

Ontario Outdoors

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All Grouse seasons are now closed. However, rabbit and hares are still open until February 28, 1979. You are allowed six Cottontail and 6 European Hares (Jackrabbit) and there is no limit on the Snowshoe or Varying Hare.

When out hunting these fleet foots, you may even get a chance at a fox, as there is no season on them in Ontario.

Hunting equipment is small, all you need is a shot gun of any gauge preferably with a modified choke.

The best and most preferred shot size is Number Six although some hunters use number four and even two for the hares but there is less shot in the charge and you need all the help you can get with these fast moving targets. Avoid full choke like the plague itself.

Cyclic fluctuations in population of about 10 years is the thing to expect with the "up years" being great and the "down years" a real bust when it comes to finding enough to hunt.

The snowshoe is a little larger than the cottontail with longer body and legs. The European Hare is the largest and the fastest and can run a dog ragged. Thick cedar swamps and areas of thick sapling growth will provide the best hunting, and when it is raining they don't want to leave their lies or beds. This is where hunting with a dog is good, although even then it is hard to get them moving. Without a dog keep your pace slow and your eyes moving. Check out all thick cover and don't let any hide go unchecked.

The old trick of jumping on a blowdown is still good medicine for cottontails, but is a waste of time for the hares, as they lie more in the open spaces of thick cover that gives them the chance to see danger coming.

Only the cottontail ducks into a hole, the hares depend on speed to get out of trouble, and they sure have lots of that.

Did you know that the new gun law states you need a certificate not only to buy, but exchange and even BORROW a gun.

Latest word is the ice is good on Lake Simcoe. It was nine inches thick last Saturday at Shanty Bay as well as Beaverton. Still wise to check in with an operator in case of bad or weak spots though. So far this year I have had more phone calls from fishermen wanting information on Lake Nipissing than on Lake Simcoe. They feel that it will be worth the time and expense to head further north as the fishing is more varied and more productive.

Lake Simcoe is still producing and has a very bright future, due mainly to the intensive stocking programs by the Ministry of Natural Resources and remember that a 22 pound plus lake trout was taken from Lake Simcoe last winter.

Another local spot: Halton Hills Trout Club south of Georgetown. This club is operated by John Harrington and during the summer a 10 1/2 pound trout was taken from the ponds on his property. John hatched out about 20,000 Rainbow trout last year and is in the midst of increasing the membership in the club. New on the horizon for John Harrington is the partnership he has bought into with the Shamrock Hatchery in Erin.

There are several ponds on the Shamrock grounds and one of them is for FLY fishing only, and there is a really fine club house on the 33 acre property. Two ponds are for fishing and the hatchery and raising ponds are a site to see. About 60,000 Rainbow are hatched there each year and are sold to private pond owners as well as for stocking the club ponds.

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For the big one you get, or the Salmon still in your freezer, here is a recipe sent to me by Sheila Hooten with a wish of "Bon Appetite".

Cook in an uncovered dish, 10-12 minutes per pound at 450 degrees. Grease dish with butter, pepper and lemon juice. Place salmon in dish and pour on lemon juice and a little salt, and pepper. Place lemon wedges on top of salmon and cook. After cooking, slit, take out back bone, and stuff.

Stuff with: Melted butter, bread crumbs (large kind), chopped celery, parsley, chopped onions, (Sheila tells me she uses her "impeccable" judgements for measurements). Saute celery and onions well in butter before adding to other ingredients. Stuff - secure with tooth picks - put back in oven at 350 degree f. for half hour.

Thanks Sheila, you have just added another ingredient to my enjoyment of ONTARIO OUTDOORS.

Sports Flashback

Taken from the February 1, 1973 Herald:

Guelph Midgets won the grand championship at the seventh Annual Georgetown Midget Tournament held last week at Memorial Arena.

Georgetown advanced to the second round of the tournament but was defeated 3-0 by Whitby. Georgetown had defeated Orillia by the same score in the first round.

Bill Chapman, of the Whitby team beaten 1-0 by Guelph in the final, was chosen the tournament's Most Valuable Player. The committee who chose the MVP was composed of Del Beaumont, Bob McMenemy and Gerry Inglis.

Taken from the January 23, 1969 issue of The Herald.

Georgetown's Paul Popiel popped his first goal as a Detroit Red Wing in Montreal last Wednesday. The Wings rolled over the Canadiens 4-0.

Popiel has been paired with Bob "Boomer" Baun on the Detroit defense.

Meanwhile, Springfield of the American Hockey League is feeling the effects of losing Popiel from their lineup. In a recent column Sam Pompel of the Springfield Daily News wrote:

"We wonder sometimes if enough of us really appreciated the efforts of Paul Popiel while he performed with the

Springfield Kings last season and part of this one.

"Since the little defense star departed for the Wings in a trade for Ron Anderson Springfield has not won a game. The club's backline hasn't been the same since Popiel left. In fact the defense without Popiel has practically collapsed.

From the January 19, 1949 issue of The Herald:

Georgetown's Bob Goldham, who is currently holding down a first-string defense position with the Chicago Black Hawks was chosen "Hawk of the Week".

Goldham, the first Georgetown native to make the NHL, played with the Toronto Marlboros as a junior. He turned pro at 18 years old in 1940 with the Toronto Maple Leafs and was assigned to Hershey of the AHL.

The defenseman came to the Hawks in the big seven player swap last season. The seven players in the trade are valued at approximately \$100,000 and it is believed to be the biggest trade in NHL history.

Bill Tobin, owner of Hawks, coveted Goldham for many weeks prior to the trade and made several attempts to secure him. He offered Leaf owner Conn Smythe \$25,000 for the blueliner, but it was refused.

Reb wrestlers win own meet

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did well included Kevin Frank who was second at 94.5, Jim Wittmeier third at 90.5, Mike Taylor fourth at 90.5, Dave Allen fourth at 97, Mark DeHeatch fifth at 97, and Ron Martin sixth at 97, Jerry Paul managed a fifth at 119.

John Wright also had a fifth in the 141 pound group. Kevin Brown had a fine day placing third in the 134 pound while Rick Wildmont showed great promise with two victories in his class.

One of the more pleasant surprises of the afternoon was

the third place finish of Reb Jim Whitmeier.

NUMEROUS VOLUNTEERS

The success of the tournament was largely due to the efforts of the student volunteers, too numerous to acknowledge individually. Special mention should go to Mrs. Murden who kept the cafeteria open all day, and to Beaver Foods who donated the trophies.

In two weeks time the Rebs journey to Ottawa to defend their title in the J.S. Woodworth tournament.

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