



EARL SHOWS THEM HOW

The Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario held provincial bowling contests for its members at the Sportsman's Bowl in Guelph on March 27th. High men's bowler of the event was Earl Burt, R. R. 1, Georgetown (left.) Presenting the award is Don Belluz of the Junior Farmers' Association.



OUTDOORS

If Trouts Like Bats
Beaver Has The Fly

by George Hoare

This is Monday, the 29th day of March and it's snowing out. The temperature outdoors is 40 degrees, the sun is partly out, the time is 11.10 a.m. The partly shining sun creates a warm feeling. To sum it up, old man winter is reluctant to let spring take over.

The Credit River is fairly low and very clear, nature has caused the snow to melt slowly. Most of the water has found its way into the soil, which will only absorb so much. Much of the frost has already gone; an abundance of snow still lies in the Credit river drainage system especially between Calton and Orangeville, where it is still four feet deep in places. It is hoping for a lot if we wish this to melt the same as it has done so far. If the warm rains hold off, and the days stay warm with cold nights following, it just could happen. The wish is the father of the thought anyway. It will be interesting to see just what conditions are prevailing when this column is read on Thursday, April 8th.

THE SNOWS' FLY NORTH

The snow geese must go by the calendar, for on the 21st day of March the first day of Spring, a flock of these red billed, red-legged, snow white fowl were seen at 9 a.m. by Mrs. Andy Crichton of 5 Charles St., Georgetown. It must have been a wonderful sight to see these majestic birds winging their way north with their huge white black-tipped wings and honking as if to say we are back home again. I don't believe it is a common sight to see the snows' overhead in this area. The geese we see mostly are Canada geese.

The life story of the Lesser Snow Goose is an interesting one. The following is part of it.

It's probably the most abundant of all the geese on this continent. Some of the names are misleading in the Canadian west: it goes by the name "Wavy", a corruption of the Indian word "Wa-Wa" meaning wild goose. In the western and southern States, it is commonly called the "white brant".

As its name hyperborea (from beyond the north wind) implies, it is a most northerly breeder, nesting on the Arctic coasts and islands of North America. It is found on its migrations west of the Great Lakes, and only as a straggler does it occur on the Atlantic seaboard.

SUMMER RESIDENTS

Sutton (1932) found the Lesser Snow Goose nesting on Southampton Island in Hudson Bay. While this island is not the main nesting ground of this species he found them as summer residents all over the western half of the island, and especially abundant at Cape Kendall where they were found nesting in association with the Blue Geese (Wavies).

The following account of the annual program of this goose is condensed from Sutton's Report. "The Lesser Snow Goose returns from the south sometimes long before the snow and ice have completely melted from their favourite breeding and nesting grounds, usually during the first week in June.

If they find the tundras covered with snow they swim about in the salt water: at the floe or rest on the ice at the floe edge. They do not dive, so they may have to live on such bits of seaweed as they find attached to the ice, or upon crustaceans which swim about near the surface of the water.

eager to come inland to the gravel ridges where they can nibble at lichens, dig up roots, and swallow the coarse gravel. . . many of the Khanguk (Eskimo name for the Snow geese) are mated when they reach Southampton; others arrive in flocks and mating apparently goes on after the nesting grounds have been reached. That's part of the story on the Snows. If any more is seen by anyone, he or she will know where they are headed and a silent wish for a safe journey will be in order.

Thanksgiving Day in the fall of 1965 found me on the island of Moose Factory. One day later my Cree Indian guide and myself were in the camp of the Cree, approximately 25 miles from Hannah Bay on the south shore of James Bay. We had arrived there after 4 1/2 hours travelling by 22 foot freighter canoe. It was here in this interesting spot that I bagged a banded Lesser Snow Goose. When I received the report back it stated that the goose had been banded at Southampton Island, NWT, on July 28th, 1961.

PARRY SOUND DISTRICT MOOSE HERD REMAINS YOUNG AND PRODUCTIVE

Dept. of Lands and Forests examined 161 lower jaws collected from moose kills for aging during last November's hunt.

Tooth arrangement and the degree of wear on molars reveal a moose's age. Nearly half (48.5%) of the sample represented moose, born since the 1968 hunting season (the season was closed in '69.) Only two of the 161 were oldtimers in the 15 and over age class.

The 1970 harvest of moose in the District is thought to have been somewhat more than 300 animals. A mailed survey of hunters now in progress will shortly reveal the actual figure. Information turned in by hunters with the jaws pinpointed two centres of good hunting, south of the lower French River and adjacent to southwestern Algonquin Park, but 39 individual townships spanning the entire district are represented in the sample.

