

The lonely fisherman George Lott, likes it that way

by Sue Charlebois

Rain or shine, summer or winter, one happy angler will always be seen on the waters, fishing rod in hand, and a smile to greet the waves.

George Lott, from Port McNicoll, says he's been fishing since age seven and says he won't stop until he's "six feet under."

Lott who is responsible for the beginning of the Little Lake Bass Derby that began 18 years ago, has won 68 trophies to show for all the fish he has caught.

All trophies are for the biggest fish caught with the exception of four which were awarded to Lott from the Georgian Bay Hunters and Anglers Club for angling proficiency.

Of all the trophies he owns he says there is one he would like to win but just can't seem to grasp it. Ironically enough this trophy is the one awarded every year at the Little Lake Bass Derby.

Are there any real secrets to fishing?

First of all, Lott says he gets maps to study the lakes but most of all he says, "You need fishing time."

Fishing all year round, the furthest place the angler has been to fish has been the East Coast. However Lott feels that the best place to fish is right in this area.

The real outdoors man says, "You get away from everything." "As a kid when you were out fishing you weren't getting into trouble."

no special dish made with fish but that speckled trout is the best eating for him.

"I've never had a complaint how my wife cooked them yet."

If rain or shine can't stop this fisherman from roaming the waters neither will a case of appendicitis.

Lott recounted the time he was in the hospital to have his appendix out.

The following day, which just happened to be July 1, did not keep Lott in the hospital, stitches or not, he was going fishing. Not being entirely foolish however, he returned to the hospital late in the evening to continue his recuperation.

Lott who prefers using the darty lure (which is no longer made) says the biggest fish he caught was a 37 pound muskie and a 22 pound pike. The angler whose

wife tells him he owns as much equipment as a sporting goods store, says he goes through a lot of equipment because, "If you don't lose it, you're not down where the fish are."

Fishes alone

Preferring to fish alone because he does not like to stay in one spot as long as some might, he says, "I move a lot. I think 20 minutes in one spot is enough, if they're not there you got

to find them."

Lott considers fishing to be skill with very little luck involved especially if you are competing for trophies.

"It takes years of practice," he said. "The same guys usually get them all."

He may not get them all but he will continue to fish for fun and for sport.

"I've been told the Lord doesn't deduct fishing days from your life."



**Official
welcome**

Before the crew of the bateau could head for their quarters for some rum and hot food, they had to line up for roll call from the establishments' governors.

Hockey school builds athletes

The Wasaga Stars Hockey School, scheduled to open July 27, has drawn well over 350 students for their 1980 program, and the numbers are still climbing. According to school director Peter Dunbar, it is the intention of instructors at the school to deviate from the 'stagnant viewpoints' of the 50's pertaining to the game of hockey.

"Our instructors stay abreast of new ideas and developments in the game, as put forth by the European countries," said Dunbar. "They feel that hockey players must be total athletes, as opposed to Canadian beliefs that upper-body strength is sufficient. It isn't."

At Wasaga Stars these beliefs are backed up by a training program carefully monitored by the school director, as well as Phys. Ed. director Don Wilson and Ice Instruction directors John Van Boxmeer and Dave Chambers. Four goal instructors, Jim Pettie, Jim Parks, Eric Niskansen and Bob Dubuis are on staff for the summer as well as eight general instructors, Del Watson, Rob Palmer, Paul

Evans, Alex McKendry, Bert Wilson, Pat Hughes, George Wilson and Jack Rouselle.

"All our instructors are selected for their teaching ability," said Dunbar, "not by any glamour attached to their names in the respective leagues. We wanted good teachers to instruct our students in the fundamentals of the game. They're all hand picked," he said.

Features

Students enrolled at Wasaga Stars Hockey School will be faced with three-and-a-half hours of ice time per day per student. There will be one councillor for every group of seven students. The students will take part in two power skating sessions per day, two ice sessions per day dealing with hockey fundamentals, chalk talks in the classrooms, physical fitness classes, a supervised weight-lifting program as well as skating instruction designed to improve agility and manoeuvrability on skates.

The school is not run on an all work - no fun basis, though. Boys will enjoy games of soccer, bicycling and the

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