

Ontario Outdoors Be prepared for effects of mild winter

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The mild winter may or may not be good. When you consider the good effect on wildlife, fish and lakes, it is good. However, what about the old, weak animals that are usually killed off by the adverse effects of a cold winter and heavy snows. These animals then make it through the winter and emerge weaker but alive, making them subject to disease and viruses such as Rabies. Look for an increase in the occurrence of Rabies this spring and later this year, and be prepared for this eventual effect of the mild winter.

On Lake Simcoe last weekend, I cut through 16 inches of ice at Hawkstone. The pressure crack was not in as good a shape and some even got wet while crossing it. There surely are some bad spots on the ice surface, but if you know where you are travelling, or are with some knowledgeable person, then you should be O.K.

Hawkstone is above Barrie in Concession 11 of ORO Township and whitefish, herring and smelt are in good supply. This of course depends on the day and time as with any fishing, and there are even a few Lake Trout being taken.

In some parts of Lake Simcoe there are literally bushels of herring being caught, and one such place is Lefroy near the mouth of Cook Bay. Minets Point is where Cannings Fish Hut Co. is based. You can still fish with them for ten dollars a day per person. Call them and be sure to book a reservation or take a chance on a cancellation.

'Flipping' is now the rage of the Bass anglers in the U.S.A. Now I know that this sounds kind of weird, but the name is very descriptive of the method that is used. This entails a long seven and a half foot rod to toss plastic worms and small jigs into weed beds and root clumps where big bass hide. This method is being used to win almost all the big bass fishing tournaments south of the border, and the prize money is as impressive as are the catches. These fish are of course given extra points for Live Release, which we advocate in this column.

Of course, we do not say release every fish, but those you do not need for food or mounting, but let's help our poor fishery in Ontario where the growing season for fish is much shorter than in the warm south lands.

The \$25,000 first prize in the 1979 Classic Championship of the B.A.S.S. Tournament was won by Hank Parker of Clover, S.C. with a Flippin' Rod and plastic worms. In case you don't know, B.A.S.S. is the short term for the Bass Anglers Sportsmen's Society of which I am a member and you could and should be too if interested in fishing for bass.

What are your thoughts on the use of outboard motors in Provincial Parks?? The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters is greatly concerned and has been doing something about it. Tests by the U.S. Environmental Agency proves there is no biological reason to ban small outboard motors in any of Ontario Provincial Parks.

The Canadian National Sportsmen's Show this year will be on March 14 to 23. I know that you will not miss it. As the details of the program become available I will publish them here, so watch for the highlights.

Life is full of ups and downs, and add to these the disappointments that come along and you find yourself in the pits. All things can and should be worked out, and with the advent of spring there is always a newness to things in general. But don't wait until then, but get it together now and look forward to a great time in ONTARIO OUTDOORS.

Richardson best in Central Ont.

In a contest of the "best of the best" bowlers in Central Ontario, Grant Richardson of Georgetown Bowl became known as the best senior boy competing. In a close race with Mullarkey of Bolton, Grant's head-pin in the last frame of the three-game string left the result in doubt until the official score was posted. His three games of steady bowling were 275, 243 and 259 and showed the seriousness of his hard work and preparation toward the final 'gold' and the national championship.

After its trial last year in Georgetown by George Archibald, the YBC zone administrator, this prestige event of the best (the top high average bowler) from every house (league) in the zone was again held in one house by popular demand. This year it was at Sportsman's Bowlerama in Guelph.

This event of the 'elite singles' bowlers brought out a huge crowd of programme directors, coaches and instructors, parents and bowlers. They came to see the improvement of bowlers, the repeaters who are still at the top and the future greats in the sport of bowling, with the hopes of picking up tips in the development of the sport.

In senior girls Roberta Burke, in her first try, started well with a 274, but a tear in her panty-hose broke her composure and concentration in the second game managing only a 219 and 211 in the third to finish 13 pins behind Wendy Pryor of Guelph.

