

Ontario Outdoors



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 The GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION OF THE ONTARIO FEDERATION OF ANGLERS AND HUNTERS is being held this weekend. The dates are Feb. 9th (tomorrow) to Feb. 12 (Sunday) and should prove to be the best convention ever. These events are always a highlight of the year to those who are seriously interested in the program of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. This year it is being held in the Constellation Hotel at Dixon Road near the 401 Hwy. In other words on the Airport Strip, or at least at the edges of it.

With 17,000 members, this could prove to be one of the biggest conventions ever to hit the Toronto area if we have a good turnout. That of course depends on the members and how concerned they are in regards to the outdoors and what is happening to our sport and recreation. That word "recreation" can be torn apart and looked at in many ways.

The word basically means to "create anew" and that is what you get out of the time I spend in the outdoors. A new perspective on life is created every time I go out. It is rejuvenation of the spirit of man and woman as they feel the drama, the excitement, the cleansing of the wild things around them. If you have never felt these things then maybe you are outdoors for the wrong reason and should take stock of the things you are looking for when you spend time in the fields and forests in Ontario and elsewhere.

I keep thinking that I should remind people to feed the birds but if you have a feeder and are not using it now then you can not be depended upon to maintain that feeding schedule daily and if not the birds will come for nothing. They do depend upon that feeding. If you are feeding them regularly then you do not need a reminder, and already know the pleasure that a bird feeder can bring you and your family.

Many visitors to Algonquin Park do not realize that the Park is not patrolled in winter. Some trails are ploughed out but only to parking lots. From there you are on your own and have to carry all your gear to the camp sites. This also applies to firewood, although this is supplied, and there are only outside toilets. There is no charge for winter activities such as cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, winter camping and hiking, but make sure that some one knows where you will be in case of an accident.

Walleye season opens for the next few years: 1978-May 20, 1979-May 19, 1980-May 17, 1981-May 16, 1982-May 15, 1983-May 21. This will give you a chance to plan ahead if you like to plan that far. The reason for these dates is it falls on the third Saturday in May each year, in order to protect the Walleye during its spawning run. This third Saturday openings will always begin before the Victoria Day Holiday, and that is good news for those who like to make somewhat of a Holiday out of the opening day fishing trip. This plan started in 1964 and was studied for its effect on the fish and their ability to reproduce well enough to support a good sport fishery. It seems to be working as the catches are as good if not better than they have been in many years. The size of the fish seem to be getting bigger too, although this could be due to the better skill of today's anglers. Whatever the reason, the Walleye sure makes for a better time out in ONTARIO OUTDOORS.

Streetsville first Acton last but then what?

Only two positions are certain heading into the last week of the schedule. The Streetsville Derbys will finish first and the Acton Sabres will finish last.

It should be a real dog fight to decide the remaining positions. The most important battle around these parts is the one for sixth place. This last week the Georgetown Gemini took over that spot by defeating a strong Burlington team. They now lead the Brampton Logan Chevys by two points.

The Logan Chevys have two games remaining on their schedule against the Milton Flyers and Streetsville. The Flyers must win their two remaining games if they hope to have a chance of finishing in third place.

By the time this story is printed Georgetown may have already clinched a playoff spot. They played the Cougars again last night and if they win third place is theirs no matter what Brampton does.

The Streetsville Derbys have set quite a few individual records during their remarkable season and now they are closing in on a few team records. One record which is theirs is the fewest losses in a season.

	GP	W	L	T	P
Streetsville	40	33	4	3	09
Dixie	40	25	11	4	54
Burlington	39	21	15	3	45
Oakville	41	20	17	4	44
Milton	40	18	16	6	42
Georgetown	39	11	21	7	29
Brampton	40	12	25	3	27
Acton	41	4	35	2	10

Sabres win in Acton Inscoe handles 57 shots

The Acton Sabres treated their fans to something special last Saturday when they won their last home game of the season 2-1 over the Dixie Beehives.

The win ended a losing streak for the Sabres that dates back to early November. The star of the Acton victory was undoubtedly goaltender Robin Inscoe who had 37 shots

fired at him by the Beehives. In the final two periods the Beehives had 43 of those shots, but only one got by Inscoe. The Sabres also had a good offensive showing as they fired 36 shots at Orest Okpysh, who also played a good game in the Dixie net.

