1 in the opening game, then off the ice quickly to say cheese for the photographer. You could hear the proud parents as they tried to catch Johnny before the picture to make sure his hair was combed and remind him to smile.

Looking over all six teams as they lined up for the pictures, I decided the parents had a right to be proud, they are certainly a fine group, with or without their hair combed.

In the second game it was Detroit 1, New York 0 and Detroit moves into a fourth place tie with this win. In the last game of the evening, Toronto and Montreal played to a larger than usual crowd as many people began arriving early for the midweek tournament. I'm sure anyone who saw this game will agree it was mighty fine hockey.



Some excited but determined boys took to the ice for what was to them a pretty important match. Both teams worked hard but Montreal edged Toronto 2-1 and took over top spot. It was hard to tell who was more excited, the players or their parents — one thing is certain, though — the parents made the most noise.

Hats off to the Montreal fan who treated the whole team to chocolate bars to celebrate their win, he was really celebrating Minor Hockey Week in top style. Standlines now are after eleven games:

Montreal	18
Toronto	17
Boston	11
Detroit	7
Chicago	7
New York	6

Games for Friday, Feb. 6 are:
5:00 p.m.: Chicago vs. New York
5:40 p.m.: Boston vs. Montreal
6:20 p.m.: Detroit vs. Toronto

Saturday, January 31st, the Flyers hosted Burlington, and being a gracious host, bowed to Burlington 5-1. Despite the score it was a good game and I am sure the many hockey fans who were on hand at the arena will agree. Georgetown had many good chances and many narrow escapes but most important, everyone had fun.

David Kernshead scored the

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Chappel Skips Georgetown Rink to Gulf Championship

Harvey Chappel guided his North Halton Golf and Country Club rink to an 11-6 victory over Ernie Drew of Tam-Heather on the main event final of the annual Gulf Sportsman's bonspiel Saturday night.

Chappel and his rink of Robert Harris, Gord Campbell and Pat Chamberlain, captured five straight games on the rink. Oakville Curling Club ice to win the prize in the bonspiel.

PLAYED WELL

"This was a good bonspiel for us" said Chappel, "who is the defending provincial champion of the Canadian Legion competition. The rink really played well all through. Funny thing, though, we played our worst game of the three days in the final.

"We missed more shots in one end tonight," said Chappel, than we did in the whole bonspiel."

GOT A JUMP

Drew, who was curling with Vic Culotta, Bob Walker and John McCarthy, stayed even with Chappel for the first six ends. However, Chappel got a jump scoring four in the seventh end and held his lead the rest of the way in the 12-end final.

Chappel qualified for the final with a tough 6-3 victory over Gord Crossland's Sherwood Park foursome. Again, the veteran North Halton skip waited until late in the game to make his big move with a three end.

The finals rounded out four days of action at the Oakville Curling Club. The bonspiel got under way Wednesday night with a pair of games. Each rink played a single game Thursday and two on Friday to qualify for the four events.

Following his victory, Chappel

SMILE

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MARTIN ENDS DAMSELS DOMINATION

All together boys — three cheers for Martin Power, first male in the history of the Georgetown Community Swimming Pool to win the Ed Pries trophy which is awarded annually to the most improved pupil in the summer swimming classes. He was presented with the trophy Tuesday, January 20 at a Lions Club dinner by club president Donald Gosling. Lion Chief Gosling, who also happens to be the pool manager, pointed out in making the presentation that the trophy has had seven other recipients — all of them girls. The new holder is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Power Sr., 67 Raylawn Crescent, and is a Grade three pupil at Holy Cross Separate School. Last summer he improved his swimming ability as a member of the Beginners' class.

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