Julie McCorry, her first attempt as a junior, after a shaky nervous start of 179, grew confident with a 225 and 266 to pull into second place behind Teresa Dunn of Acton. With a little harder preparation and dedication in the future, she will not be stopped.

Charlie Weatherall, in the juniors, lost his concentration when he lost his cool and never did recover.

David Hicks and Debbie Pentesco forced into the limelight for the first time bowled above their personal average but could not match the seasoned bowlers.

YBC

WIN DISTRICT FINALS
The team of Roger Gervais, Wendy Chaplin, Bruce Clarke, Anne-Marie

Boisvenue and Larry Louth from the Young Adult League at Georgetown Bowl, last Sunday at Village Bowl, Mississauga, took first place in the Y.A.B.A. Provincial Handicap Team Championship District Finals. As befitting graduates of the YBC program they will now advance to the provincial finals at O'Connor Bowl in Toronto with the provincial Championship at stake and also over \$2,000 in prize money. The team rolled 6,366 for a five-game block. After the fourth game they were 102 pins out of 1st place but came back with a 1,434 in the last game to win by 142.

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WIN HI-LO TOURNNEY

Simeon Godin and Cyril Larocque of the Francs-Tireurs League won the zone finals of the National Hi-Low Doubles Championships. They rolled 207 pins over their average (p.o.a.) to lead the Golden Age Team of Jim Wilson and Tom Eason who had 148 p.o.a. They will now

bowling in the provincials on April 26 with the goal being the nationals in Banff, Alberta where over \$8,000 in merchandise will go in prizes.

Zone prizes: Simeon Godin and Cyril Larocque, Grooming Stick Hair Dryers; Jim Wilson and Tom Eason, Rival Elec. Can-Openers; Guy Rodgers and Sue Zanders (Mar. Cpls) Cornwall Gourmet Hot Servers; Sandra Wilson and Janet Neely (Wed Aft Ladies) Kitchy Cut Knife Sets; Bruce Clarke and Anne-Marie Boisvenue (Singles), Portuguese Ceramic Trivets; John Haines and John Colletter (Domtar) Coaster Sets.

FRANCS-TIREURS
High Scores: Laurent Larocque 899(343), Francine Parent 729(313), Gaetan Cote 697(258), Gaston Larocque 694(255), Joe Roy 678(261), Jim David 661(246), Henry Goulet 644(279), Simeon Godin 635(224), Denise Larocque 624(213), Celeste Routhier 603(227), Ralph

The Georgetown Junior Girls' team went to provincials Saturday at Brampton Bowling Lanes. The team of Kelly McCorry, Teresa Maslach, Jane Hicks, Suzanne Carpenter and Lori Brading with their coach Chris Burke showed team spirit to win over Brampton in a very tight race. After the first game they were leading by one pin, after the second only by 18, and finished just 29 pins ahead after the third game for a 2,926 total. Guelph were a distant third. The team was led by McCorry with 717(287) and Teresa with 645(242).

The junior boys' team started well with a 999 in their first game but could not get on the track in the second and were too far down for a good third game to pull it out. The members were Brinley Hale (265), Jim Carpenter (269), Anthony Larsen, Steve Lukas and Michael Ball with the coach Anne Nicholson.

Ken Ackerland bowls with Golden Agers

Four men from the Golden Age bowling league took turns trying to defeat a hot Ken Ackerland Friday during weekly play. Ackerland won all four sections of men's play. His closest opponents only came within eight points of tying him while he ran up one 36 point spread on his way to a victory.

The first quarter of his wins came when the tally for the high single flat was tabulated. He recorded a 255 to Jim Wilson's 237. Dunc MacMillan tried to beat Ackerland in the high single with handicap section. Unfortunately for him, he

could only roll over 282 points worth of pins compared to the winner's 293.

Cyril Brandford was the next victim of Ackerland's hot hand. With a score of 247 Brandford was 18 points behind the champ in the high triple with handicap. Del Wallace was a distant 36 points behind Ackerland when he finished the high triple flat section of play.

