

Hunters up to get bird

by Brian Berriault

On the whole good duck hunting weather held up during the last couple of weeks. Opening day was ideal for those of us not spending the night shivering in some pond or marsh.

Many hunters see this over night slumber party as a way of controlling hunters who may enter onto their privately staked-out hunting area.

However, early morning always manage to find a few extra bodies swinging a barrel skywards.

Next year (although swearing never to spend another night sleeping on a marsh or pond) they'll be back in the sack shivering with opening day anticipation or cold.

Ducks

Success was good from all reports heard. Plenty of ducks are still winging about in our area. Geese have started their southern migration from northern Ontario which means bay ducks will also be showing their beaks in our area soon.

There are still plenty of good hunting days left in fact the best is yet to come now that opening day has been overcome.

Many fair-weather hunters will return to their beds rather than chance those frosty morning outings.

They've had their one-day fling at duck hunting and will now lay comfortably in bed while real duck hunters head afield for the best hunts of the year.

Brain wave

As I quietly sat in Wye Marsh opening day I couldn't help but come up with a suggestion for a far sighted electronic genius.

I have often wondered with our modern day technology why someone hasn't invented a gun sight that would control trigger mechanisms on shotguns.

An electronic eye could be set at say 50 yards. When the gun is pointed at game beyond this range triggers would automatically freeze.

I can picture the frustration of a few hunters who think shotguns have limitless range.

Shell companies would be furious of course at the loss of revenue and some hunters would never get a shot since a few seldom shoot at ducks within range.

Safety course

Alas every opening day passes and a few would be hunters get the urge to get out and hunt. However many have never held a licence before.

A gun safety course is a must for those under twenty years of age and should be considered by anyone over that age attempting to obtain their first gun licence.

Presently courses can be taken from instructor Steve Quaife from Midland. There are a few openings in the course starting on Oct. 13.

Courses last approximately a week and start at 7 p.m. and end at roughly 9:30 p.m. Students are limited to 20 per class since Quaife finds this a good number to teach.

The fee for each course is \$20 and is held at S & W Sports in the A. E. LePage Mall on Highway 27.

Courses will continue as long as there are enough students interested. Exams are still set up with the Ministry of Natural Resources. Anyone interested in taking a gun safety course should contact Steve Quaife at 526-3912.

Elmira gals beat MSS in finals

Midland Secondary School's senior girls basketball team seems to be coming up against a brick wall every time the local gals meet their counterparts from Elmira.

MSS lost in the Grey-Bruce Tournament in Meaford over the weekend to Elmira in the finals.

The team played well, winning against Owen Sound Collegiate 34-21 in a game in which Tracy Vent scored 16 points.

Defense was the name of the game in the second round against Listowel.

Midland won the game 32-9 with Angie Pumptis scoring 14 points.

The third game against Elmira was a close one, ending in a 36-33 loss for the Midland team.

The loss represents the second tournament in a row that the senior girls have lost in the finals to Elmira.

This, in no way, detracts from their play and they deserve a great deal of credit for their performance.