The contest was one of the tames in the O.H.A. Junior "B" league this year. The only altercation occurred in the third period when the Sabres' Scott Malcolm and the Beehives' Rob Neiser both took majors for fighting. Other than that the Sabres took only two minor penalties and the Beehives took five minors.



The Acton Sabres' Ron Millican tries to get by Burlington Cougar defenseman Mike Halstead. Millican was the best Sabre on the ice during the 1-4 loss as he scored two goals and set up another one.

more scoring in the first period.

There was no more scoring until the 17:25 mark of the middle frame when Mark Schinkel tied the game up for the Sabres with the Beehives' Mark Duck off serving a tripping penalty. Captain Dave Chapman and Rob Millican earned the assists.

The Beehives pressed in the third period to get the tiebreaker, but on each occasion they were turned away by Inscoe, who was playing the game of his young career.

At the 9:04 mark of the final period Pete Wicklum finally gave the Acton fans something to cheer about as he scored the tie-breaking goal on a solo effort. The Sabres clung to the lead for the final half of the period and gave themselves something positive to think about during the off-season.

Aside from being a big win for the Sabres, the game also showed that the second-place Beehives may be easy pickings in the playoffs. For the first half of the season they were the surprise of the league as they battled the Streetsville Derbys for first place.

During the second half of the season the Beehives have been a very average hockey club with a just better than .550 record.

They will have to face a tough team in the first round of the playoffs, with either the Burlington Cougars, Milton Flyers or Oakville Blades being their opponents. Any of those teams have the talent to defeat the Beehives.

The win gave the Sabres 10 points for the season, with four wins and two ties.



LINING HIM UP

This is action during house league play at Gordon Alcott Arena. This Williams' Electric player tries to get by the Lions Club player during Novice action.

And now here's the bad news

Aside from the big win over the Dixie Beehives the Acton Sabres did not fare too well during last week. They lost to the Burlington Cougars 1-4 at home on Wednesday, were outgunned 8-6 by the Flyers in Milton on Friday and were demolished 13-2 by the Derbys in Streetsville on Sunday.

The three losses and the win closed out the season for the Sabres. Their final record was four wins, two ties and 36 losses.

The Sabres scored with only 45 seconds gone in the game against the Cougars, but after that it was all Burlington who scored four in the first, five in the second and two more in the final period.

Ray Dundbar started in the net for the Sabres, but he was relieved at the 13:41 mark of the second period by Robin Inscoe. Together the two goalies faced 45 shots.

Scoring for Acton were Mark Schinkel, from Peter Wicklum, Rob Millican, from Dave Chapman, and David McGilloway, Millican again, from Chapman and Wicklum and McGilloway, from Millican.

Kevin Charbonneau, Steve Billinghurst and Mike Carr each had two goals for Burlington with Rob Rose, Jim Cochrane, Art Joyce, Hal Montford and Bryan Grigsby collecting singles.

The Flyers scored three goals in the final period to take the 8-6 victory. Both teams had scored four goals in a free-wheeling first period.

Dundbar was in the net for the Sabres in this game and he faced 39 shots. The Sabres had 22 shots on Hal Parrot in the Milton net.

Schinkel had a big game for the Sabres as he collected three goals and help set up another one. Other scorers for the Sabres were Millican, Malcolm and Jim Cartwright. Wicklum, Chapman and McGilloway each had two assists.

Ron Twiss scored a hat trick for Milton with the others going to Paul Martin, Brian Gordon, Keith Yorkie, Paul McCann and Tod Sheppard.

The league's leading scorer Jim Baker had a field day in the Derby's romp over the Sabres. He got a goal and set

up three others. The league's top goal getter George Chandler added to his total by scoring two. The big shooters however were Jim Bayington and Marc Sinclair who both scored hat tricks.

A familiar name to Georgetown fans was also a big factor in the game. Former Gemini captain Terry Turner scored two goals for the Derbys. Steve Blair had the other two goals.

Dundbar and Inscoe, who started, again shared the goaltending for the Sabres. They had 50 shots fired at them.

The Acton scorers were 15 year old Kelly McArthur, from Wade Vickery and Malcolm and Millican, from Chapman and McGilloway.

The Sabres have one game remaining in their schedule. They play the Derbys this Friday.



The Burlington Cougars' Hal Montford left the Sabres' Warren Barnes in his tracks on this play. In the Sabres next home game after Burlington they defeated the second place Dixie Beehives 2-1.

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