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Top angler hooks award

Ontario's most prestigious angling title, Ontario Angler of the Year, has been awarded to a 28-year old angler from Peterborough by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (O.F.A.H.).

Robert Curry Jr. was selected from all competitors in the "Molson Export" Big Fish Contest as the angler who best exemplified the enjoyment and conservation of Ontario's fisheries in 1988. Curry won the Live Release Largemouth Bass class and had a total of 18 prize-winning entries in eight classes of the "Molson Export" Big Fish Contest.

"Although there were several anglers who had to receive serious consideration for Ontario Angler of the Year, Curry's versatility and dedication to conservation made him stand out above the rest," said Rick Morgan, Executive Vice President of the O.F.A.H. "He catches a variety of fish species, in different types of waters, using a smorgasbord of techniques and lures...and 99. of his fish are released alive to swim and spawn again. Only those accidentally harmed are kept for the family frying pan. There are an incredible number of excellent anglers in Ontario but, in 1988, Robert Curry was judged to be the best of the best."

Curry was taught to fish by his father while still a youngster. Although his interest in the sport waned while he was in his teens, Curry has entered the last six "Molson Export" Big Fish Contests and has placed in the prizes many times in those years. Among his wins were first place in the 1984 Live Release Rainbow Trout class and top honors in the 1987 Live Release Lake Trout Class. Curry is on the water about 180 days a year, including the winter months when he fishes from an ice hut.

Curry's top winning entry in the 1988 "Molson Export" Big Fish Contest was a 24-inch Largemouth Bass, caught and released in Chemong Lake north of Peterborough in August. He also placed second in the Brown Trout class and third in both Smallmouth Bass and Salmon in the Live Release category.

As a member of the O.F.A.H., Curry's focus is on conserving Ontario's fisheries resources so angling opportunities in the province will always be first rate. One example of this is the work he did with the Ganarask Sportsmen's Association on a Salmon spawning project.

In addition to the title of Ontario Angler of the Year, Curry receives a 9.9 hp Evinrude outboard motor provided by the Outboard Marine Corporation.

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters is the largest sportsmen's organization in Canada and the largest conservation organization in Ontario. It is widely known for its programs to protect fisheries habitat in wetlands and along shorelines, its Report-A-Poacher campaign, its opposition to gill net use in the commercial fishing industry, and its public education programs.



Let's go cruisin'

Members of the Georgetown Figure Skating Club were hard at it last Monday at Alcott Arena as they went through their routines to sharpen up for the annual carnival, "Just Cruisin'", scheduled for Memorial Arena on Apr. 1-2. Shown above with Jonathan Allen as they take a quick break from prac-

tice are Rachel Baker, Andrea Brennan, Crystal McCurdy, Renee Kitchen, Angela Heslop, Robyn Lahey, Erin Longworth, Robin Ransom, Ashley Monckton and Sarah McEachern. Tickets to the show are available by calling Joan Dawson at 877-4108. (Herald photo)

Feds miff outdoorsmen

WINDSOR—Two politicians faced the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters Conference here recently. One talked about the past. One made promises for the future.

The audience, made up of members of Ontario's largest provincial conservation organization, was basically an unhappy one. Many OFAH members feel their concerns are being ignored by the Ontario government - in parks policy, in funding for participation in environmental assessments, and in land use planning.

Minister of Natural Resources Vincent Kerrio's speech dwelt on the past, attempting to explain to hunters why they should not feel betrayed by the loss of hunting in an area of Ontario that is the size of the province of Nova Scotia and includes much of the most accessible recreational land in the province.

OFAH vice president, Professor Dave Ankney of London, Ontario, said, "I think the government misjudged the situation. People do care very much about land use and they have every right to object to the kind of urban elitism and idealism that is being turned into law."

"Restricting activities such as hunting and trapping in parks does nothing to tackle the real environmental and wildlife problems that we have in Ontario."

OFAH president Charles Alexander added, "I'm disappointed that the Minister of Natural Resources would come to our conference without anything new to offer. All he did was attempt to justify things the provincial government has already done."

