

# Fish and Game news



with ARN COULSON

Cottontail and jackrabbits are nearly nonexistent in Halton Region and have been for the last couple of years.

So far no one, not even the Ministry of Natural Resources has come up with a logical reason. Some have suggested we have too many foxes and coyotes around.

From talking to long-time fox hunters like Eddy Robertson of Hornby and Lenny Naylor of Milton, we know the theory to be untrue.

In my own humble opinion, I think disease has taken its toll but in a few years the jackrabbit population will again be on the increase.

Others say the lack of cover and over-hunting have been causes. Again, we say that is just not so.

There are more vacant farms and old farm buildings in Halton than in the past 50 years. There are more fields and vacant conservation land than ever before.

All these factors plus the fact Halton has a limited number of hunters and acreage to hunt lead me to believe a virus is the culprit.

Many falsehoods about nature arise through ignorance, say most outdoor writers, who also claim it's easy to blame natural occurrences when better explanations aren't available.

A good example is the old tale that toads cause warts. They don't. However, toads secrete a slimy, smelly (and probably bad-tasting) liquid which wards off potential predators.

It's quite easy to see how this could be associated with skin growths on youngsters who are fascinated with toads.

Quite the opposite from the toad which doesn't cause warts is a small South American tree frog which can kill simply by touching. Again, a skin secretion is to blame, only this time it is highly poisonous. There are many, many truthful oddities about nature, which is what makes the outdoor world so interesting.

We've been asked how to keep and prepare salmon eggs for spring fishing. Members have different ways and different ideas.

Here is one way which keeps eggs to three and one-half months without freezing.

Take about one pound of fresh eggs, mix them in a plastic container with three or four tablespoons of salt and four tablespoons of water. Let sit in the refrigerator for a day or so and then drain. This method not only toughens the eggs but preserves them. Curing the eggs this way has another advantage in that they do not wash out and turn white while fishing.

Members of the Halton Sportsmen's Association were certainly not amused by a cartoon about an elk and members of the Halton Region Conservation Authority which appeared in The Canadian Champion a few weeks ago.

It has been brought to our attention since the cartoon and article that members and employees also have received gifts of elk meat from the HRC.

A few answers we are going to try and have answered but probably never will are:

1. If there is an abundance of elk in the conservation's compound, could a pair not be released to some remote part of our province, instead of being killed and distributed among a privileged few?

2. Was this meat killed and inspected by government inspectors?

3. Were these elk raised and kept by you and I through our tax dollars?

It was a coincidence that your writer had a remark in my column the same week as this disturbing news appeared. In that column I stated that recreational hunters agreed with the ministry's decision to close the season on elk.

We understand that buffalo have been killed and the meat sold in the same way. We certainly hope this is not so.

# Firefighters rally for victory

Krantz Firefighters struck for five unanswered goals in the third period to turn back undermanned Milton Chrysler-Dodge 7-3 in Milton Industrial Hockey League action Sunday night at Milton Sports Centre.

In other games, Racer's Edge caught fire in the second and third periods to defeat Pro Clean Shiner Hogs 4-1 and Rockwell Rockets surprised Nadalin Flyers and drew 3-3.

The fact the games went on was somewhat of an achievement. The referees last week threatened to pull out of the league unless changes were made with respect to the lack of respect the officials are accorded from the players.

## Saddle club banquet

The White Oaks Saddle Club will be holding its annual banquet Saturday at the Bay Centre on Plains Road in Burlington.

Tickets are available by calling Avril Nelson at 854-0242. The dinner and presentations will start at 7 p.m., followed by a dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The following is a list of the year-end winners: **Showmanship at Halter** Galla Blonde Lady (Anne Vandervelden); Donna's Sugar Girl (Avril Nelson).

**Junior Polebending** Belle Rouge (Rob Arnold); Leo's Black Spec (Shelly Hamilton).

**Open Polebending** Drummer Boy (Tom Telfer); Leo's Black Spec (Shelly Hamilton).

**Junior Pleasure** Black Minx (Avril Jane Nelson); Miss Bright April (Jamie Morris).

**Open Pleasure** Galla Blonde Lady (Anne Vandervelden); Harlan Dish (Jackie Simpson).

**Open Flag** Oteo's Gold Lady (Russ Tomson); Drummer Boy (Tom Telfer).

**Junior Horsemanship** Miss Bright April (Jamie Morris); Black Minx (Avril Jane Nelson).

**Walk and Jog** Harlan Dish (Avril Jane Nelson); Donna's Sugar Girl (Julie Nelson).

**English Pleasure** 3-60 Turn (Leslie Bullock); Ronny (Brenda Hardy).

**Hunter Hack** Ronny (Brenda Hardy); 3-60 Turn (Leslie Bullock).

**Open Trail** Harlan Dish (Russ Tomson); Mr. Gold Machine (Helen Velenosi).

**Junior Barrels** Leo's Black Spec (Shelly Hamilton); Belle Rouge (Rob Arnold).

**Ladies' Barrels** Fly Away Lady Bug (Lynda Hutchings); Leo's Black Spec (Shelly Hamilton).

**Open Barrels** Oteo's Gold Lady (Russ Tomson); Leo's Black Spec (Shelly Hamilton).

**Western Riding** Harlan Dish (Russ Tomson); Donna's Sugar Girl (Avril Nelson).

**Open Horsemanship** Harlan Dish (Jackie Simpson); Donna's Sugar Girl (Avril Nelson). (TIE)

**Keyhole Race** Drummer Boy (Tom Telfer); Sunrise Jude (Glen Pattison).

**Reining** Harlan Dish (Russ Tomson); Donna's Sugar Girl (Avril Nelson).

**Ladies Pleasure** Galla Blonde Lady (Anne Vandervelden); Harlan Dish (Jackie Simpson).

**Pick Up Race** Candy Arrow (Tom Telfer); Golden Hot Shot (Barry Burtis). (TIE)

**Pick Up Man** Russ Tomson; Glen Pattison.

All-round cowboy Russ Tomson; All-round games horse Oteo's Gold Lady; All-round junior cowboy Jamie Morris; All-round junior cowgirl Avril Jane Nelson; All-round cowgirl Avril Nelson.

