

Ontario Outdoors



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"Wow! What a weekend." I finally got out on the streams and the fishing was great.

For those who do not understand the fisherman, this may sound a little far fetched, but then so do a lot of things to some people. This thing about the opening of the trout season effects even the casual fisherman, as many of the people that I spoke to over the last few days (and I talked to several hundred) only fish on occasion, and usually only the season opener.

The streams around Halton were in perfect shape for any kind of fishing. Lots of nice trout took worms and from the fly fisherman, they were taking a small dry Blue Dun.

The ponds at Terra Cotta were a little crowded but the trout co-operated well on Saturday although they slowed down some on Sunday.

A great many young people, as well as some older, came over to talk fishing with me while I was at Terra Cotta and the pleasure was all mine as I had the opportunity of showing some of them the fine points of fishing for trout. One of life's pleasures is to help a man, woman or child catch their first trout and I succeeded with a couple of dozens of beginners taking home fish dinners.

There were plenty of fish for those who fished the Credit River at Norval. Several large Rainbow Trout were caught and a good number of Brook Trout also showed up in the 'creek count'.

The near perfect conditions of water and weather meant a lot of work for the Conservation officers in the area and the one I called in regards to a violation had to come down from Alton to answer my call.

Owen Sound was the scene of many violations as the Splake were coming in thick and fast. Brian Donnelly and I got our limit out with three splake each, in less than an hour at the harbour mouth at Owen Sound. We saw several people take more than their limit, head in to put the fish in the freezer and go back for more. We talked to the conservation officer who had his work cut out.

Last Wednesday and Thursday we saw only three or four Rainbow Trout taken and figured it took 5,000 man hours of fishing to land one. The trout may not be worth fishing for until about Wednesday (today) of this week, but then it will be fantastic.

Congratulations to Rick Mitchell of 10 Uplands Court in Georgetown who won the rod and reel at the open house I held at Zellers recently. Rick picked up his prize and produced the winning ticket which was drawn by Gord Finney, the manager of Zellers store. Rick is a keen fisherman and I met him out fishing with his new outfit on the weekend. What say we try for Bass when the season opens Rick?

Other prize winners also picked up their prizes of tackle boxes and Sassy Shad lures and Bombers. These new lures, Sassy Shad produced trout for me on the weekend, I know these winners will have good fishing throughout the year, for all game fish.

Don't forget, if you take any fish, give me a call and tell us about it. If you have photos we will return them after use or we will even take photos for you. Enjoy the fishing and I will see you here next week, in ONTARIO OUTDOORS.



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