

# Ontario Outdoors



By Bob Ollivier

CHRISTMAS can be a good time to get ready for the ICE FISHING season. Tackle makes a fine gift, especially for the young person that is still trying to round out their tackle box.

When looking for a fish hut operator, such as on Lake Simcoe, check whether or not they supply "TIP-UPS". They are not always the best, although they are adequate. The problem is they are built for rugged use by sometimes not too careful fishermen. Buy a tip-up that is delicate in its balance, especially for whitefish as these are light biters. There is a new ice fishing tip-up now on sale made from plastic.

I have not as yet tried them out, but will soon and will report on them at that time. Most ice fishing does not start until after the new year, due to ice conditions. Most ice on Simcoe is not good until the second week on January or there about depending on the severity of the cold weather.

A simple phone call to one of the operators will give you an approximate date they will commence operation, and you can be sure the ice will be safe they don't want to lose a customer, especially not through the ice conditions.

I will publish a list of operators soon and their type of operation. Not to be ignored is the open ice style of ice fishing. To me this is the best and most enjoyable, even if it is the coldest.

The equipment needed is more than for the person that only fishes in hut, but the rewards are often greater. Not always in numbers of fish, but the opportunity of seeing wildlife that is on the prowl around a small northern lake.

In the regions around Burks Falls, we often snowshoe into a small backwoods lake, build a fire, set up

our tip-ups, bait up with a small minnow and sit around the fire taking turns watching the rigs and the scenery.

When fishing for trout, a keen eye must be on the sets, as the trout will hit with a mad rush and sometime stake your tip-up under or break off. For those who want to enjoy winter in a more familiar environment, try MOUNTSBURG wildlife Centre.

Horse drawn sleigh rides, skating, cross country skiing and wildlife interpretive programs are on each weekend until Feb. 25, 1979 and every day during the holiday time of Dec. 26 through 31st and Jan. 1 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost is only \$3 per car and that is cheap family fun.

Take the Guelph Line below Campbellville to Five Sideroad, head west and follow the signs. Terra Cotta is the scene for the Credit Valley Conservation Authority program. Similar times as the previously mentioned, and much closer.

LAKE TIMISKAMING is now regulated the same as Lake Simcoe pertaining to the placing and removal of ice fishing huts. They must be off the ice by March 31 and must be registered. This has proved to be a good move and keeps litter off the ice as the huts can be traced. Also the huts won't be floating when ice breakup occurs.

This is the last column before CHRISTMAS and the last minute shopper still has time to get the final items. I have enjoyed browsing around the Book Shop downtown and noticed several books that would make excellent gifts.

I believe there is even a book on Sour Dough cooking, and the pictorial books on the outdoors are excellent. Books are a part of a multi-faceted industry and we can enjoy almost any aspect of that industry with books to suit our every need and desire.

The Ministry of Natural Resources is still intent on working its plan to stock the so-called fabulous SPLAKE. I have caught a six-pound splake and still was not excited about it.

A much better program in my estimation would be the building or application of hatcheries to the restocking of the BROWN TROUT. There is a lot of controversy regarding the Brown, but it is still a better fish than the Splake.

Rather than the hybrid of the Lake Trout and Speckled Trout, why not the fast producing Rainbow, or the Lake Trout itself. They are proving to be worthy of the effort, as they are now growing and producing in Lake Ontario. I know they are slower growing than the splake, but they are a fine fighter and great on the table.

With "Natural" fish, why do we need an artificial one propagated in concrete pools of hatcheries and often unable to reproduce?

Just a few more days until Christmas and then we will see if the many gifts suggestions in this column have inspired outdoors type gifts, especially mine (I am after new snowshoes.) See you on the 27th, have a fine holiday and remember who made our ONTARIO OUTDOORS.

## Broadbent leads Geminis back

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Falby had two good shots on the play, but Moffatt turned them both away.

### BROADBENT DOMINATES

Andy Broadbent, who has been dominating play in recent weeks, put Georgetown on the board 2:09 into the third period on a play set up by Paterson.

Just over a minute later Broadbent gave the Gems the lead for the first time in the game with Paterson and Rotter being the playmakers.

Then the two teams who could manage only a goal between them in the first two periods scored three in less than a minute.

Tough little Larry Melton started the binge at 6:26 when he converted a play set up by Mark Euteneier and Tim Turner.

The Sabres struck back with two goals within 18 seconds of one another to tie the score.

The first goal came with two Gems in the penalty box Lambert scored from Jeff Shields and Murray at 5:34.

With one Gem still in serving time Murray earned his third point of the night and tied the game for the Sabres. Shields and Drew Gareau assisted.

After the third Sabre goal the game settled back down to a defensive struggle and it appeared it was going to end in a draw.

