

# Fish and Game news

with ARN COULSON



## Fishing derbies

Fishing derbies, big and small, have been held for decades in Ontario.

In its day the Lake Trout supported large derbies in many communities along the shore of Lake Huron and Lake Superior. These gala social events were much like harvest festivities, the anglers got together, motored out to harvest the best of the crop, then they would return with their catches to celebrate and feast.

But right now many derbies seem to have become very commercial. They promote commercial products and are advertised in large daily newspapers who also want to get in on the bill of cheap advertising.

Here in Ontario, a yearly circuit of fishing derbies or tournaments, is beginning to spread across the province. In many cases it seems that you are not supposed to fish for fun, relaxation or food but for glory and cash.

Can you imagine what would happen to our wildlife population if big cash awards were offered for the largest deer, moose or jack rabbit shot? Poaching would run rampant.

I hope that you do not get from this column that your writer is against fishing derbies. I certainly am not but I think that nice chummy derbies like we have at our club, the kids fishing derby, the annual wild game and awards night held each January at the club house would be kind of dull if it weren't for our fishing and game derbies is much more fun than hiring a guide and expensive fishing tackle just for the glory of catching a big fish. Good natural competition is the spice of life.

There is, however, one good thing about big fish contests. They have given fishing the wide publicity it deserves. Fishing in Ontario bolsters the economy far more than most people realize. Anglers spent \$600 million in Ontario alone last year, again I say sportsmen pay their way.

I guess what I am trying to say is commercial derbies are alien to the art of angling. The big derby contestant is pitting himself against other men, not the fish. No longer does the fisherman enjoy the fishing finesse, enjoy a relaxed wait, or look forward to an unexpected big strike. We think this is being overshadowed by the desire to catch a big fish.

Halton Sportsmen Assoc. again enjoyed a fine shoot at the club on Good Friday. Many contestants vied for a ham or a package of tasty steak. Thanks to the hard working crew of sportsmen. A good day was had by all who participated.

The Bronte Pier, which remains a contentious issue, was closed in 1981 and apparently will remain closed this year. The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters intend to discuss that area further with local members and the municipality of Oakville.

# Minor hockey has interesting and lengthy season

It has been one quite interesting and lengthy season in minor hockey this year.

What with the organization of a separate association for girls, the trials and success of a combined minor-major midget team and several changes to both the Tier Two and house league, this year has been exciting.

In recognition of the year of minor hockey in Milton, The Canadian Champion is today publishing a Salute to Minor Hockey which is inserted into the paper—amid the other inserts.

It's the fourth year for the supplement and we've tried to encompass all aspects of minor hockey. Hope you enjoy it.

In closing, I'd like to thank all the coaches and managers who submitted material for the supplement. In addition, thanks goes out to all the merchants and companies in town who continue to support both the supplement and minor hockey.

### May Eleven.

Last week, The Champion erroneously reported the date for the annual general meeting for Milton Minor Hockey.

All positions are up for grabs at the meeting which will be held Tuesday May 11 at Lion's Hall. All interested people in Milton are urged to attend. It's your one real chance to do something.

The executive of Milton Minor Hockey selected most coaches last night for the 1982-83 season. We'll have a report next week.

Two teams in the area met with opposite results in major hockey action.

To the east, Georgetown Raiders captured the Hardy Cup, emblematic of Intermediate A calibre, with a three-game sweep of Quesnel, B.C., over the weekend in Georgetown.

It was a good win for the club which set its sights on the cup last year only to be dumped in the first round of the national playoffs.

Congratulations go out to all. One Milton Aero helped out considerably. Doug Fry, Milton's top player for the past two years, played a key part in the club's success coming out with several big games and taking over as first-line centre.

To the south, Oakville Blades were bounced out of the provincial Jr. B semi-finals when St. Michael's Buzzers won the final three games to take a 4-2 series win.

Oakville had quite a series and appeared to have St. Mike's on the ropes winning twice in the first three games, but lost two of the next three games on home ice. Oakville wasn't

## Mike Boyle



beaten on home ice all year.

Switching over to baseball, the Milton Fastball League is all set to play the 1982 season with five teams although there are yet unnamed prospects perhaps organizing a sixth club.

The league executive has been re-formed. Morley Raspberry becomes the chairman with the positions of president and vice-president eliminated. Nick Gauthier remains the treasurer while Stan Edgar is the secretary.

The league will hold an important meeting Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Milton Curling Club to set down the structure for the coming year. All team reps are urged to attend.

All players who haven't been contacted by their team representatives should get in touch with them. The following is a list.

Thruway Muffler: Doug Williams 878-3647; Ray Griswold 878-5649.

Miltowne Realty: Ron McHugh 878-2565; Roger Del Bello 878-2583.

Fifth Wheel: Chris Heath 878-3545; Dave Pelley 878-5143.

McDuffe Equipment: Brian McDuffe 878-2445.

