

Ontario Outdoors

By R.C. (BOB) OLLIVIER

Sorry for the short column last week, and thank you to all those who called to see how I was. I hope to be in good walking form for the opener of the Trout Season. Due to this leg operation I was not able to get out see the Pike spawning run in Fairy Lake, Acton.

This run was on for about eight or nine days when I got a call from a reader saying he has noticed all through the run that local children have bothered the fish. They would throw rocks at the running Pike and catch them, take some home and throw many up on the banks. The culvert under the road where the fish run up to the flooded marshes was often blocked off completely.

This column has mentioned many times that if anyone, including children, is breaking the fish and game laws in any way at all, then call the Ministry of Natural Resources. Everyone knows they are the provincial government, and still people ask me where to find the number saying, "it is not in the phone book". IT IS THERE. Government of Ontario, under the Ministry. This number is a toll free number, ZENITH 2-5800. I have learned it and also keep it in my wallet.

EDUCATE

This great fishery as well as many others will be ruined forever if YOU do not do your part in protecting it, and part of that job is to call the conservation officer if there is a problem. Another part of your job is to educate your children and those children upon which you have some influence. Encourage other parents to do likewise and we may beat this. Whoever, it is not always children but sometimes adults that violate the fish and game laws. Some are ignorant of their errors and some do it knowingly. Both are against the law and punishable by the law.

Norval is another problem area, as there are a lot of trout in the river. The season does not open until April 26 and there is no trout fishing until that time. If your children bring home fish, make sure it is not a trout and if it is he or she is breaking the law, plain and simple.

WORMS COME TO MIND

With all kinds of birds back and nesting, the frogs calling in the marshes, trees bursting out, then worms come to mind. The earth worms are active and dew worms are out at night when it is mild. Worms make good trout bait with the preference going to the lowly earth worm for the streams and sometimes the dew worm for large river and lake run fish.

The trick is to match the bait to the size of the fish, and my favourite bait for spring brook trout is a small earth worm on four pound test line with no weight and a number eight hook (short shank). Drift this under cut banks and in against banks where the current runs, and you should get a mess of trout on opening day.

Don't bunch the worm on the hook, but hook it once only through the 'collar' and it will look natural and give lots of action which the trout love.

On my television show last week, I mentioned a system devised by Brian Donnelly, the "Sassy Shad" representative, and the one devised by yours truly. These will be shown in detail this Saturday at Zellers in the Georgetown Market Plaza. There will be a demonstration and display area all day sponsored by Zellers, and Zebco. I will be on hand to answer all questions about fishing (all kinds) and try to get you set for the opening day. See the advertisement in this newspaper for some of the details. I would love to meet you all there, so come on out in force and let's get it together for the following weekend.

Next week's ONTARIO OUTDOORS will tell you where to go on the 26th, and how to fish those places. It is still the most exciting time of the year for the fisherman and those who venture out in ONTARIO OUTDOORS.



By June Carson

Cornelius spiel at North Halton on Saturday

North Halton was a beehive of activity Saturday as the annual junior-senior Bonspiel was played.

Winner of the North Halton Sports Trophy was Eric Ross' rink of Scott Peck, and Debbie Ross. Second place went to Doc Russell's rink of Jean Gilmour, Bill Hunter and G. Farrell. Third place was won by Bruce MacRea's rink of Mike Makovnyk, and Tricia Ross.

Wednesday and Thursday draws came to a completion with the following results: Wednesday - First Place: Joy Noble, Linda Clark, Inez Sutherland, Eva Bradley, Second Place: Lena Burns, Edith Macphail, Brenda Lee, Evelyne Gables.

Thursday - First Place: Eva Bradley, Marilyn Micklethwaite, Debbie Decroce, Janet Dean, Second Place: Sherrill Collins, Pat MacLeod, Bev Borcelino, Billie Webb.

The Business Girls finished their last draw vying for the Scott Trophy. Winner of the trophy was Karin Henderson's rink of Ev Dean, Gladys Strachan, Gail MacIntyre. Second Place went to Marg O'Flaherty, Marilyn Micklethwaite, Maryann Pickering, Dorothy Burgess. Third Place: Kathy

Jarvis, Bea Embling, Patti MacLaren, Lois Makovnyk.

All the girls who stayed behind for the completion of the game were treated to prizes, compliments of Jackie Ross.

Thanks to a lucky draw Janet McKeenan has the distinction of enjoying a day's luxury in a chauffeur driven limousine.

Ladies, here are two dates to keep in mind - Wednesday April 30th is the Annual Wine and Cheese Party.

Wednesday May 7th is the Windup Dinner for the Business Girls - all ladies are welcome.

Good luck to all you folks taking part in the Cornelius Bonspiel and enjoy this year's last taste of curling.

