

Ontario Outdoors



By R.C. (BOB) OLLIVIER
Attended a terrific seminar on Moose last Saturday, held by the Ministry of Natural Resources especially for the Outdoor Writers of Canada.

Much of the information received is available to the public and certain dates are set up in various areas of Ontario for the public. A total of 65 of these meetings have been, are, and will be held. The two closest are Hamilton Nov. 18 and Toronto Dec. 1-3, 6-9 and 13-16th. Times and locations can be obtained from the ministry or by calling me at 877-9290, but the Toronto dates will be in Queens Park.

The new paper released in September of this year should go a long way in explaining some of the methods of helping the Moose population in Ontario, where the harvest for 1978 was only 12,000 animals. This column does not offer the space to adequately internize the program, and this is part of the speaking tours that I conduct, or the MNR will often send a biologist or enforcement officer to clubs.

One thing that can and should be said is that old style logging was very similar to a "wild fire" in the way the forest was cut and provided excellent area for browse and cover for Moose and other wildlife.

GREAT CATCHES

Warton and Owen Sound have been producing great catches of Splake lately, and the Rainbow Trout catch has been tops. The weather has had a bearing on the number of persons fishing but the return of fish is also at a good level. Some Salmon have been showing up in the Credit but not enough Chinook to provide the number of eggs the MNH needs for their hatchery program. Only 30,000 eggs were collected when the goal was 400,000. The Coho picture is different though. The fish came into the rivers very late, after an early start.

It was felt that the run had been fished out but, a second "group" of Coho came in from the depths of the lake and there were very few fishermen to take them. Hence the rivers have plenty of fish and the ministry has been able to obtain all the spawn they need for the Coho program.

An exciting development is the research that is being conducted by the MNR on Whitefish. Eggs will be gathered on the shoals in Lake Simcoe this fall and the spawn will be a part of the research toward developing a hatchery for Whitefish. These fish will be used to supplement the fishery on Lake Simcoe where the catch has been going down for years. This will be one more part of the S.P.O.F. program and will operate on a \$40,000 annual budget.

LAKE TROUT COMEBACK

Nettings show that the Lake Trout is making a good comeback in Lake Ontario. During October the ministry working on the Salmon program netted 13 mature Lake Trout near the Lakeview Generating Station and clipp marks show them to be a part of the 1976 stocking of 100,000 west of Clarkson. These four year old male fish were ripe and it is expected the main run including the females that take an extra year to mature will be in 1980.

Nettings off Port Credit in August showed a good survival of 1977 and 1978 and is an indication of the improved quality of the water in Lake Ontario. 1980 will see a stocking of 200,000 "lakers" in the western end of the lake and an additional 200,000 in the east end of Lake Ontario. By 1980, 1.3 million trout will have been stocked in Lake Ontario and is the start of great things for local anglers.

The Toronto International Boat Show will be held on January 11 to 20th 1980. This gives plenty of notice to set these dates aside on your calendar, and reminders will come as the dates get closer. This show is followed by the Camping on Wheels Show on Feb. 7-10th, 1980. This show is always well attended as the winter blues catch on about that time and this is one of the best escapes.

A new show has just been announced called FOCUS '80, a Toronto Photo Show. This should be a good one as almost everyone owns or can borrow a camera and likes to keep a photo record of the good times. This will increase to 15, the number of shows produced by the Canadian National Sportsmens Shows across Canada. There is no lack of activities now for the working stiff to enjoy our ONTARIO OUTDOORS.



Greg Thompson cruises by the front of the net during Sunday night's game his Gemini's team won against Oak Ridges. Thompson says the team "has pride now", and know what they are doing for a change.

Goaltender wanted

The Raiders are in the market for another goaltender. Coach Blundy said this week that Gregg Hooper, the backup goal stopper, had give his resignation to the team.

Hooper wanted more ice time and it was not possible with the strong performance of partner Peter McDuffe. Blundy said he felt that Hooper deserved to play more in this league but was unable to accommodate him.

