

Spring is here, the fish season has ree(ly) arrived

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Bird watchers and gardeners think they know when spring has arrived. But the real sign of spring is the fisherman and his family out at the streams and ponds.

With such fine spring weather last weekend, streams were a little crowded but that only made it a family atmosphere.

The Potruff brothers were competing with each other in a friendly contest. Stewart Knell and his two sons Jason and Jonathan fishing for trout for the first time, and getting some too. Julie Cochran took her husband out with their daughter. Another mother helped her daughter with a Brownie badge.

Many dedicated and sincere fishermen added to the overall picture of southern Ontario in the spring and competed with the newly arrived birds with their accoutrements. Did you ever sit beside a stream in the spring and listen to the magic music as it winds its way to an unknown destination? Nothing washes the dulling effects of winter from the mind than that.

Hiking conditions were perfect with lots to see. Spring flowers not yet out but greening and the swallows came back just in time to sing us on our way through the woods and fields. Spring and Halton, a perfect combination.



Kris Barber a national skater again

Figure skater Kris Barber and his dance partner Kelly Johnson will have a busy summer and fall preparing to represent Canada at competitions in England and Calgary. They will be part of the six-member team in Richmond, England at the St. Ivel skate competitions from September 30 to October 2. Then from October 27 to November 2 they will be two of 15 on the host team for Skate Canada.

The Canadian Figure Skating Association made the announcements this week.

Splish splash, take a bath but swim is better

The spring swimming program is now in full swing and all of our classes are full. This session will continue until June 21st with the Red Cross and Royal Life levels being evaluated the following week.

The masters program has grown in numbers from last session and we are hoping to host a meet before the summer.

On April 16th and 17th, the Recreation Department hosted a Backyard Pool Clinic for those individuals who own or plan to purchase a backyard pool. The areas covered were Town By-Laws, Pool Water Safety, Electrical codes and pool operation and maintenance.

Over the two-day clinic, 131 individuals attended with many people having their questions concerning their

pool answered. We plan to offer this clinic each year for present and potential backyard pool owners. If there are any areas that you wish more information on please call Recreation office, 877-5185, ext. 60 and leave your suggestions.

There is still a need for more volunteers in our program and if you are interested in becoming more involved in aquatics please contact the Pool Supervisor at your convenience.

We are interested in offering requalification courses for all individuals who have Life Saving Awards that have expired. If you are interested in requalifying for a Life Saving Award, please call the Recreation Department and leave your name. When we receive a sufficient number of interested people, we will hold the course.



This May, help raise your family's standard of loving.

Show them how much you care. Hug them. Take them to the park. Enjoy them. Take more time for them. Have a nice talk and listen a lot. Call them up.

If you start in May, you can reap the benefit all year long. And so will your family.

May is Family Unity Month in Ontario.



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