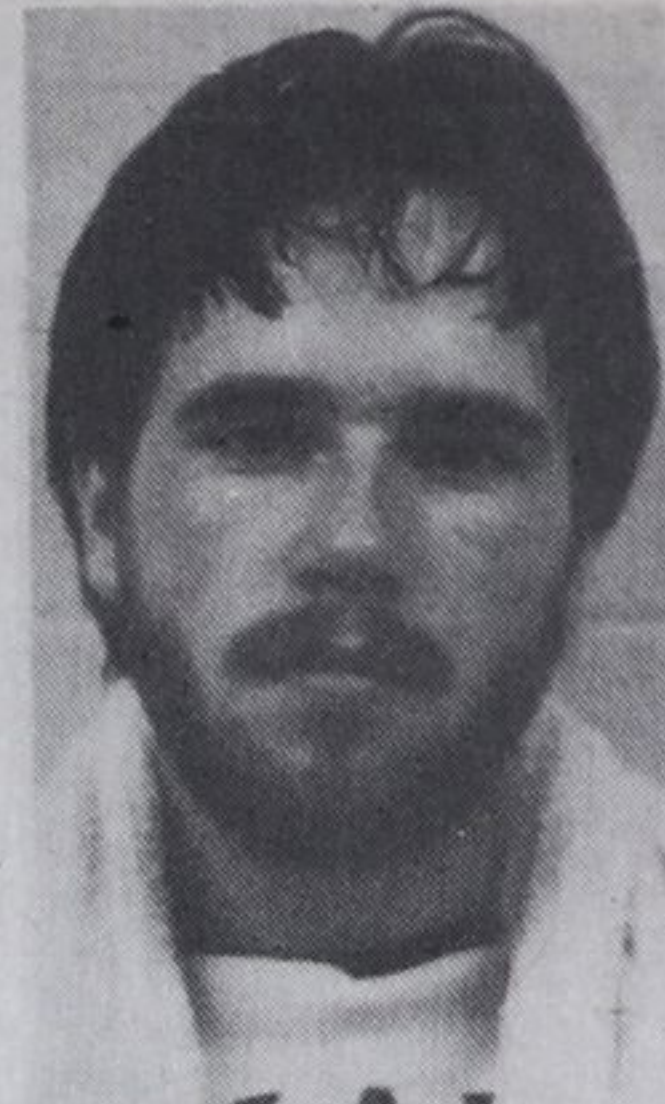
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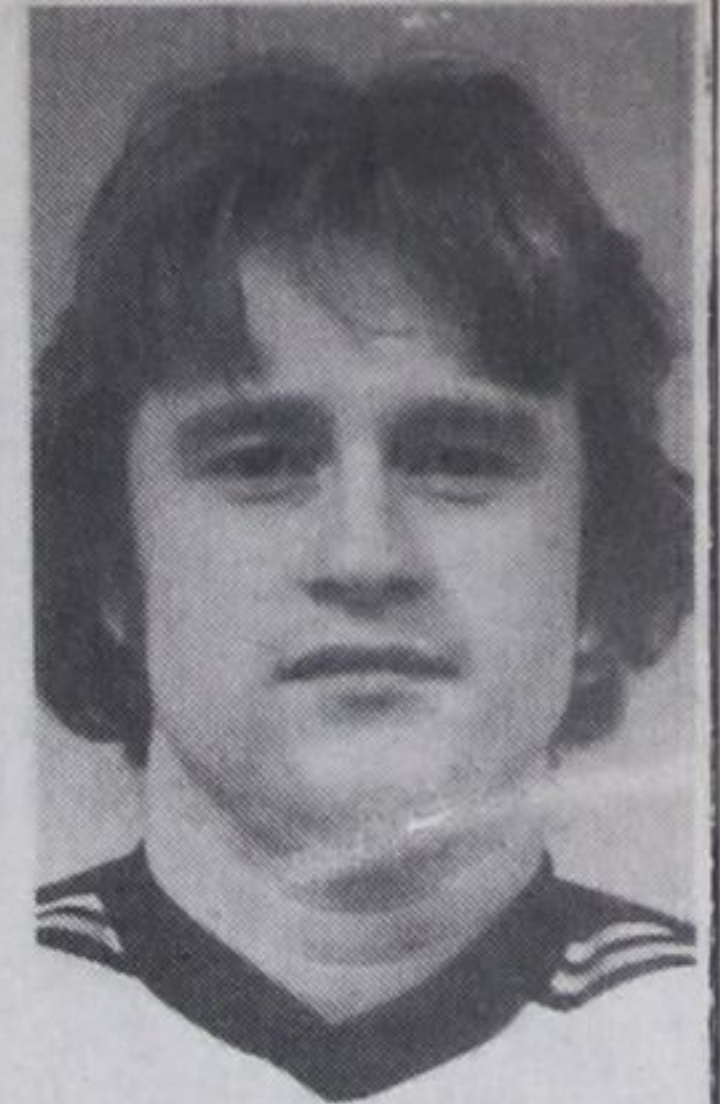
Travis Bonneville



Noel McEachern



Don Whittaker



Terry Thoms

Penetanguishene rec hockey underway

In Penetanguishene recreational Hockey League action Sunday, Hindson opened the season at 9:30 with a 4-2 victory over Dock Lunch.