GEORGIAN BAY INTERMEDIATE A HOCKEY STANDINGS AS OF MONDAY DECEMBER 12, 1979

Team	G	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Collingwood	9	8	1	0	52	31	16
Orillia Terriers	9	5	4	0	48	48	10
Barrie Flyers	10	5	5	0	41	48	10
Port Elgin Sunoco's	9	4	5	0	39	39	8
Owen Sound Greys	12	4	8	0	51	73	8
Dundas Merchants	6	3	3	0	42	26	6
Georgetown Raiders	9	3	6	0	33	41	6

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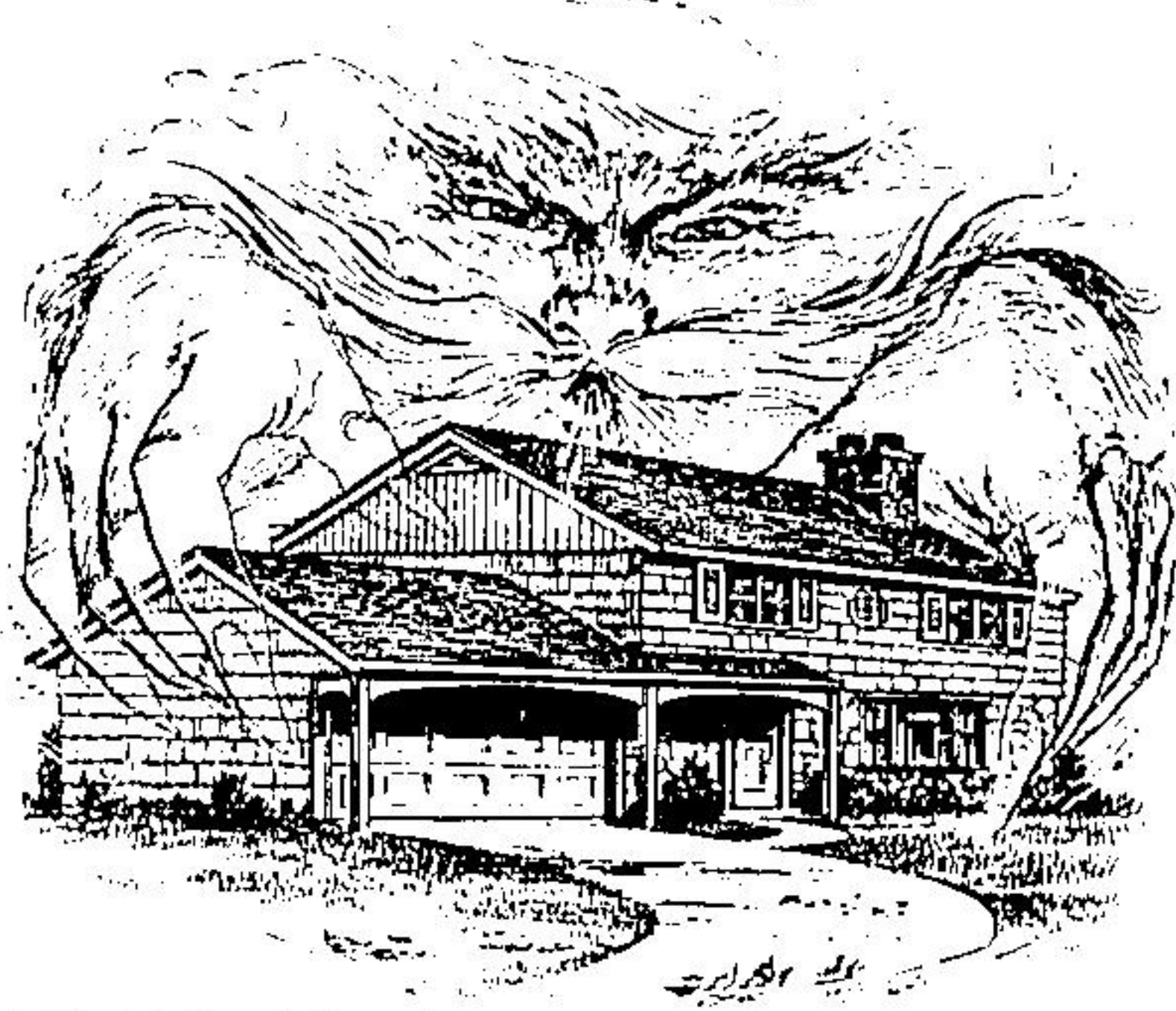
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