With only 58 seconds left remaining to be played Power broke down the left wing. He got in close and fired a wrist shot which went through Mof-

fatt's legs. Broadbent and Rotter set the play up.

When the Sabres got the puck in the Gem end Buchanan decided to pull Moffatt in favor of a sixth attacker.

### MOVE BACKFIRES

The move backfired as Power and Greg Thompson broke in on a two-on-one break. Power fed the puck to Thompson who directed it into the empty net and the Gems' fourth victory of the year was insured.

It was without a doubt the highlight of the so far dismal season for the Gems. The crowd was not gigantic, but the approximately 200 people present did represent the team's best turnout so far this year.

Schooley also had to be very pleased with the work of Saija and Rotter.

As for the Sabres the loss was further proof that the team is not as strong as what it was thought to be in the early season.

However, Buchanan said that he still hopes to make a run at finishing among the top five teams in the year.

"I still think we have a chance to be among the top five," the coach said. "A few players are not carrying their load and if they don't start to soon they're going to find themselves gone."

As for the aspirations of the Gems, Schooley said he is hoping that the team can earn a playoff spot.

## Sports Flashback

December 20, 1977 — The Yugoslavian National Hockey team has confirmed its players' will attend the dinner to be held at Holy Cross Church on February 14, one night before they take to the ice against the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders at Alcott Arena.

The dinner will be a "Raider Tribute to Hockey" and the Raiders will pay homage to all the people who have helped hockey grow in Georgetown. Jack Harrison, who has been in hockey for the past 50 years, will also be honored for his work. At present, Harrison is one of the trainers of the Raiders.

There will be 225 adult tickets, each costing \$7.50, printed for the dinner, and 75 children's tickets, each costing \$3. The Raiders' executive will be trying to attract a top keynote speaker for the dinner, but to date no one has been confirmed.