Scores for Hindson were recorded by Paul MacDonald, James Dupuis, Ron Lalonde and Rob Larmand.

Larmand also received an assist on the goal by Lalonde.

Larry Langley and Tom Gignac tallied up for Dock Lunch with Gignac also assisting on the goal by Langley.

The second game was a 3-3 tie between Chalet Sports and V & J Gas Bar.

Mark Duquette scored a goal and assisted on another by Don Bazinet for Chalet Sports.

Bazinet scored two goals in the game.

For V & J Gas Bar, Richard LeFaive put the puck past the goaltender for the first goal of the game and assisted on a later goal.

Dan Dahmer and John Bell scored the other two goals with

Randy Leroux receiving two assists in game play.

Next session will be Oct. 12 beginning at 9:30 p.m.

Bancroft tourney won by St. T's

In the North Hastings High School annual junior volleyball tournament, St. Theresa's High School junior boys' volleyball team won first place.

Tournament was held in Bancroft, with St. Theresa's dominating the play.

Their first game was a close one but St. Theresa's just couldn't hang on as they went down in defeat 16-14.

Next game was a better one for the team with the victory 15-11 going in their favor.

St. Theresa's won their next two games against Nicholson 15-1 and 15-7.

They won quite easily over North Hastings 15-4 and 15-6 and then went on to win 15-1 and 15-2 over Ernestown.

Finals pitted St. Theresa's against Belleville Collegiate Institute with the victory going to St. Theresa's 15-3 and 15-9.

OHA Intermediate A Division Standings

As of Oct. 6

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Georgetown Raiders	2	2	0	0	13	8	4
Orillia Terriers	1	1	0	0	7	5	2
Collingwood Shipbuilders	2	1	1	0	10	12	2
Barrie Flyers	1	0	1	0	3	5	0
Midland Athletics	1	0	1	0	5	7	0
Port Elgin Sunocos	1	0	1	0	4	5	0
Owen Sound Greys	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Three teams tied for first in Midland Industrial bowling

A three way tie has developed in the Midland Industrial Bowling League after this past Sunday's play in the Midland bowling alley.

Commodore Hotel and Quality Carpet Care of the eastern division and Brabant's construction of the western division all have 22 points with 10 wins and two losses.

Winner of the high single of the week trophy donated by Summer's Trophies was Don Lacroix at 366.

High scores for the week of Oct. 5 were: Louis Maurice with a single of 311, Maurice Lapensee with 309 and Sam Poole with 305.

High average is 248 with Dennis Brabant, followed by Don Lacroix with 242 and J. P. Desroches with 238.

Rain delayed X-country

The Area 3 elementary school cross-country run that was scheduled for Saturday was cancelled due to inclement weather.

However, a new date has been set for the event which will be held at Mountain View Ski

Hill in Midland.

The cross-country run will be held Oct. 9 at 1:15 p.m.

Larry Bowers, principal of Msgr. Castex School in Midland will be supervising the race.

A dozen schools are expected to send representative teams to the annual event.

Last year's winners from Penetanguishene's St. Joseph's school will also be present at the race.

Bressette top Sinner

Jim Bressette still holds the mens' title for top average in the Sunday Sinners Bowling League.

His 213 average has been untouched for the second week now while Pamela Lesperance is in possession of the title for the ladies' with 187.

Bressette also holds the high single for men with 317 and Betty Thayer the ladies' at 273.

High triple is Bressette's as well with an 878 score.

Pamela Lesperance holds the high triple at 647 for the ladies.

In league play, the Lucky Strikers are in first place with 23 points.

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All other pickups will be one day late this week only

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