

Ontario

Outdoors



Fish season here

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First of all, let me thank all the wonderful people who dropped by the display I had set up in the Sporting Goods Department of Zellers last Saturday. Two hundred people is a lot of talking, but that is probably what I do best (my wife tells me). The variety of questions kept it interesting and the day went by far too fast. The next open house will be at Zellers on June 14 so watch for it.

Thanks to Bill Hudson and Brian Donnelly of Graycombe Associates, the distributors of the Sassy Shad lures for the donation of six tackle boxes full of lures as prizes. Also thanks to Zebco for the Rod and Reel Set as first prize.

Total value in prizes was about \$300 and Gord Finney, Zellers manager drew the winning numbers which follow. For a Zebco rod and reel combo, number 261149. The following six numbers are for My Buddy Tackle Boxes, packed with Sassy Shad, Mister Twister and Bomber Lures: 261168, 261209, 261191, 261208, 261153, 261225.

If any of these numbers correspond to yours, please call me at 877-9290 for instructions on how to collect your prize. All numbers must match the half tickets in my possession, and all prizes are awarded as shown.

You will remember Brian Donnelly from my T.V. show Ontario Outdoors. Brian spent most of the day with me meeting people and talking about fishing, and a more knowledgeable fisherman is hard to find.

HOOKING THE BIG ONES

Two weeks ago I promised a run down on hooks and why there are so many styles. Each hook has its own use and proper attention to hook selection and size will increase your chances of catching fish.

The hook is the direct contact between you and the fish, and you should consider the size of the fish and the bait you will use to entice it. Small trout (and panfish) of about 10 inches should never be fished with a hook larger than No. 8 and preferably a No. 10. I regularly fish for 10 pound trout with a No. 4 short shank hook. Anything larger may scare the fish away and if the quality is the best, such as Eagle Claw, then the hook will hold without bending or breaking.

Never use a long shank hook with small bait, such as worms, as you will have to bunch the bait in order to hide the hook shank and the bait will not be presented naturally to the fish.

WHERE TO FISH OPENING DAY

Terra Cotta conservation area will be stocked as will (in all likelihood) Belfountain Monora (above Orangeville), and trout should be in the Orangeville Reservoir. Heart Lake will have trout but it will be elbow room only.

Kelso conservation area, near Milton will have a good supply of trout and the popular areas around Owen Sound were hot last weekend, and should be tops this weekend. Any of the good trout streams as well as trolling the bay will produce fish.

As this paper hits the streets I will be fishing Owen Sound Harbour, as the season is open year round in the bay. This Saturday I will fish the season opener at Terra Cotta conservation area, and will be only too pleased to help anyone get his first trout, kids especially.

The gates in the Credit Valley Conservation areas open at 8 a.m. and there will be no charge that day. They request that you only take home three fish, so everyone may share. There will be a lot of trout in the Credit River below Norval, but be sure to fish below the "Iron Bridge". In regards to the Credit River, I have official word from the Ministry of Natural Resources, 1) a fish pass and collecting station will be set up the Reid Mill Dam at Streetsville this summer if funds are available.

2) A "Denil" fishway for the Reed Dam in Norval. This fishway has been designed and is likely to be installed this summer.

3) A facility to pass Salmonids at the Mill Dam in Georgetown. A feasible structure for this dam is presently under examination by a private consulting firm. Hence, the details on this facility are pending this investigation.

Have fun this weekend, and please stop me and say hello. I will look forward to seeing those old friends and make new ones as we once again head out to fish ONTARIO OUTDOORS.

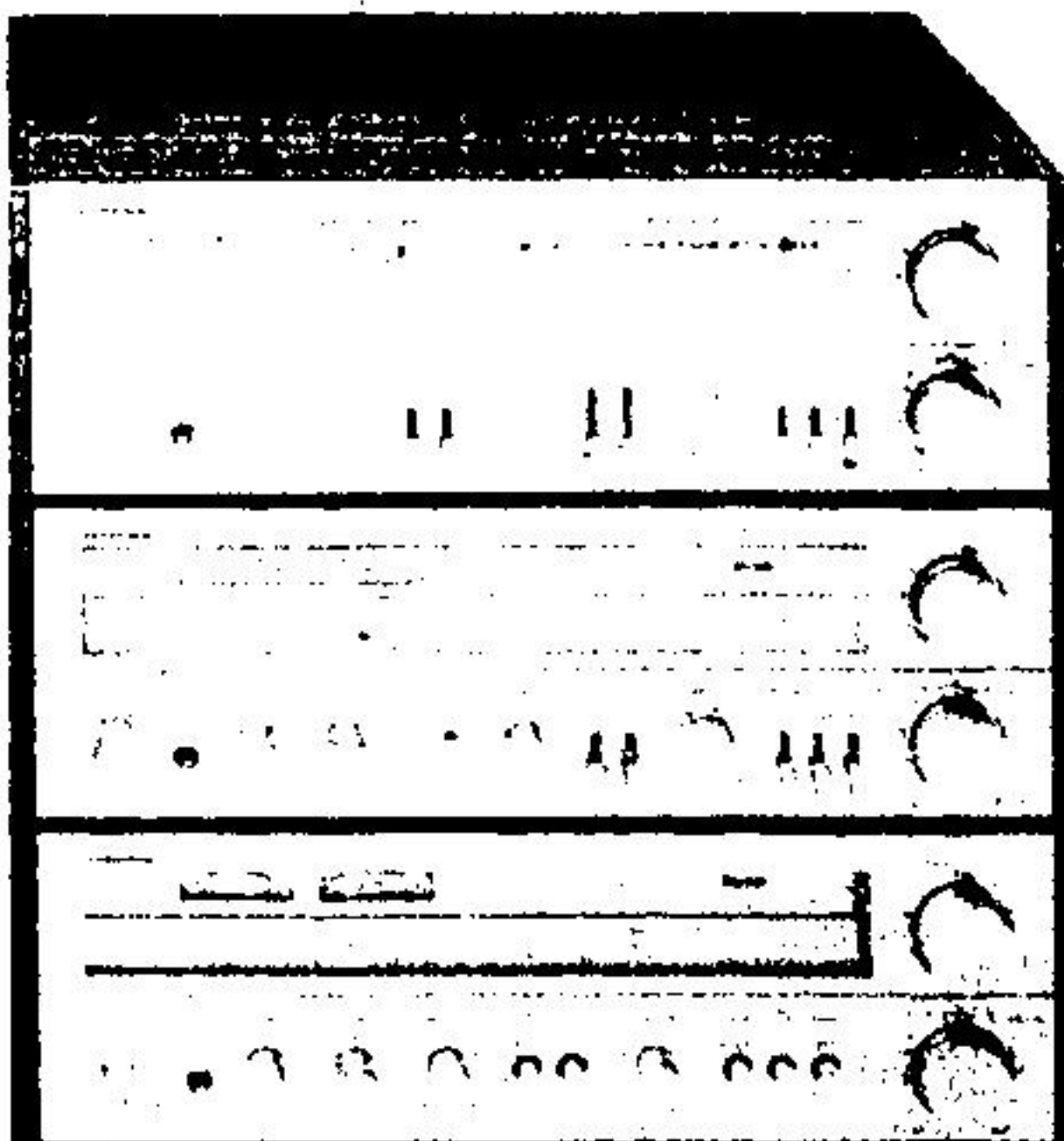


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