

# The big daddy of all 19th annual Bass Derby set

by Brian Berrault

Hang onto your socks. It's that time of year. Bass season is just around the corner and to hawg hunters that only means one thing.

The Little Lake Bass Derby will soon be underway. It's down on the books as the 19th Annual Little Lake Bass Derby.

Lures will be touching water in the oldest derby in Canada at 6 a.m. on June 28.

The last line to be reeled up will have to be on shore before 6p.m.

As most contestants know that's usually old faithful, John Power, who makes up for being late by leaving early. (confusing?)

Due to technical difficulties there will be no lunch after the 12 hour derby. This year awards and prizes will be presented at the weigh-in station at the old main dock or change house on the beach.

Entry fee has dropped in price. For once in the history of inflation, an angler will pay less than he has in previous years. Five dollars will get anyone with a rod into the Little Lake Bass Derby for 1981.

And they said inflation couldn't be beaten. Entry forms can be purchased at Garners Sport Shop on King St., Twin Lakes also on the main street in Midland, S&W Sport Shop in LePage Mall on Highway 27 and Gauthier Sports Shop in Penetanguishene.

For those who finish second and third there are cash awards. I have reserved first place cash for myself this year, but if by chance someone else takes top honours it too will be a cash award plus the number one trophy, which makes the winner top angler for 1981.

Weigh-in times will be the same as in past years, 12 noon, 3 p.m. and final chance at 6 p.m.

Only one prize will be allowed per entry. I'm sure the only reason this regulation was put in was to stop myself from picking up enough money to fly to Las Vegas.

No minnows are allowed during the Bass Derby. This is not only a regulation of the derby but also a bylaw on the books of town hall.

Restricting use of minnows keeps unwanted species from entering Little Lake. It seems we have a hard enough time just keeping those big hawks alive in this small lake.

It's too bad, but there will be no weight bonus for live release. Most contestants do release their catch but a bonus may give a few more the incentive to release since most anglers do not eat their catch anyway.

Regardless of the bonus, if you're not going to eat it do everything in your power to keep bass alive. The lake needs all the care we can give it.

There are only a few contestants I'm watching. I understand Mr. Clean, Paul Quenelle, is talking about a comeback in our derby. Jean Power is always dangerous in a clinch. I understand Jean gets her husband John Power to talk in his sleep, giving away some faithfully guarded bass secrets.

Of course, John, the only other contestant to win the derby more than once, is always dangerous.

It seems Dan Lecroix has cornered the market on frogs. It's for sure he'll have to be watched. Lecroix's boat has been named "Frog Power". All I can say after winning this number one derby five times is "its lonely at the top".

See you at the Little Lake Bass Derby and remember, have fun.

# A way to meet members

Executive members of the Elmvale and District Tennis Club feel fellow members would have a stronger "club feeling" if a special time were set aside for all players to get together.

As a result, every Wednesday evening from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. (beginning immediately) all club members are invited to go and play tennis at the club.

According to organizer Katie Austin, everyone will be assured of a game as there will be a co-ordinator on hand to

## Bouffard wins opener

What started as an eight member race for the Balm Beach Windsurfer Fleet at Gilwood Bay Saturday turned out to be a five-man event due to decreased winds.

First for the course was Clermont Bouffard with Lothar Scheld coming in second.

This was the first race of the new season for the Balm Beach Windsurfer Fleet.

organize play. The group are hoping the Wednesday evening play will prove to be a good way for fellow members to meet.

This Saturday, June 20, from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. junior beginners or near

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# Pontiettes take Therrien's by 5-2

Penetanguishene Stoneleigh Pontiettes controlled much of the game last Wednesday when they downed Midland Therrien's Ladies 5-2 in Georgian Bay Ladies Softball League play.

The game, held in McGuire Park in Penetanguishene was a real pitching dual with Nancy Bell recording the win for Penetanguishene, striking out five batters.

Her counterpart, Sharon Borrow struck out three batters on the mound for Midland.

Bell proved her prowess extended past pitching though as she

was two for three at bat and also made a sacrifice bunt to advance one of her team's runners on base.

All of Midland's scoring was done in the second inning when Linda Vessair started off with a single, Gail Latour bunting her to second.

Vessair came home when Sue Grigg hit a single but an error allowed her to go to second.

Another error by Penetanguishene saw Grigg scoring Midland's second run with Anne Lemieux getting to second.

Penetanguishene's

big inning was the top of the fourth with three runners crossing the plate, those being Joan Therrien, Annette Marchand and Cathy Dupuis.

Rose Lesperance scored Penetanguishene's other two runs, one in the first inning and one in the fifth.

Midland Therrien's Ladies will again be in action tomorrow night in Little Lake Park at 6:45 p.m. when they will play Christian Island.

Penetanguishene Stoneleigh Pontiettes will be playing tonight against Penetang G & C, that game at 8:30 p.m. in McGuire Park in Penetanguishene.

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