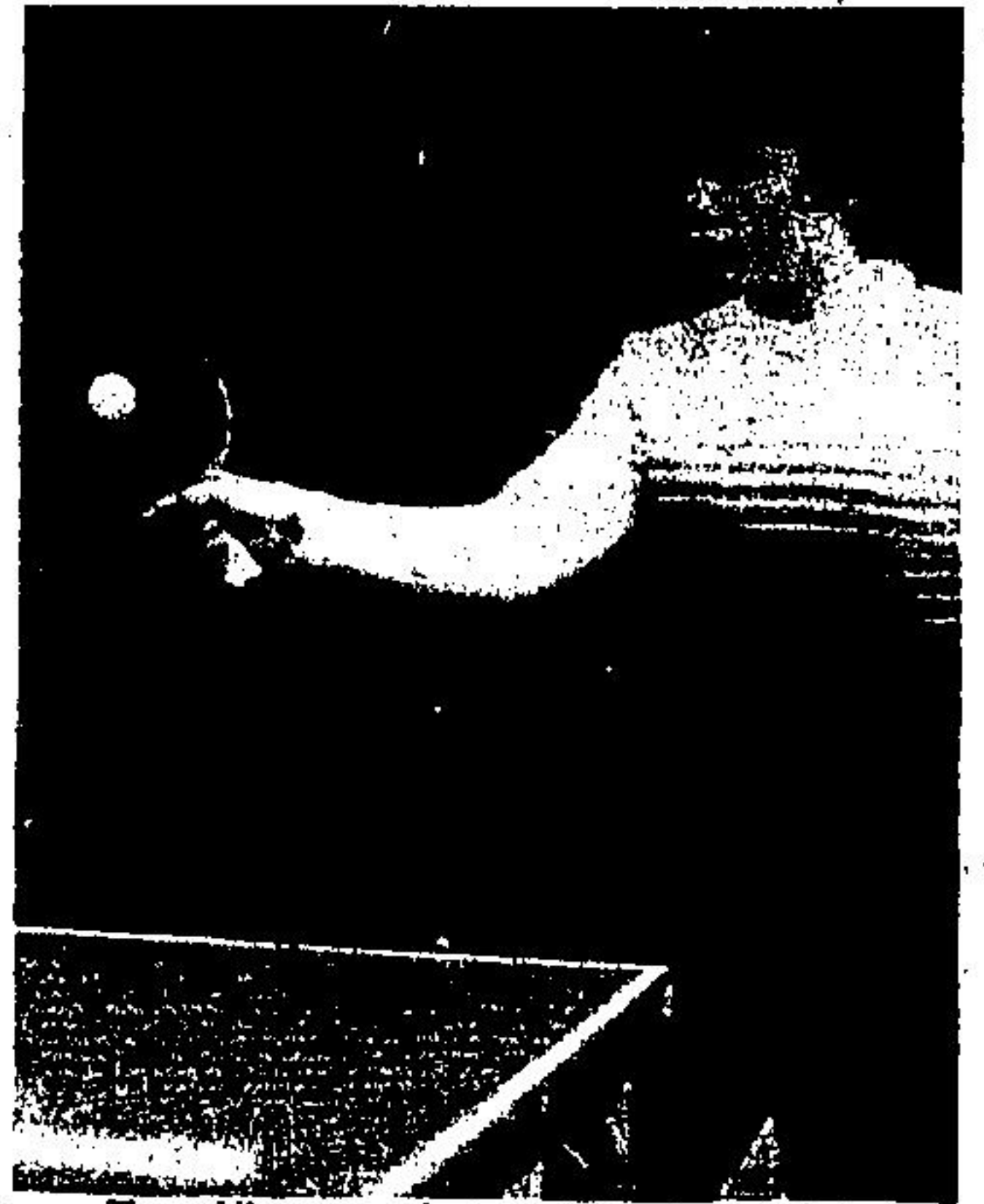
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The paddles were swinging and the ping pong balls were flying back and forth at the ping pong tournament in Norval on Saturday. Singles and doubles matches throughout the day provided a great activity out of the rain, as this young man can testify.

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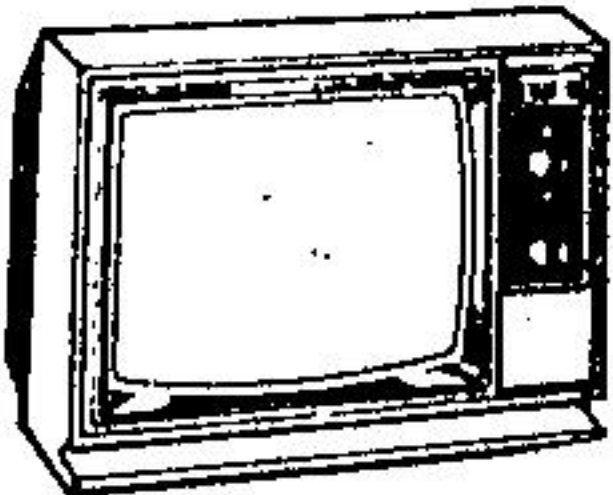
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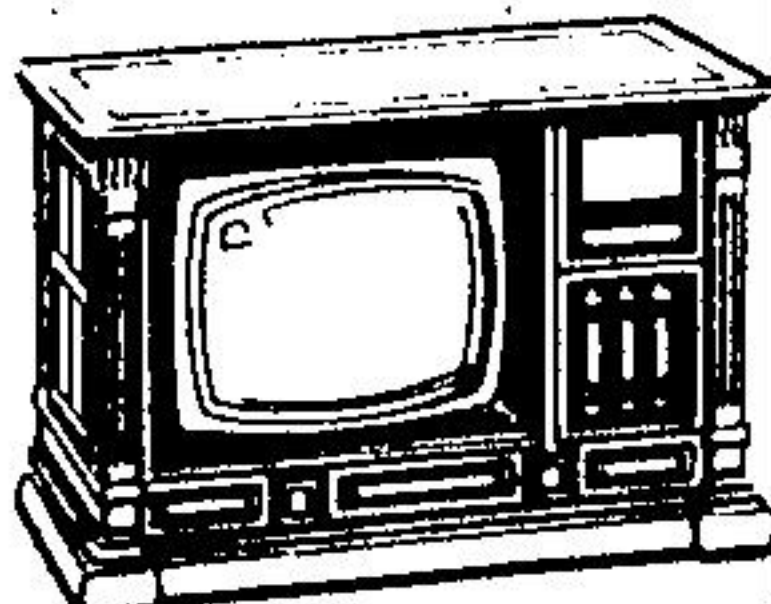


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