

Ontario Outdoors

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LET ME TELL YOU. "Ice out" fishing is fantastic. Where legal, Trout and Walleye fishing can be the best of the year. If the ice is safe, then try jigging, even off the end of a dock can be good.

I have had good luck last week doing just that, fishing in the small space where the ice had melted from the end of a small dock in a pond. The trout hit a slowly moved jig, and when the ice receded enough, then I caught them by casting.

The water is still very cold and the trout are a little sluggish, so don't fish them fast unless you are fishing in fast moving water. Then you must match the speed of the flow.

There are all year seasons for walleye, rainbow trout, Brown trout, lake trout and Pike and Brock trout are open January 1st to Sept. 30 in some areas. With these extended seasons there are lots of opportunities to fish for them through the ice.

When fishing through the ice I have been using the new STREN monofilament fishing lines. These lines have an amazing resistance to abrasion, and that is what the edge of an ice hole will provide, lots of abrasion.

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SPORTSMEN'S SHOW

Official notices of spring; the Toronto Sportsmen's Show is over and we will be in a state of expectancy for the next few weeks after being exposed to all that fantastic equipment for the outdoors.

Poachers are working the Rainbow Trout in Rainbow country. Several arrests have been made and charges laid for fishing Bothwells Creek and other such areas.

\$500 or 30 days have been levied for taking 13 Rainbow Trout against two men and other charges have also been laid. April 28 is the opening date for trout, except of course for those areas where the season is open as previously mentioned.

Poaching brings a bad name to all sportsmen and we must purge our own ranks. If you see or suspect poaching, your responsibility is to report it to the Ministry of Natural Resources. The phone number is in the book under GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO, NATURAL RESOURCES, ZENITH 25800 and there is no charge.

Just ask the operator for the Zenith number and report violations of the fish and game act, the location and if possible the description of the persons and car licence numbers.

Remember that most ice surfaces are in bad shape and some lakes are now free of ice. This is the case for ponds in the local area, and it is open fishing at Harrington's HALTON HILLS TROUT CLUB.

ANGLING LICENCE

There is a change in the works for the Non-Resident angling Licence. Could this be a good time to encourage the Ministry to institute a RESIDENT ANGLING LICENCE???? I feel it would be a benefit to our fishery, if the resultant monies were directed to the betterment of fishing and hatchery facilities in Ontario.

This subject has been hashed out many times, and I have received many letters and phone calls on the subject. I still feel that we should have such a licence and so do almost all the people that care about fishing in Ontario and this includes all the Outdoor Writers that I know and call friends.

They have even considered a resolution to the ministry to this effect and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters also feel this way. Why not write to the Hon. James Auld, Minister of Natural Resources, Queen's Park Toronto and or your local Ontario Member of Parliament.

The following is a direct quote from a Ministry bulletin: "Ontario's fish resource is costing the taxpayers of this Province several millions annually for their management. It is our opinion that the users of the resource should pay a fairer share of the costs of managing resource."

The preceding is directed at the Non-Resident angler but also applies to the RESIDENT.

Consider this as you enjoy ONTARIO OUTDOORS.

Campers cop consolation crown

The Georgetown North Halton Sports Camp Novice Reps took the Tri-county consolation crown in convincing fashion defeating Oakville in three straight games.

In the first game played in Oakville last Wednesday Georgetown came out on top by a 4-1 score. The next night the two teams returned to Georgetown and the Novices won by a 2-0 shutout. The Campers then wrapped up the series with a 3-0 victory at home in front of a big crowd at Alcott Arena Sunday.

SCORED FIRST

In the first game Georgetown got on the board first when captain Pat McCarthy tallied from Peter Atherley with the only goal of the first period.

Oakville tied up the score with the only marker of the second period.

The Campers came on strong in the third period and scored three unanswered goals.

Mark Shepard got the first one on a play set up by Johnny Lorito and Atherley.

Atherley earned his third assist of the game when he set up McCarthy for his second.

Lorito finished off the game's scoring on a play set up by Gary Stewart.

The second game was by far the closest of the series as the outcome was up in the air until the final buzzer sounded.

Lorito scored both goals for Georgetown. The second one was fired into an empty net with only two seconds showing in the clock.

In the third and final game Georgetown pulled ahead in the first period when McCarthy scored from Mark Bergeron and Chris Bewley. It was the only goal of the first period.

In the second period Jeff Duguay put Georgetown up by two with Serge David and Wayne Snow drawing the assists.

Later in the same frame McCarthy got the last goal of the series with defencemen Brett Robinson and Paul Howlett assisting.

CLOSE GAME

All three of the games were very good. The difference in goals, nine for Georgetown and only one for Oakville, was not indicative of the closeness of the play.

Georgetown got fantastic goaltending from Steve Eastwood and Curtis Green who shared two shutouts and only allowed the one goal in the three games.

Captain McCarthy was a dominate figure anytime he was on the ice as he led his team throughout the series.

Atherley was also at his very best as the forward played excellent two-way hockey throughout the three games.

Howlett was a team leader on defense as he too came up with three steady games.

Coach Charlie Hanman has given his players equal ice-time throughout the year. Although the temptation was

there for the coach to give his hot players more icetime in the big final, the coach kept to his policy.

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