Thornborrow Oilers: Trevor Houston 844-1374; Loris Faggion 878-4973.

The new Milton Oldtimers Fastball team starts practising tomorrow (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. in the small gym at Milton District High School.

The club will be sponsored by Milton Mall and just recently purchased new brown and gold uniforms.

Interested players (35 and over) are asked to call either Bob Davidson (878-0401) or Joe Auger (878-3191).

The Miltowne Cyclists Club will be putting on a display of roller-riding Saturday from 10 a.m. in Milton Mall.

Roller riding involves three roller drums.

The cyclists are essentially cycling but they're not getting anywhere.

Balance and endurance are the keys for roller riding and if you're interested in cycling you might want to take it in. The demonstration lasts for five hours, after which I am told, the cyclists are quite tired. They cycle in 30-minute stints with hour breaks between each stint.

The Miltowne Cyclists formed the club last year. The club meets every Sunday morning at 9 a.m. (once the weather is good) for selected tours of the area. Any interested cyclists should get in touch with Mike Haynes. New members all welcome.

### Calling all coaches.

The Milton Parks and Recreation department is offering a special course for coaches of all sports beginning May 2 and running for four consecutive weeks.

It is basically a Level One course dealing with all coaching aspects.

Each of the four sessions is four hours long and the total cost per coach is just \$10. Might be a good way to spend Sunday mornings.

All interested people are asked to call Bonnie Ward at 878-7211 to register.

The Dennis Huss Roast, put on by the Optimist Club, sounds like it'll be another barn-burner Friday April 30.

Roast organizer Chris Heath lined no less than Bobby Hull (Dennis' poorer brother) for the head table in what should be an interesting exchange.

The roast was originally scheduled for a month back but sufficient good roasters were unavailable during the hockey season.

Heath has obviously made up for the postponement with an excellent array of head table roasters including Jim McKenny, former NHL star with Toronto Maple Leafs.

A few tickets remain. Just get in touch with any Optimist member or call the Optimist Centre at 878-8411.

With the end of hockey season brings an end to all the hockey gossip and stories for another year. This is one story which wasn't published earlier because of technical difficulties (i.e. Vern Gooding asked me not to because it might hurt, he said, negotiations).

However, Milton came pretty close to having a Tier Two Junior A team next year. Peter Brudy, owner of Brampton Warriors of the Provincial Jr. A League, looked at Milton as a possible site for his club about two months ago. But he decided against buying Flyers and

upping the team to Tier Two when Milton Council gave a few Friday home dates at Memorial Arena next year to Milton Aeros.

He didn't seem too interested when learned both Milton teams would operate out of two arenas all year in virtual competition with one another each Friday.

"There's no question we're moving out of Brampton," said Brudy. "The crowd following is poor in Brampton."

"I went down to Milton and had a look at both arenas but you can't bounce back-and-forth between two arenas all year. You have to call a place home. I wouldn't have touched that deal. Milton would have been a good spot though."

Brudy also had a few rather unkind comments for the news media and Milton's two major hockey teams.

"One guy has been there for years and another guy comes in and influences the newspapers with his back-page ads."

I'd be seen as a carpetbagger coming into Milton. I wouldn't get involved if there were going to be problems."

Vern said Brudy wasn't serious about coming to Milton in the first place and that Tier Two Hockey coming to Milton was just a "pipe-dream" from the affluent Brampton owner.

### Just a final note on that.

No one buys the news pages if I have anything to do with it.

