

Something fishy about this workshop

Learn about fishing from the area's best!
The Recreation and Parks Department has once again secured the services of some of the area's best and most renowned fishermen to assist with the exciting four-week

workshop on Fishing in Halton Hills. Fishing experts such as Independent columnist, George Hoare (better known as Mr. Georgetown in the fishing community); Paul Campbell, a resident fishing expert and

designer of fishing rods who has travelled world-wide in his pursuit of the perfect fishing experience; Jack Simpson, fly fishing enthusiast and President of the Isaac Walton Fly Fisherman's Club; and Jack Imhof from the Ministry of Natural Resources.

These men will provide both beginner and veteran fishermen with an abundance of invaluable information on the sport of fishing and will give you an opportunity to learn from over 150 years of experience, research and enjoyment in fishing.

The All Star "Cast" of instructors has prepared a package of in-depth material on topics such as selection and care of equipment, studying and recognizing fishing habitat, fishing regulations and conservation, and casting techniques.

Participants will also have the opportunity to tie their own flies. This program is entitled "Fishing Workshop" and runs Tuesday nights beginning April 21st from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Georgetown and District High School.

Anyone who would like more information on this program should call 877-5185 ext. 260.

Bowl-a-thon planned to help in battle against drug abuse

Local bowlers will have the opportunity to strike a blow against drug abuse later this month, when the Georgetown Knights of Columbus Council 6026 sponsor the second annual Five Pin Bowl-A-Thon at the Georgetown Bowl.

Everyone is invited to participate in the event, and the net proceeds raised will go to the Georgetown Drug Abuse Committee, to assist in their fight against the wrongful use of drugs.

The K of C members hope to generate support from service clubs, church groups, police, town council, federal, provincial and regional government representatives and Chamber of Commerce members.

The secondary and elementary schools, as well as business professionals, and other groups or organizations are also expected to pitch in to assist the effort.

Each participant must complete a sponsorship pledge form at the time of registration, in order to qualify.

The event is scheduled to get under way at noon on April 28, and will continue to accommodate all entries until 6 p.m. Those who register early will have the opportunity to be assigned starting times to bowl, while others will be assigned times when they arrive.

Each participant is to bowl three games at a total cost of \$4, half of which will be refunded to the participant if their pledge money is turned in before Saturday, May 9.

The participants must submit a sponsorship pledge sheet with a minimum of 10 sponsors, who back the bowler on the basis of paying a given amount per point scored in the three games.

Anyone requiring more information may call 877-7154 or 877-1453.

Conservation of fisheries listed as priority for OFAH

Anglers from all parts of Ontario have expressed their worries about negotiations over Indian fishing rights being carried on among various Indian bands, and the provincial and federal governments.

Some anglers, who feel that the same law should apply to all Canadians and that conservation of fisheries is an urgent problem, have begun to oppose the negotiations, stating Indians are claiming rights they sold in treaties.

At the 59th Annual Conference of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) held in Ottawa, negotiators from the federal and provincial governments explained the reasons for opening negotiations with various Indian bands.

Ontario's attorney-general, the Honourable Ian Scott, who has responsibility for the negotiations, did not attend the conference.

In the question period that followed the presentation by negotiators, anglers Denis Watson and Al Stewart indicated their disapproval of the methods in which the negotiations had been carried on and questioned the need for negotiations.

A strong representation from Northwestern Ontario gave all anglers in the conference a feel for the seriousness of the issue in that part of the province.

In the Northwest, a groundswell of negative public opinion recently forced the Ontario government to allow more public input into the negotiations.

The OFAH will play a larger role in negotiations in that part of the province, even though the government insists on excluding legitimate user groups from the actual negotiating table.

Anglers from other parts of the province also expressed their concerns for the future of a fishery that they have long supported with funding and rehabilitation projects.

At the conference, the OFAH Native Affairs Committee proposed a policy on Indian Fishing Agreements. Committee members agreed that the status quo, in which

the Ontario government policy of "leniency" results in abuse of the fishery, is not acceptable.

The committee believes that negotiations, with an OFAH representative as an observer, are needed.

Because of the growing pressures on Ontario's fishery, the OFAH believes that Indians and non-Indians should arrive at an agreement that will lead to Ministry of Natural Resources-controlled fisheries management, and allow all groups to cooperate to conserve common fish resources.

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