In the ladies' division Maisie Wilson, Anne Nicholson and Mabel Livingstone were the top bowlers of the day.

Wilson won both the high single flat and the handicap. She edged Nicholson 201-198 in the flat and outpointed

Livingstone 263-255 in the single handicap.

Livingstone just got by Dot Brandford by a single point, 693-692 to win the high triple with handicap section. Nicholson got her act together in the high triple flat section to easily beat Brandford 548-497.

In the team standings the Sluggers and the Slow and Easy teams moved one place up each while the other standings remained constant. The Corner Pins have 107 points, 747s 98, Blue Jays 94, Expos 89, Half and Half 86, Sluggers 85, Rolling Pins 82, Raiders 75, Six Dolls 75, Slow and Easy 70 and Friendly Five 70.

Georgetown Youth Soccer Club



1980 REGISTRATION

Saturday, March 1 and 8
Cedarvale Gym, 9:30 a.m.-12 noon

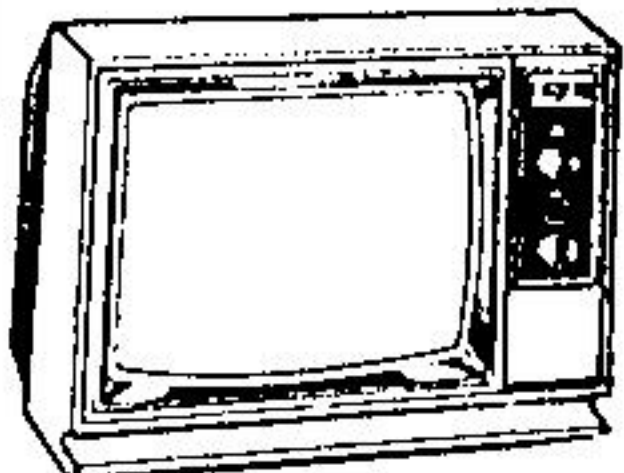
Mini Soccer for Boys and Girls born in 1973
\$15.00 per player

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and Girls born 1962-1972 inc:
\$25.00 per player
Maximum \$65.00 per family

Ladies 18 years and over may register for Ladies Soccer

Proof of Age and a Parent's or Guardian's signature required.
Registration fees include uniform and team photograph.
After 12 noon, March 8th, there will be a late registration fee of \$5.00 per player.

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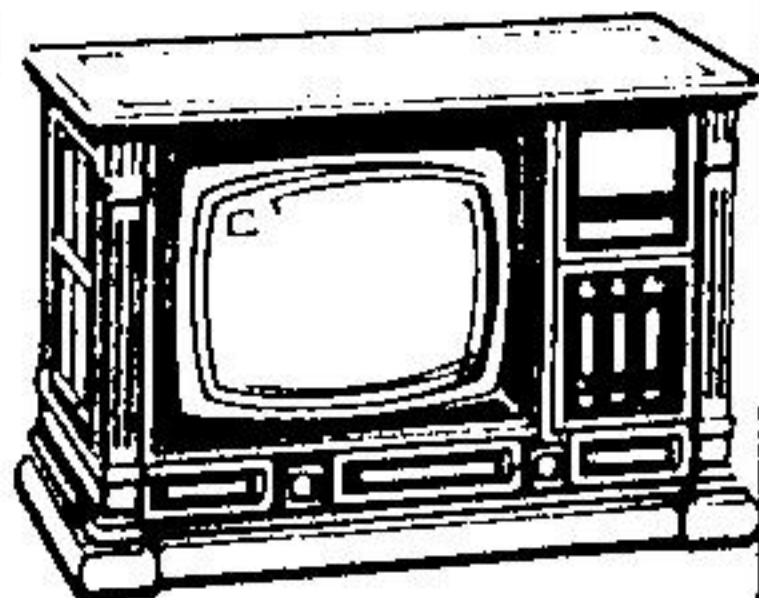
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