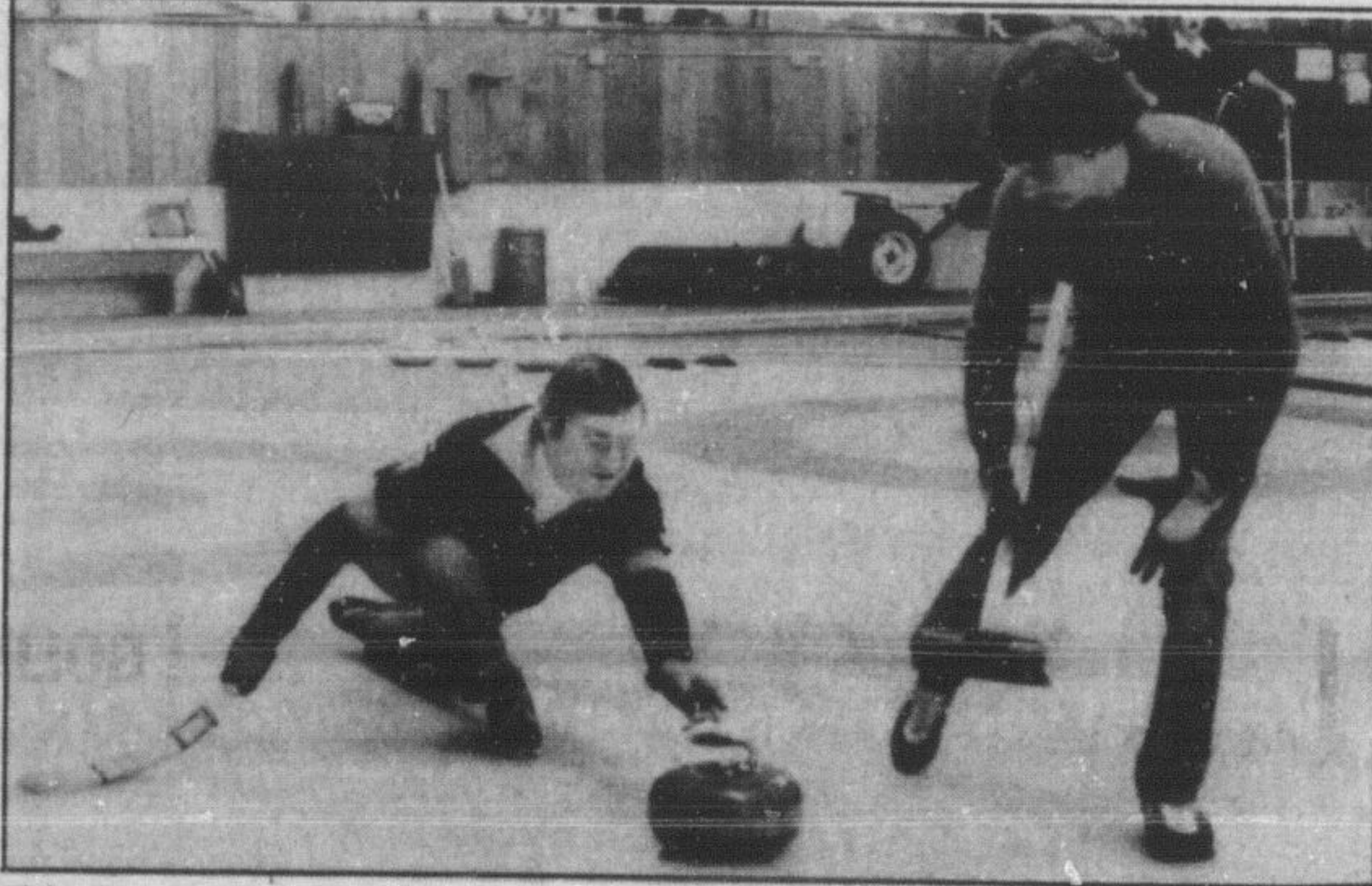
There's no doubt Gary Thomas, owner of Miltowne Realty Aeros, has received a great deal of publicity this year. If you ask him, though, you'll discover he hasn't loved all of it and some things were printed (e.g. Tom Butt being an ineligible player) which were to the team's discredit.

If Thomas received more than his share of publicity it was because he showed a great deal of energy and enthusiasm in building up a quality team.

Whether it was Thomas or someone else, they'd all get the same treatment.

It's unfortunate that enthusiasm wasn't contagious.

Milton Oldtimer Friday Knights placed second in an oldtimers hockey tournament played in Carlyle last weekend. There were 16 teams in the tournament—all of them from the Golden Horseshoe area. Mike Riddell, an oldtimer from Campbellville, was judged most valuable player at the tournament. Jim Gordon and Jim Death were Milton's top scorers.



Skip Ron Hannon and lead Dave Charlton during Saturday's action at Milton. Curling Club's Town and Country Bonspiel.

## Racer's get ...

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Defenceman Brett Patterson and forward Rick Colbeck were credited with assisting on Murray's game winner.

JB Stable opened the scoring 13 minutes into the contest when Derek Griffiths scored during a goal mouth scramble. Don Habkirk and John Hellyer assisted on the play.

However, penalties, a JB Stable nemesis, gave Edge forward Les Wilson an opportunity to tie the game with 2:37 left in the first period. Wilson, a pest in the tradition of Ken Linseman, was parked on Bailey's doorstep and tucked it in over his glove. Patterson and Eric Ellison assisted on the play.

Larry Scott, who badly damaged tendons in his knee when he took the best check of the night—a hip check at his blue line from teammate Murray, put The Edge in front on a tip-in with 4:11 remaining in the second period. Ellison and team captain Dave McKee assisted on Scott's goal.

Gervais said Al Fritzeley will replace Scott in this week's game on a line with Wilson and Ellison.

Doug Thomson tied the game six minutes into the third period. JB Stable defenceman Jim Marshall was credited with the assist.

Referee Benton handed out four penalties to The Edge, all minors, and 12 penalties to JB Stables—eight minors and four misconducts, including three game misconducts to Habkirk, Dave Marshall and Coulson at the end of the game.

The players face fines as a result and will not be suspended from further play.

This week's game gets underway at 7 p.m. Admission is \$1 and, if last week's game is any indication, parking will be minimal.

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