



**Game & Fish News**

by arn coulson

October! There is a feel of frost in the air, the leaves are starting their fall pageant of color. To the outdoorsman especially the hunter, this spells only one thing, Moose! Deer! Ducks! This is a special breed of men, for who else would arise at 4 a.m., go out into the cold grey morning of sometimes mist and rain, just to sit in a cold, old duck blind, to get into a canoe and paddle four or five miles along a desolate shore to shoot a moose. To stand for hours on a cold and windy knoll just to get a glimpse of a white-tailed deer. Who? Why thousands of hunters will be doing just that this fall. As we said before this is a special breed of men who love the outdoors, the long fall evenings around a good fire in the hunting camp of our North Country, good companionship, tales and white lies of the big one that came within shooting distance, but a branch got in the way of your gun. This has to be some of the reasons, for we will wager not one man out of a thousand has to hunt meat to set the table.

How are the prospects for the 69-70 hunting season? Let us take a look.

Moose—prospects generally are good. Aerial surveys last winter showed excellent densities across much of Northern Ontario. Around Port Arthur for instance there showed one moose for every 1.25 square miles of range. Given a break by the weatherman '69 moose hunters should do alright.

Deer—chances of bringing home some venison should be better than last year. Parry Sound reports there should be good hunting this fall. Deer should be plentiful this year at least in the Haliburton—Lindsay District, but heavy hunting pressure in this area is depleting some herds of deer.

Partridge—The partridge situation is not good. Cold, wet weather last June and July seriously depleted nests and young birds. This is just a suggestion for you hunters. Although no closed season is in the south this year, lets leave them alone.

Duck—It has been an excellent breeding season for ducks and in all areas they seem to be on the increase, but remember there are extra deputies on guard this year to reduce the game hogs who take over their limit, your car can be stopped anytime, anyplace and searched by a member of the Department of Lands and Forests or one of his deputies, so game hogs and meat hunters beware.

Rabbits—Cottontail and Jacks should be real good this year despite a heavy kill in the spring, of the young rabbits, due to wet, cold weather.

To sum it all up, it looks like a good year for Ontario hunters. Partridge are hard to find, deer hunters may have to work a little harder to get their deer but most hunters can look forward to a full bag.

Margaret and Eugene Coulter of R. R. 3, Campbellville caught some nice lake trout last week in the Lake of Bays District. Delmar and Howard Coulson have left for the Hornpayne District in search of moose and with them will be the Halton Sportsmen's only Honorary member Dave Wendover of Palermo. Dave is over 70 years of age and has been hunting for 52 consecutive years. Good Luck Dave. Russell, George and Art Robertson and Bruce Nicholson all of Kilbride leave on October 9 for their annual moose hunt in the Gogama district. This group has been hunting in the same district now for 12 years and have had tremendous success over that period. Ron, Don and Joe Marshall, along with Primo Rigo of Milton, also leave for moose hunting this week.

The Halton Sportsmen's Association were hosts to the Quarterly meeting of Zone Six, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters at their club house last Saturday. Guest speaker was Dave Murray, Resources Manager of the Halton Region Conservation Authority who gave an excellent talk on the work of the Authority, and this cleared up the workings of an Authority, its aims, etc. and how, at present, and in the future, it is helping not only Ontario as a whole, but also hunters and fishermen through controlled and wise use of public property.

Did you know—That the otter sleeps in the water on its back; there are four kinds of poisonous snakes in the United States, coral—the most deadly — copperhead, cottonmouth and several varieties of rattlesnakes. The milk snake is named for the belief that it milks cows, though it frequents barns, it is attracted by mice, not cows. The porcupines quill is actually a hollow hair, three inches in length or longer.

Don Drysdale pitched a record 58 2/3 consecutive scoreless innings in 1968.

**Bob Bartlett newest junior exec member**

The newest member of the Milton Merchants Junior C Hockey Club brings with him over six years of active participation in hockey and lacrosse executives.