Forty-four of the 161 moose were shot on the opening day of the 12 day season, and only four on the last day, but not because the herd was by then almost wiped out.

An aerial moose census carried out early this winter revealed about 400 animals left, so as many survived the hunt as were shot.

THE TRAGEDY OF THE WHITE TAILS

News from the Department of Lands and Forests informs me that this is the worst winter on record for the deer population.

The average snow depth in some areas is 36 inches. An estimated 50 per cent deer kill would not be too far out of line.

laugh, in fact I was so scared I quit breathing for a moment. She says: "Well, what do you think of it?" It took me a few seconds before I could answer her, the doggone thing had a hook tangled up in it, that's for sure.

"Well," she said, "It's OK, I said, "but don't go throwing that out where I am fly fishing." I was thinking to myself, if she does catch one on it, they will take just about anything with the result that a lot of my theories about catching trout will go to pot. Well, anyway, more about her fly (and by the way, it's not her first one.) When she reads this column she will know just what I was thinking. The best way to describe the thing would be to say that it resembled a cross between a huge dragon fly and a medium sized bat (the kind that fly at night.) A very stiff rod and a weight forward line would be necessary to have the doggone thing to and fro and of course when it once got wet it would be impossible to lift it out of the water.

Of course if a nice sized trout did get attached to it, just to be polite he probably would swim in to shore and return it. I am sure my wife Beaver would show her appreciation for gently disengaging the helpful trout from the bundle of hair, feathers and fur and return him back to the water. She is still over there. Unknown to her I am watching, and I might say you could compare her with a surgeon performing a very difficult operation.

If Terry is going to cut out any of this column I sure hope this is left in.

Well . . . I might just as well drive down and deposit this in the mail-slot, perhaps she will be finished when I return.

So, until next week . . . Tight lines, enjoy the outdoors and Safe Journey.

CONTEMPLATE NO BAN FOR CLACKERS

The provincial government has no plans to ban clackers, the new children's toy, but is investigating its safety, the Ontario legislature was told Thursday.

Health Minister A. B. R. Lawrence made the statement in reply to Arthur Meen (P.C.-York East) who asked whether the toys were considered safe.

Clackers consists of two hard plastic balls on the end of a string. There have been reports of injury to children when the balls shattered.

James Trotter (L.-Parkdale) asked how soon the toys would be taken off the market but Mr. Lawrence said there are at least one dozen brands available "and some may be perfectly safe."

Midgets are Winners in Four Town Tournament

Georgetown Midget entry flattened Streetsville 9-0 to bring home a piece of the four town Tournament glory this year. The tournament, involving select teams from the regular hockey house leagues in Georgetown, Acton, Streetsville and Orangeville, was played in Acton.

Actually, Georgetown Midgets started tournament play a couple of weeks back in a semi-final series with Acton whom they bounced 20-3 in a two game total points set.

Coach Bill Chard and manager Zeke McCandless said afterwards they were well pleased with their club both offensively and defensively.

ALLEYWAYS

by Chris Burke

Bants, Juniors Prep For Vancouver Match

BOWLER OF THE WEEK

Rick Gourlie — Not much can be said about Rick's 800 triple on Saturday except it's terrific bowling. His games were 321, 251 and 228. Rick is well known among the juniors for leading the junior boys team on to victory at the provincials last month. He tossed a 754 triple. His present average of 199 stands tied with Chris Burke for third position. Since he is only in his first year of juniors, we predict a brilliant future for Rick, in the world of bowling.

Worman 630 (258); Dennis Roussele 603 (252); Steven Burns 217 (single.)

SENIORS

Girls — The high average of 186 is held by Lynne Wilkes. Lynne also has the high single of 289 and the high trio of 798.

Boys — Mike Warman tops the boys in all three categories. He has the high of 235, the high single of 387 and the high trio of 909.

Team Standings — Keglers 35; Electric Sun Dial 33; Scot Pack 28; Bowler Cats 19; Question Marks 7; White Walnetoes 4.

ODDS & ENDS

● We have six "bouncing birthday baby boys" this week. That's right — all boys. They are — Rusty Gourlie, April 5; Ian Naray, April 5; Brad Fendley, April 6; Greg Laurie, April 8; Mark Handy, April 8; Duane Hatcher, April 9.

● The Bantam Girls team and junior boys team, both southern Ontario champs, have been hot in recent practices and are improving greatly. Our hopes are high and aimed directly at victory in the Canadian National Championships to be held in Vancouver, April 10 to 14.

VANCOUVER TRIP

Southern Ontario champions are flying out to Vancouver on Saturday, April 10.

