

# Ontario Outdoors

## Sportsmens Show for outdoors type

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In my humble estimation, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters display is a "must see" at the Toronto Sportsmens Show. The work that this fine organization is doing in conservation is beyond description and is invaluable for all outdoors-minded people.

Go and sign up as a member or get your friends to join, and you are working toward conservation by your very support.

Seen this commercial, the one with the 'arm in the cage'? You will remember the one with all the mosquitos, well now you can see it as the demonstration is at the show, near the casting pool, brought to the you by the OFF repellent people. Take a look, and a chance at the prizes. There is an interesting exhibit on the history of sport fishing in Canada. See John Power of the Toronto Star and his guest Red Fisher in the Toronto Star Outdoor Show daily at 4 p.m. in the arena. They will be featuring howling timber wolves, mountain men with muzzle loading guns, archery, moose and duck calling championships, canoe jousting and live falcons.

### DEMONSTRATIONS

The great magazine, Ontario Out-of-Doors will have demonstrations of fish filleting and this is for everybody, a snake demonstration. Everyone should learn to love snakes for the good they do us.

Of course the log home construction should interest most people, and possibly we will explore this feature in greater depth.

This is the 33rd annual show and features 12 acres, seven buildings, 500 exhibitors, special areas for leisure homes, RV's, ATV's, 4-wheel drives. All this plus fishing tackle and instruction on fishing, camping, orienteering, camping, canoeing and water safety. In fact there is not room enough in this column to fully explore the many activities and features of the Toronto Sportsmens Show, put on by the Canadian National Sportsmens Show.

My suggestion is to buy a program as soon as you get into the show, sit down and plan your day. In fact you should take two days and really enjoy the show in total. Everywhere I went this year, I came across the ZEBCO 144, which is the newest innovation in spinning rod and reel sets. Take a look at it and there is a chance to fish with Red Fisher as a prize in the Zebco 144 contest, along with many other prizes.

### EARLY-BIRD PRIZES

The Toronto Star Great Salmon Hunt is well represented with the new Starship 1 in the east wing by the casting pool. Talk to Wayne Andrew and tell him I sent you if you wish. He will show you the prizes in the contest, and if you buy your tickets now, there are early-bird prizes. The contest dates are Aug. 15 to Sept. 28, with a grand prize worth \$40 and other prizes worth \$85. The early bird prizes are worth \$9,000 and that is nothing to sneeze at.

Pick up a copy of the newest paper for fishermen, Ontario Fisherman, published and edited by the well known Darryl Chorony. Chorony is known for his expertise in salmon fishing and the feature article tells a timely tale. I was talking to him last weekend, and he tells me he is moving out west. We will miss him here and I for one will sense the loss of a friend, although he will be writing in this area, I am sure.

The magazine Ontario Fisherman is free, although I don't know what its future is, but I hope it will continue with its news of the salmon, rainbow and brown trout fishing in the Great Lakes.

Please do not forget to visit the Toronto Anglers and Hunters Trout pond. Yes, the hooks are barbless, but they are the new Eagle Claw hooks with a bend in the area that the barb is as a rule. If you hook a fish fair and square, you will land it and they go through more than 3,000 trout a year in that pond at the show. The Canadian National Sportsmens' Dog Show is in the Queen Elizabeth building on Mar. 15, 16, 19 and 23rd. Admission is separate from the sportsmens show.

Better head down and get a head start on the news, and the new in ONTARIO OUTDOORS.

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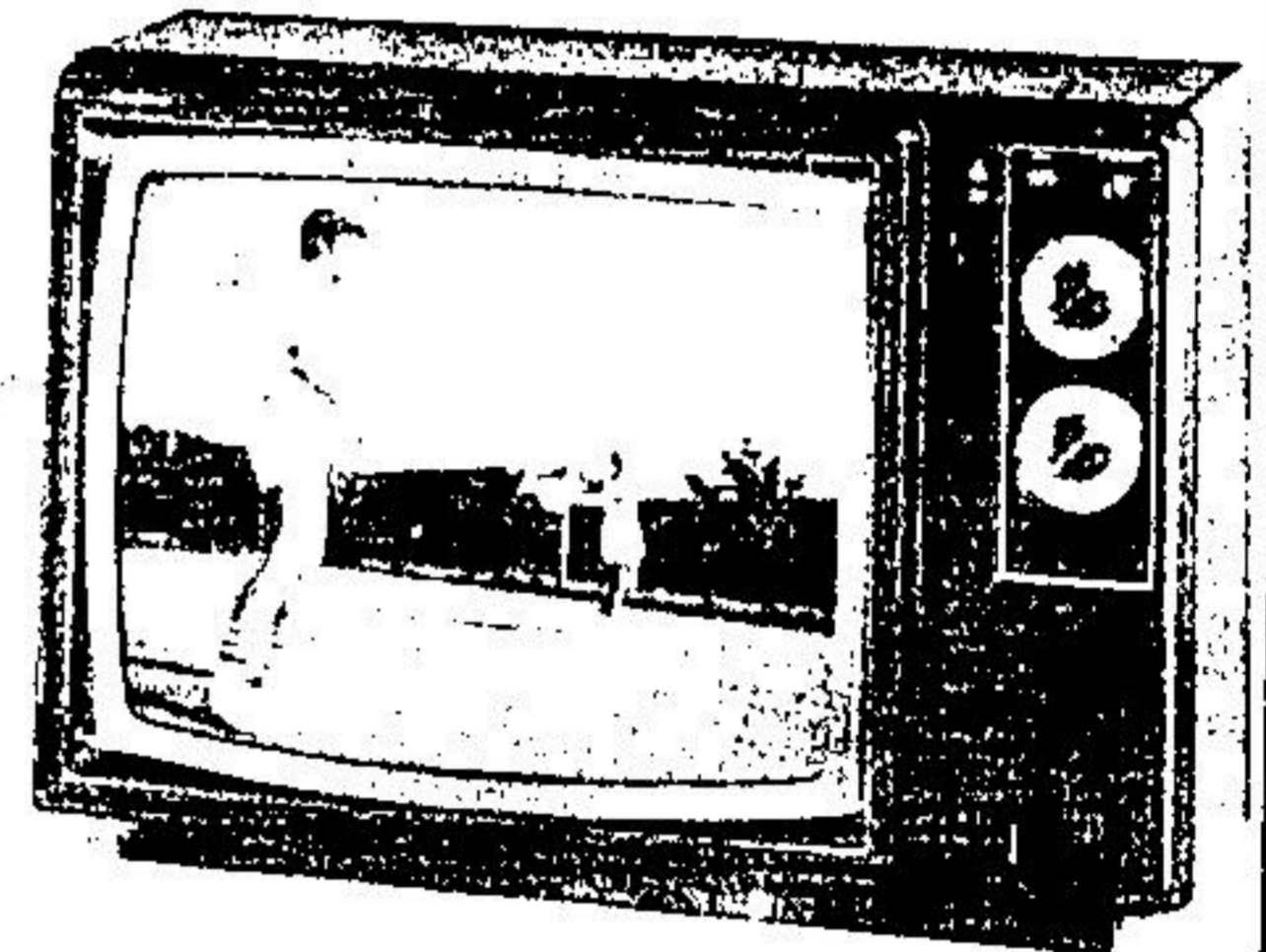
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