Bob Bartlett, owner of Bartlett's Shoe Store, is in charge of the program for the Milton Juniors for this year. He has been on the executive of the Junior B club out of Brampton and is associated with the



Bob Bartlett New director

Cheltenham Intermediate B.O.H.A. entry from Brampton. Mr. Bartlett is also the president of the Excelsior Lacrosse Junior A, B and Senior A clubs in the O.L.A. He likes to become involved in sports in a community and feels there is very good support for the Milton Junior Club. He came here from Brampton earlier this year to operate Bartlett's Shoes.



CLIFF HOUSTON accepts congratulations from A. E. "Babe" Clement, (left) after being named to the Halton County Sports Hall of Fame in Oakville. Mr. Clement was one of the 10 charter members named last year. Last week the

Champion inserted the wrong photo of the presentation. In that photo Mr. Houston was pictured with Reeve Alan Day of Oakville.—(Staff Photo)



Milton B bantams - 1969 Halton county bantam champions

**Milton bantams down Acton to win bantam league title**

By Dieter Claer Milton Bantams wrapped up the season with a convincing 14-4 win over Acton in a hotly contested game played Sunday, Sept. 21 in Milton.

Pitcher Warren McLeod went the distance pitching a six-hitter, earning 15 strike-outs and also leading his team in the batting department with a double and two singles for three runs batted in.

Grenke's triple with the bases filled triggered a four-run first inning which sent the Milton team on its way. Acton started the second inning with a triple by Morrison. Gilloway struck out and Guthrie belted the first pitch which was caught by McLeod with a spectacular grab, whipping it over to Rigo on third base who caught Morrison off the base for a double play.

Milton added one run in the third after Turner walked and McLeod connected for one R.B.I. Singles by Turner, McCann, McLeod and Hyatt in the fourth accounted for four more runs.

Acton's catcher Morrison doubled in the fifth and scored McPhail and Reed who both had singled for two runs. McPhail's homer in the sixth scored Stachyra who singled for another two runs, narrowing the score slightly to 9-4. Milton opened up after this in the bottom half of the sixth with doubles by Turner and McLeod and singles by McCann and Rigo for five more runs.

A throw-out by Rigo and two strike-outs by McLeod retired

the Acton squad at the top of the final inning, giving Milton Bantams their 14-4 victory in the third game of the final play-offs. Milton took the series in three straight games—5-1, 3-1 and 14-4.

The Bantams received the play-off trophy which was donated by the Acton Sports Association and the Bantam League's trophy, donated by the

Milton Minor Baseball Association.

This ends the season, and it was a good one. I have never worked with a better bunch of boys. Their enthusiasm and team spirit was tremendous. Rick Rowley and I thank every one of them. Their parents' co-operation also made the season so much easier and successful.

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**Milton Merchants**

**First exhibition game on Friday**

Milton Junior Merchants, this town's entry in the OHA Junior C loop have been practicing for over a week and are quickly getting into shape under their new coach Earl Fox.

the semi-circular goal crease which will give the goaltender that extra margin of much-needed protection. The crease now extends almost two feet from either side of the net. Last year the Juniors ended

the season in a game with Lindsay, March 14 as they dropped a 9-7 decision in Lindsay. The team at that time was playing in the best of five semi-finals in the Junior C league.

The turnout for the practices has been "pretty fair", says team manager Al Parton with about 24 out for each practice. He says they have a good working agreement with Jim Monroe and Jim Murray of the midget hockey club along with Joe Auger of the juvenile club and these men have been helping Coach Fox whittle the club into shape.

Most of last year's players are back in camp with a few still away at other hockey camps. This year, says Mr. Parton, they are on the lookout for goalkeepers.

Coach Fox has been working the team out at the arena this past Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights with another workout slated for tonight.

The big news coming out of camp is the exhibition game to be played this Friday night against Burlington. Slated to begin at 8:30 p.m. at the Milton Arena, this game will give fans a taste of what is to come for the 1969-70 season.

One of the new features in the rules for the season is the use of

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