The opening ceremonies are held and a service is held on Easter Sunday. Then, the competition starts. The National Champions in each division and category are determined by a round robin, 3 game match play series using the Peterson Point system of scoring—1 point for each game won, plus 1 point for each 50 pins scored plus carry-overs. All in all, 21 games are bowled by each bowler.

While in Vancouver, all youth champs are billeted. Coaches, supervisors and others reside at various hotels.

Everyone will enjoy tours, barbecues, and much more.

A very notable point is that a sense of friendship between bowlers lasts throughout the tourney.

KID HOCKEY

Saturday Morning Hockey will finish their season Monday, April 19 and all managers and coaches and players are asked to cut out the schedule so they will know when they play.

In all leagues play-off spots are not definite as some of the teams are coming up with some big wins and it looks like it will be a fight to the last game.

All managers and coaches are asked to make sure they make out their ballots for player awards and to get in touch with commissioners if they do not have ballots.

Saturday, April 3 fans were treated to some good hockey in each league and in the next week they will not want to miss the remaining games as this has been the tightest league in the past few years.

SCHEDULE FROM SATURDAY APRIL 10 TO MONDAY, APRIL 19

Saturday, April 10
N. H. L.

5:30-6:05	—
St. Louis vs. Toronto	6:05-6:40
Chicago vs. New York	6:40-7:15
Boston vs. Montreal	7:15-7:50
Detroit vs. Los Angeles	7:50-8:00
Scraper and Flood	Philadelphia sits out
JR. A	
8:00-8:30	—
Whitby vs. Marlies	1:30-9:00
London vs. Peterborough	3:00-9:30
Ottawa vs. Hamilton	1:30-10:00
St. Kitts vs. Oshawa	

10:00-10:30	—
Kitchener vs. Niagara	10:30-11:00
Weston vs. Montreal	11:00-11:15
Scraper and Flood	

AMERICAN

11:15-11:45	—
Providence vs. Quebec	11:45-12:15
Omaha vs. Rochester	12:15-12:45
Hershey vs. Springfield	12:45-1:15
Cleveland vs. Columbus	1:15-1:45
Buffalo vs. Tulsa	1:45-2:15
Pittsburgh vs. Baltimore	Schedule for Sunday, April 11

AMERICAN

3:30-4:00	—
Hershey vs. Rochester	4:00-4:30
Columbus vs. Springfield	4:30-5:00
Buffalo vs. Quebec	5:00-5:30
Pittsburgh vs. Tulsa	5:30-6:00
Providence vs. Baltimore	6:00-6:30
Omaha vs. Cleveland	

Tuesday, April 13

N. H. L.

6:45-7:20	—
Montreal vs. Los Angeles	7:20-7:55
Boston vs. Philadelphia	7:55-8:30
Detroit vs. Toronto	8:30-9:05
St. Louis vs. New York	Chicago sits out

Thursday, April 15

JR. A

6:00-6:30	—
Ottawa vs. Peterborough	6:30-7:00
Weston vs. Oshawa	7:00-7:30
Kitchener vs. Whitby	7:30-8:00
London vs. Montreal	8:00-8:30
St. Kitts vs. Hamilton	8:30-9:00
Marlies vs. Niagara	Semi-finals to be played Sunday, April 18 starting at 1 p.m. and will be sudden death. The top four teams in each league will play.

Finals to be played Monday, April 19 starting at 6 p.m. Periods in semi and finals will be 15 minutes with the last 5 minutes in the third period stop-time, all games will consist of 3 periods.

AMERICAN

Hamilton 4	Marlies 1
St. Kitts 0	Kitchener 0
London 1	Whitby 4
Montreal 3	Peterborough 1
Oshawa 0	Niagara 1
Weston 1	Ottawa 0

JR. A Standings

Team	W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA
Montreal	17	0	2	36	64	7
Weston	12	2	5	29	34	20
Ottawa	10	6	3	23	33	29
Whitby	10	7	2	22	39	24
Hamilton	7	8	4	18	31	34
Kitchener	6	7	4	18	23	30
St. Kitts	7	9	3	17	37	40
Niagara	5	8	6	16	17	24
Peterboro	5	11	3	13	14	28
Oshawa	4	11	4	12	24	31
Marlies	3	10	6	12	26	51
London	3	10	6	12	24	44

N. H. L.

Boston 3	Detroit 3
Chicago 3	St. Louis 1
Montreal 4	Philadelphia 1
Toronto 3	New York 0

NHL Standings

Team	W	L	T	Pts.
Toronto	10	3	1	21
Boston	8	3	2	18
Chicago	9	5	0	18

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