The referees met last Thursday to consider changes to the rules which would allow referees to assess a fine and a bench minor for abusive language.

Chrysler-Dodge, although playing with just nine skaters, took a 3-1 lead at one point in the second period but Firefighters managed to close the gap with just three seconds remaining in the period.

The league leaders proceeded to score two quick goals in the final period and added three more in the last five minutes to sew up the victory.

Al Jones, Buddy Thomas and Dave Arbic connected for a pair of goals apiece for Firefighters while Doug Thompson chipped in with a single.

Scott Elliot, Andre Wysman and Peter Rota replied for Firefighters.

Racer's Edge scored two goals in each of the final two periods to overcome a 1-0 disadvantage and defeat Pro Clean.

Racer's Edge took control of the play in the final two periods and effectively shut down Pro Clean's offence with a strong display of puck control and defence.

Pro Clean started the game on a hustling note scoring in the first minute of play when Don Cousins found the range from Steve Amis and Art Godard.

Snipers Rich Murray and Les Wilson put Racer's Edge in front away through the middle frame and Racer's Edge took control of the play from then on.

The third goal was hotly disputed and effectively sealed the win.

During a scramble in front of Pro Clean goalie Glen Amis, Amis appeared to have control of the puck but released the puck when an official blew his whistle. Ben Nyholt picked up the loose puck and scored. After consulting, the referees allowed the goal to stand.

Murray finished the scoring late in the game.

Rockwell scored the tying goal midway through the third period to take a point from Nadalin.

# Mason records second shutout

By Rick O'Donnell  
Steady goaltending from Keith Mason and a two-goal performance by Rod Gooding paced Milton Welding to a 5-0

whitewash of Schroeders Construction in White Oaks Hockey League action Sunday.

Mason turned in his second shutout of the season—the only shutouts in the league this season—in a game which featured sound, all-around performances from all Welders.

During a scoreless opening period, Mason turned aside three different scoring chances from Schroeders forwards to keep Welders in the contest.

Welders turned up the tempo in the second period when Rick O'Donnell scored what proved to be the winning goal on a pass from Skip McTrach. O'Donnell tucked the puck past goalie Norm Cressey. Welders enjoyed a wide margin in territorial play but held only a one-goal lead after two periods.

The third period was all Welders. Their persistent forechecking paid off with four goals.

Guy McGinnis started the onslaught taking a

## Burlington rally stops inter. girls

Burlington rallied for three unanswered goals to steal a 3-2 victory from Milton in intermediate girls hockey action Sunday at Memorial Arena.

Milton dominated play in the opening period and jumped ahead 2-0 on goals by Lisa Simpson and Tracy Horne with assists to Teresa Rayner and Rhonda Reynolds.

Burlington struck back with a pair of goals spaced two minutes apart to knot the score by the end of the first period.

The shift of momentum from Milton to Burlington continued in the middle frame although a sturdy Milton defensive effort kept the score tied.

Despite the girls efforts, Milton failed to even the score. The squad goes back into action against Oakville on Sunday Feb. 10.

## Selects edged

Milton atom Selects lost their first game at the annual Schomberg Red & White Tournament. It was a 2-1 victory for Sharon's Atom Rep. 'B' team.

Mike Budworth scored Milton's goal by a pass by Doug Carles to tie up the

game. In 'sudden death' overtime, Sharon scored the winning goal.

It was an excellent game on behalf of both teams, the tournament continues and our selects will return Saturday to play in the consolation round facing either St. Clair or Hanover.

## Girls basketball

### Holy Cross captures final

Diane Stone connected for 10 points to pace Holy Cross to a 13-10 victory over Holy Rosary in the championship game of the Holy Rosary Invitational Girls Basketball tournament Saturday at Holy Rosary School, Milton.

Miss Stone dominated the offensive statistics in the semi-final and final games to lead the Georgetown school's attack. She scored a

tournament high 18 points in the semis as Holy Cross defeated St. Paul's (Burlington) 20-12.

In the final game, Marlene Boughton and Anna Burra led Milton's Holy Rosary with four points apiece.

The tourney drew four schools in what acts as a prep tournament for the regular season which begins next week. In preliminary games,

Holy Rosary defeated St. Paul's 18-13, with Anna Burra scoring six points, and Acton's St. Joseph's school by an 18-2 margin. Liz Cunniff and Anna Burra hit for six points apiece in the Acton contest while Paula DePaz scored St. Joseph's lone basket.

The trophies were presented by Anthony Hennesly, the superintendent of schools for North Halton.

Holy Cross had some trouble in the earlier games, losing an 18-16 heartbreaker in overtime to St. Paul's before slipping

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