

Fin, Fur & Feather

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The choice of equipment when out fishing has a lot to do with success or failure. Many believe that the more expensive line of rods and reels are just higher priced for the name. This may be true but it is the quality that has given these companies the right to do so.

Many anglers will go out and spend ten or twelve dollars on a reel and complain all year because the darn thing doesn't work right and what could be worse they may lose a trophy fish because of it. The following year they will, in all probability, go out and purchase another reel of the same calibre. So in two years they have spent twenty or thirty bucks and still have nothing to show for it.

On the other hand if they had spent the lump sum of the two years and bought one good quality reel or rod they would most likely still be using it and loving every minute.

With the quality name goes the ability to get repairs if necessary instead of throwing the reel or rod in the garbage when accidents or wear take their toll. Cheaper lines very seldom work over a long period of time and the one thing that raises the hair on the back of my neck is the drag on the cheaper reels.

I have yet to see one that will work consistently. They may work once or twice and then fail or they may not work at all.

Without the proper setting on the drag the chances of success are very slim. Smaller fish are no problem but when you get into those tackle busters it's no time to have the drag seize or fail and let's face it those are the ones we want to see in the bottom of the boat. We all go out for the fun of fishing but when we work our butts off and finally get a good fish on its no time to lose him because of faulty equipment.

Some of the top names in reels are Zebco, D.A.M. Quick, Shakespeare, Mitchell and Luxor (which are hard to find). All these companies have repair kits or stores that can get them repaired in a short period of time. Each line runs from the big sea reels to the ultra light.

Speaking of ultra light, anyone who wants more out of fishing try using an ultra-light outfit. I have a Browning Silaflex and a D.A.M. Quick 110N reel that has taken bass up to five pounds but when I was fighting them into submission I would have sworn they were twice their weight. As the name implies the whole outfit weighs in the neighbourhood of ten to 15 ounces.

When it comes to rods there are many good names on the market that can keep anyone happy while fishing. Fenwick is the elite of the rod market with such names as Shakespeare, Browning (who also put out rods as well as hunting equipment) Algonquin, Garcia and a few others which have rods in our price range.

No one can pick out a rod for another person. A fisherman has to pick out his own rod. Not every rod is the same and not every fisherman wants the same action in a rod.

When buying a rod pick out one you feel comfortable with and one you like after all you are paying for it so get what you want. Don't let the salesman talk you into something you don't want. Hope I may have helped a few of you that are looking for some new gear. I have, or have used, all these brand names and have found very little, if anything, to complain about. Good luck and good fishing.



Take that, you dirty dog

Billy Red Lyons delivers a resounding blow to Geeto Mongol in Monday night's professional wrestling match in Penetanguishene. Lyons, the crowd favourite, came strong in the closing minutes of the match, but lost the decision to Mongol.

Staff photo by Dave Ross

Catcalls and chips - wrestling returns to Penetanguishene

About 500 spectators filled the Penetanguishene Community Centre Monday night, to cheer the good guys and boo the bad guys, as professional wrestling came to town once again.

The action was hot and heavy in the first major bout of the night, when the crowd favourite, Billy Red Lyons, met Geeto Mongol. Following a match which included hair pulling and a variety of tosses and holds, some legal, the match was awarded to Mongol in a decision which was far from popular with the crowd.

Shouts, catcalls and crumpled potato chip bags were hurled around the arena as Mongol picked up his trophy, a metal belt. As he waved it in the face of Lyons, still standing in the ring, Lyons grabbed it from him, and told him the only way he would get it back

would be to agree to a "Texas Death Match" next week. With that, the two retired to their dressing rooms to sign the appropriate contract for next week's fight.

Following a brief intermission, Smokey the Wrestling Bear, a genuine black bear, took on a variety of different wrestlers, grabbing, throwing and eventually pinning all of them with apparent ease.

In the final match of the night, good guys Dewey Robertson and Haystack Calhoun outfought the Kelly twins, from Atlanta, Georgia, despite constant cheating by the twins, which the crowd had no trouble detecting, but which the referee somehow managed to miss most of the time.

During the opening minutes of the match, the crowd was beginning to wonder if it would get to see Calhoun wrestle, as

Robertson tried numerous times to make the tag and get out of the ring. At least three times, he managed to make the tag, but each time the referee managed to miss it, and sent Calhoun back out of the ring. Finally Calhoun made it into the ring legally, and from then on, the team of Robertson and Calhoun dominated the event, much to the delight of the cheering crowd.

After a 15 minute

match, which included several forays into the ring by all four wrestlers at once, Robertson and Calhoun were declared the winners.

Professional wrestling will return to the Penetanguishene Community Centre again next Monday at 8:30, when Andre the Giant takes on seven wrestlers, and Geeto Mongol and Billy Red Lyons battle it out again in the "Texas Death Match".

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE HIGHWAY 27 PROPOSED RECONSTRUCTION

The Ministry of Transportation and Communications proposed to reconstruct a portion of Highway 27 from Waverley northerly to 0.4 miles south of Evergreen Sideroad.

An Information Centre to display the Ministry's preliminary plans for view and comments from area residents has been arranged at the following location and time:

Wyebridge Community Hall
August 10th, 1977
2:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



Desroches' no hitter spurs Bantams to victory

Thornbury batters weren't knocking every pitch out of the ball park, but at least they were getting the odd run—that is until Ernie Desroches came into the game.

The Midland hurler relieved John Swales in the third inning and proceeded to pitch a no-hitter in the remaining five innings to help his team to a 25-4 victory July

27. Midland's win was never in jeopardy as they counted six runs in the first inning and 11 in the fourth. Thornbury scored three in the first and one in the second.

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