

Outdoors

by Bryan Berriault

There's a few outdoor enthusiasts who will think it over before heading out to break our game laws in the future. Fines are beginning to rise as fast as our Canadian inflation.

Magistrates are beginning to put a dollar-and-sense value on natural resources. I'll bet even a few conservation officers are beginning to see the fruits of their countless nights and days of patrolling forests and waterways.

Owen Sound magistrates have been handing out a few jail sentences. Along with the jail term, probation periods will see the guilty culprits standing on shore but not being able to fish in Ontario waters. Hopefully this will set a precedence for law-breakers in Ontario.

A few other charges that hit where it hurts have been settled in Huronia District. Three men may think twice before trying to hunt deer at night. Even though they had no deer they were fined \$2,000 each for their illegal hunt.

The three would-be moose hunters from the Toronto area were fined a total of \$6,000 for illegally possessing big game. That's expensive eating considering they didn't get to eat their illegal game.

Nine Ohio residents will be more careful too when they consider hunting in Ontario. Charged with illegally hunting raccoons at night the merry band had fines ranging from \$2,000 to \$2,500 for killing 53 raccoons.

Fish are bringing a higher price in court now. Three North River men found that taking fish illegally is an expensive sport. The three found that only a couple of fish can bring a high price in court. Each was fined \$500 for their part in the transaction.

At long last, it's not the quantity of the game but the quality that counts. Before sharpening a spear or getting out the net, best check the bank account for the necessary cash to pay the fine. Congratulations to the Ministry of Natural Resources and the magistrates involved on a job well done.

This is National Wildlife Week. The Canadian Wildlife Federation is promoting an "Acid Rain Public Write-In Campaign". They are asking all Sportsmen to write their member of parliament expressing their views on this issue. If enough letters are sent, surely the government will have to act before it is too late.

Acid Rain is not a new subject. It is slowly killing our lakes and forests. If measures aren't taken in the near future we may be reading about hunting and fishing in history books. Ontario has already lost over 4,000 lakes, with another 48,000 being affected by acid rain. It's not a problem that can be put off unless our government is willing to play Russian Roulette—with our lakes and forests at stake.

Canadiens win HL title

Charlie Buttineau popped in three goals to power the A. E. LePage Canadiens to a 9-5 win over the Little Lake BP North Stars in the Penetanguishene Minor Hockey Association Pee-wee House League championship Monday

at Penetanguishene Arena.

The Lockhart Motors Nordique scored a 10-4 victory over the KIL Islanders to capture the consolation trophy.

The teams were arranged for Monday's matchups after the

North Stars beat the Nordique 7-5 and the Canadiens blasted the Islanders 10-2 in semi-final action last Thursday.

Richard Ronald and Brent Dubeau boosted

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Parlour Games play on

Midland Parlour Games finished off their Ontario Volleyball Association Mens' Senior B regular-season schedule Sunday by winning five of six games and taking over sole possession of second place in their division.

The Raiders knocked off the Don Valley Raiders 15-4, 15-1, 15-1 and then bounced back on Toronto Plast 12-15, 15-13, 15-12.

With the victories, the Parlour Games squad wound up the season with a 31-11 record, two wins back of Toronto Kalev and one ahead of Plast. Toronto North finished fourth in the division with 23 wins.

The top three teams qualify for the Provincial Cup, slated for April 25 in Toronto.

Parlour Games captain Pete Beene sprained his ankle during Sunday's match with Don Valley, and he'll be doubtful for the Cup tournament.

Beene's absence will be a major handicap, but, says team spokesman Chris Brennan, the team will remain competitive.

"We're pretty confident in our play right now," said Brennan. "We know we've got a pretty good shot at the Cup."

Brennan said the club's defensive play has been improved considerably, and the individual improvement of Jerry Robitaille has provided the team with renewed spunk.

In Sunday's matches, the Midland team were led by some good setting from Herb Chapman, strong net play from middle blocker Rick Presse, received some powerful net play from Paul Cox and were sparked by excellent backcourt play and digging from Dan Lethbridge and Brennan.

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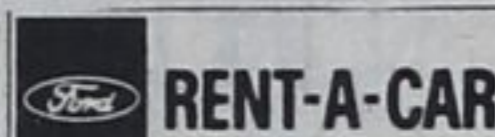
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