

**Ontario
Outdoors**



**Support
the water quality
petition**

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All outdoors persons should fully endorse a petition being put by the Halton Regional Council to the Ministry of the Environment. The Environmental Protection Act and the Ontario Water Resources Act are blatantly violated and cause great harm to our outdoors, and this affects us all at one time or another. We have fought long and hard to get some improvement in our water quality and we don't want to see it regress now.

A five part recommendation was presented to council by Bill Johnson and it is hoped the council will act swiftly, although the M.O.E. is usually on top of such situations.

Better, book now for the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters annual convention. It is Feb. 21 to 24, 1980, at the Skyline Hotel, 655 Dixon Road, Rexdale.

A reminder. A raccoon law will be in effect as of January 1, 1980. The season will be closed until October 15 in any year. This gives the hunter the opportunity to hunt "coon" from Oct. 16 to Dec. 31 each year, and that should correspond with the prime time for pelt quality.

SNOWSHOE CARE

For those of us that got new snowshoes for Christmas, here is the best way to ensure long and efficient life for them. Use a resin based Spar Varnish on the frames and the webbing (if rawhide) and use a good quality leather waterproofer on the harness. In this way the rawhide will repel water to a greater degree and therefore not sag. A loose webbing is like walking through a mud hole due to the drag and the inclination to pick up snow. Shellac does not provide sufficient coating and plastic based varnishes will chip off.

The Ministry of Natural Resources puts out a booklet every winter on the use of Provincial Parks. This booklet, Winter Outdoors covers 36 parks and dozens of snowmobile, snowshoe and skiing trails. The parks that are open are listed along with the facilities available and what trails are in which parks and the near vicinity. Obtainable from Ministry offices at no cost, and well worth keeping on hand all winter.

For instance, Kettle Lakes Provincial Park has ice fishing in the deep lakes and they produce both Rainbow and Brook trout. Wasaga Beach Provincial Park has access to a trunk network of marked, groomed trails to such places as Blue Mountain, Penelanguishene and Barrie. All we really need is snow and there will not be much of that this year so better make the most of what comes.

FISHING LAWS

Ice fishing will be late starting this year, as I said in this column last November but, when it starts you may be sure that it will be good although short.

The MNR has released some of the changes in the Ontario Fishing laws for 1980 and the regulations should be ready by the end of the first or second week in January. Divisions 9 and 10 have been reduced to two weeks for Lake Trout, Feb. 2 to 17. Division 8, Muskie fishing will open June 21, two weeks later than before, and the limit is now one muskie and the length is 36 inches (91 cm). So a little confusion will be eliminated, there will be no weight limit on the total brook trout catch in some of the areas.

Ontario will have 23 new fish sanctuaries this year, bringing the total to over 200. These are designed to protect fish resources for the future and should be obeyed by every angler. Some of these changes will be hard to take for some fishermen and women, but they are designed with the long term benefit in mind and with the upswing in stocking that is expected (if it comes) the fishing opportunities in Ontario will be reaching toward that of New York State and Michigan, although we have a long way to go yet. If the Ministry institutes the fishing (angling) licence as expected, the increase in funds should go to this stocking program and then we can have the great angling we should expect from so great an area as ONTARIO OUTDOORS.

**Richardson reigning
supreme over bowlers**

Grant Richardson, from Georgetown YBC, is maintaining his supremacy over Central Ontario senior bowlers. He rolled 1,017 for four games, a 254 average, to place first on the boys' team to represent Central Ontario at the provincial finals of the Pepsi-Cola High School Students Championships.

Other members of the team are Bob Hamley of Guelph (981), Steve Kuehl of Park Royal (949), Scott Coulter of Brampton (921) and Neil Wilson of Avondale (911).

Deb Scarborough, also from Georgetown was tied for second place with Darlene Bruneau of Avondale with 981. Wendy Prior of Guelph was first with 983 and the other team members are Chris Whitehead of Streetsville (904) and Ruth Augustine of Brampton (903).

Richardson's fine effort is the result of his training and concentration on the qualifying round for the YBC National Championships, starting in January and the "Master" Bursary Tournament at

the end of the season.

Hopes in the girls section are diminishing, with Deb Scarborough who had a 226 average in the league but has been steadily dropping over the last few weeks to hit a low of 203. On the other hand, Len Fisher, last year's junior champ, is steadily improving and with a current average of 231 is getting ready to take over from graduating Grant Richardson.

This week's high scores were: Len Fisher 726(335), Grant Richardson 710(288), Dwayne DeCoste 701(299), Kel Dafee 664(308), Steve Brown 640(262), Shane Lowin 638(225), Jerome Stone 614(236), Paul Chaplin 592(212), Deb Scarborough 618(237), Diane Leonard 612(232).

Pee Wees: Eddie Doyle 400(147), Ian Wilkes 346(122), Jamie Priddle 332(119), Ian Vint 330(133), Jeffrey Larsen 319(121), Steven Burt 317(112), Tracy Weeks 310(122), Kim Watts 307(108), Tracey Ball 302(109).

Bantams: Stephen Mills 486(177), David Hicks 463(163), David Varricchio 429(153), Barry McLean 418

(142), Rodney Oates 408(158), Philip Hughes 401(150), Glen Kaiser 398(153), Shane Curran 391(134), Debbie Pentecost 518(197), Cindy Kavanagh 388(133), Judy Carroll 417(161), Tracie Peggie 398(147), Lisa Brading 394(180), Tonie McClements 388(143).

Juniors: The McCorry sisters after much hard work and effort are finally on the track and have raised the hopes of the coach for a successful bid for the invitational and team championships coming up in January. Julie McCorry 724(287), Kelly McCorry 670(241), Karen Humphreys 592(217), Lori Brading 557(245), Margaret Zebedee 528(200), Chas Weatherall 572(216), Anthony Larsen 554(230).

CARITWIN LEAGUE

Standings: Explorers 23, Donna's Angels 21, Nameless 20, Hims and Hers 20, What Chamacallits 19, Diehards 17, Who Cares 14, Awkward Squad 13, Rum Burns 6.

High Average - Roger Gervais 235 and Shirley Chaplin 216.

High Scores - Steve Witcher 707(273), Ron Wolfenburg

700(264), Bill Lane 680(278), Don Olson 676(244), Geo. Archibald 673(248), Paul Chaplin 658(278), Geoff Longley 650(289), Charlie Hooker 633(245), Lorne Hammond 617(215), Kevin Wolfenburg 610(208), Carolyn Gervais 604(271), Shirley Chaplin 641(251), Lee Dempsey 626(236).

FRANCS-TIREURS

High Scores - Jos. Roy 749(309), Gaetan Cote 706(307), Ovide Larocque 664(278), Guy Lemay 647(239), Francienne Parent 640(220), Gaston Larocque 627(280), Ginette Duguay 624(225), Celeste Routhier 616(281), Ralph Gallant 613(238), Oliva Larocque 601(227), Cyril Larocque 597(274), Francois Fulum 588(219).

G'TOWN BOWLERS ASSOC.

Tumbler Triple Award - Donna Olson (Tues. Aft. Ladies), Wendy Chaplin (Caritwin), Norm Topping (Fri-Niters).

Tumbler Single Award - Tues. After Ladies - Vera Peavoy, Kathy Williams. Married Couples - Jerry Sabo, Smith and Stone - Ace Bailey.

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