"He could have presented us with some funding for rewards in anti-poaching programs, announced the hiring of more conservation officers, or banned commercial gillnets. But to see him do nothing but dwell on the past was dismaying."

On the other hand, Progressive Conservative House Leader Mike Harris, who was minister of Natural Resources in the 1985 Miller government, looked to the future. He said he would pressure the Peterson government to review its parks policy and promised the conservationists that if the PCs return to power, there would be public consultation rather than arbitrary decisions, and a return to multiple use and wildlife management as the proper bases for land use in Ontario.

Harris said, "We are not interested in promoting one use (of natural resources) to the exclusion of others, nor are we interested in dictating activities. We are prepared to create a forum for discussion so resource users can come together to come to terms, to develop a framework that respects people, wildlife and our natural environment."

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Seniors Magazine

In the spring of 1987, John Ollivier had a vision; to see a television show on Halton Cable 4 for senior Citizens. John had the equipment and the expertise. What he didn't have was the needed man (and woman) power.

John decided to share his vision with the Town of Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department to see if they might help. In the fall of 1987, Jeff Bitton took John's vision to the various seniors clubs to see if he might be able to find a few hearty and daring volunteers to get this project going. The initial response was, shall we say, luke warm. Of Jeff's presentations only three seniors approached Jeff with interest; Elsie Barber, Nora Tuck of the Golden Triangle Club and Renee Gadd of the Golden Age Club, in Acton. Still, Jeff pressed on.

On Nov. 11, a public meeting was called. Six seniors attended. In December a production committee was struck and Elsie Barber was named as our producer. By January, plans and training was underway for the first showing of Seniors Magazine. Our first official airing date was Thursday, Feb. 4, at 5 p.m. and the show's topics included an interview with Jean MacKenzie, Joyce King of the O.A.C.A.O., entertainment by the Golden Age Club, and Local News.

Since that time Seniors Magazine has become a fixture on

Halton Cable 4, and we have covered over 45 topics important to seniors in Halton Hills, including segments on Health, Finances, Sexuality, Safety, Recreation, Services Available, Club Activities, Seniors Discounts, Entertainment and much, much more. Since our inception, we have had three marvelously creative and hard working producers: Elsie Barber, who moved north to Port Carling in July, Chris Robertson of Acton, and now Ron Masini of Georgetown. Equally important have been the numerous hosts, interviewers and camera operators we have had on our show including: Florence Smith, Isabel McDonald, Jack Dyce, Kay Braiden, Hilda Penrice, Eleanor McLeod, Pat Giguere, Paul Barber, Irene Stephens, Helen Zeravlev, Bob McArthur, Nora Tuck and Ina Peterson.

This is, and continues to be a show by Seniors for Seniors and with the help of our friends at Halton Cable and the Recreation and Parks Department (and of course the many, many interesting and wonderful guests we have had) we hope to continue to produce a creative and exciting show for Halton Seniors. In fact, to help us with filming events outside the studio we have recently applied to New Horizons for the purchase of our own portable camera equipment.

We need your help. We need to hear your ideas, comments, criticisms (and praises) your suggestions and your views to help us

improve the show. And if you have a little time to share with us, all the better. We are always seeking more help and manpower. After all, none of us had ever been in a TV studio before, but it's really quite easy to learn and also a lot of fun!

If you would like to get involved or even just to chat, we invite you to call Ron Masini at 877-3495 or Jeff Bitton at 877-5185 extension 262. Get involved; it is truly an enjoyable and worthwhile project.

Sports fields

The Recreation and Parks Department is currently processing all requests for Park and Sport Field use in 1989. If you are the contact for your league or if you are considering a tournament or special event and have not yet sent in your request for field use do so right away. Call 877-5185, extension 262 for further information.

Try snorkelling

Anyone who swims can experience the magic of the underwater world! No matter what your age you can enjoy to the fullest the thrill, adventure and fun of snorkel diving... and your best introduction to this adventure is through the Participation Course offered to you by Snorkel Canada. This new program will be held at the Georgetown Indoor Pool on Saturdays from 1-2 p.m. Call 877-5185, extension 276 for more information.

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