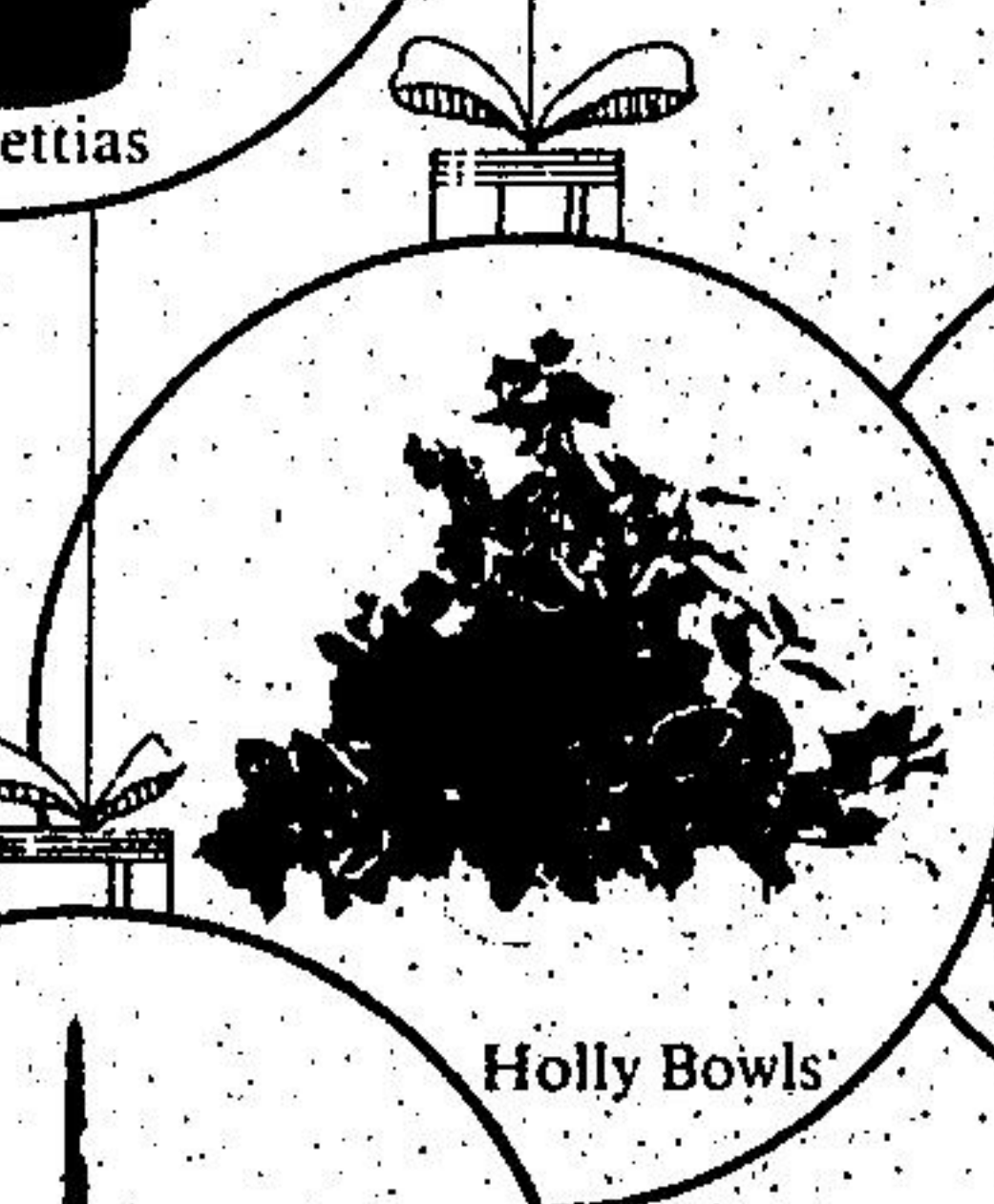
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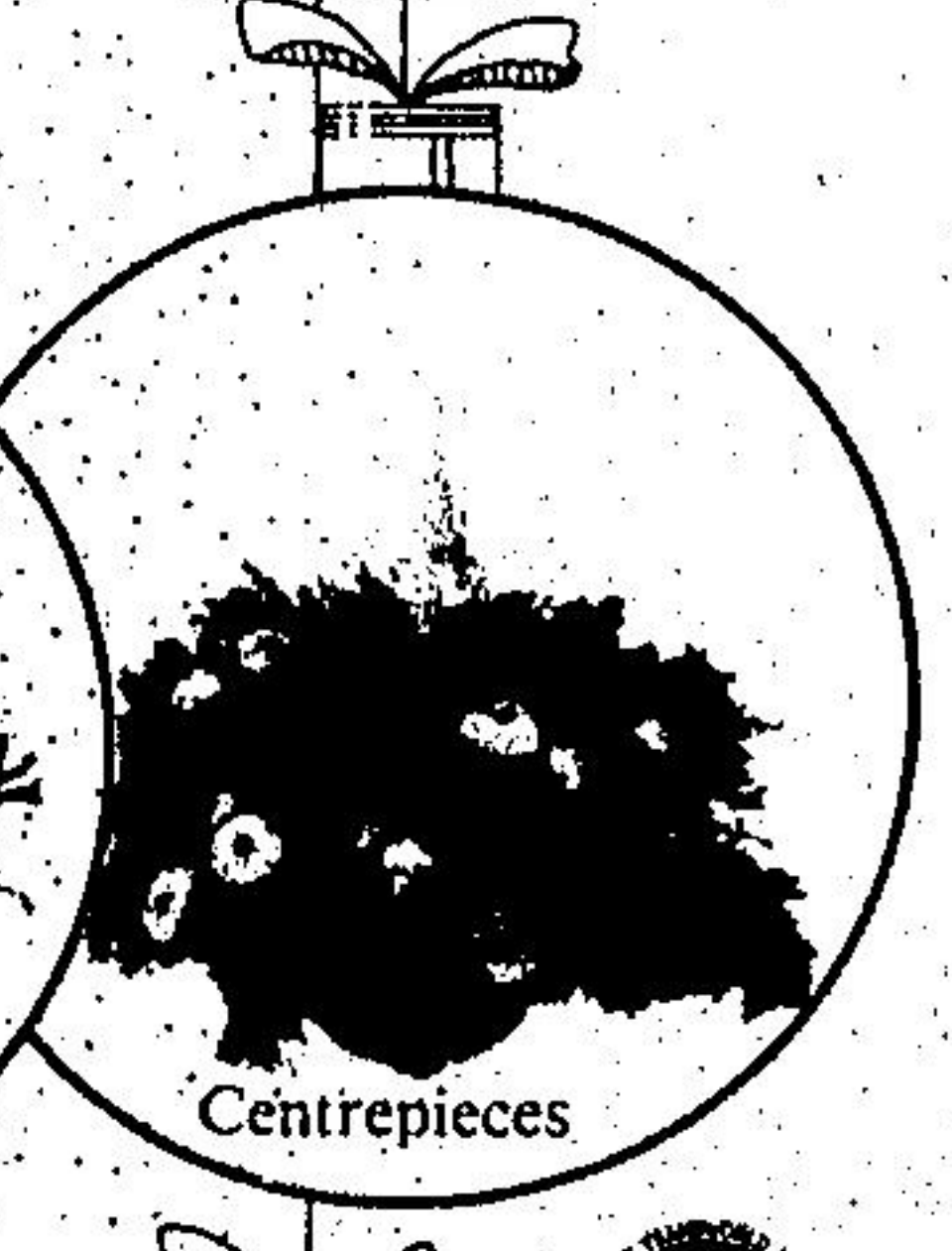
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