Outdoors

by Bryan Berriault

If whitetails are your pleasure this November and Huronia District is your area to hunt, you'd better get a move on. Applications are available for the controlled hunt held throughout Simcoe and Dufferin County. Both counties are divided into smaller sections which hunters are asked to apply for separately. Hunters can hunt only in areas allowed by their validation tag if successful in their application.

Since each district has on the amount of hunters any area over that number will have a lottery to pick successful applicants.

This hunt has been going on for the past few years without problems to local police or our conservation officers. It has proved to be successful from the point of view of both the Ministry of Natural Resources and the hunter.

According to Robin Craig, Biologist for the Ministry of Natural Resources in Midhurst, last year's severe winter would have taken the lives of many more deer had it not been for the controlled hunt. Herd numbers were cut back allowing more feed during winter months for the remainder of the deer. If there had been no hunt deer mortality would have been much higher than those taken during the hunt and those which died during winter or because of it.

With the additional number taken by the hunter last year added to the herd, food would have been gone much quicker, therefore causing more deaths through starvation.

Also, fawns born this year would have been in very poor condition and may have died. If you are interested in this year's hunt, better get a move on. Applications have to be in the Midhurst office by Sept. 25. The address is MNR Midhurst, Ont. LoL 1X0 or phone Zenith 73000.

Musky Situation

Muskies have a way of making liars of everyone. Last weekend I told two old reprobates who, up until then, fished with me, that it took about 50 hours of trolling to get a muskie on a line.

Wouldn't you know it -- those old muskies proved me wrong.

Within three hours a 20-pounder was laying on the floor of the boat, not including the one that didn't see fit to stay and fight but took the easy way out and spit the hook.

On Russell Quesnelle's first muskie expedition, he came home successful. The next day word got out that I was pretty good at guiding for muskie but not too good at catching them.

Garnet Quesnelle thought he might like to tie into Ontario's largest game fish since it looked so easy.

Sure enough, after a couple of hours off the shores of Green Island, Garnet had his muskie in the boat. They both looked at me, shrugged their shoulders and said, "nothing to it." The fact that they were using probably the hottest muskie bait to hit water did help.

The Swim Whizz has boated many a muskie in Georgian Bay but on this weekend it did a super job.

Colour didn't seem to matter, either. All three muskies hit on a different colour, but the action is the same. Congratulations to both men on a good job of playing in 20-pound muskies on 12-pound test line.

Now, who you fishing with next week?

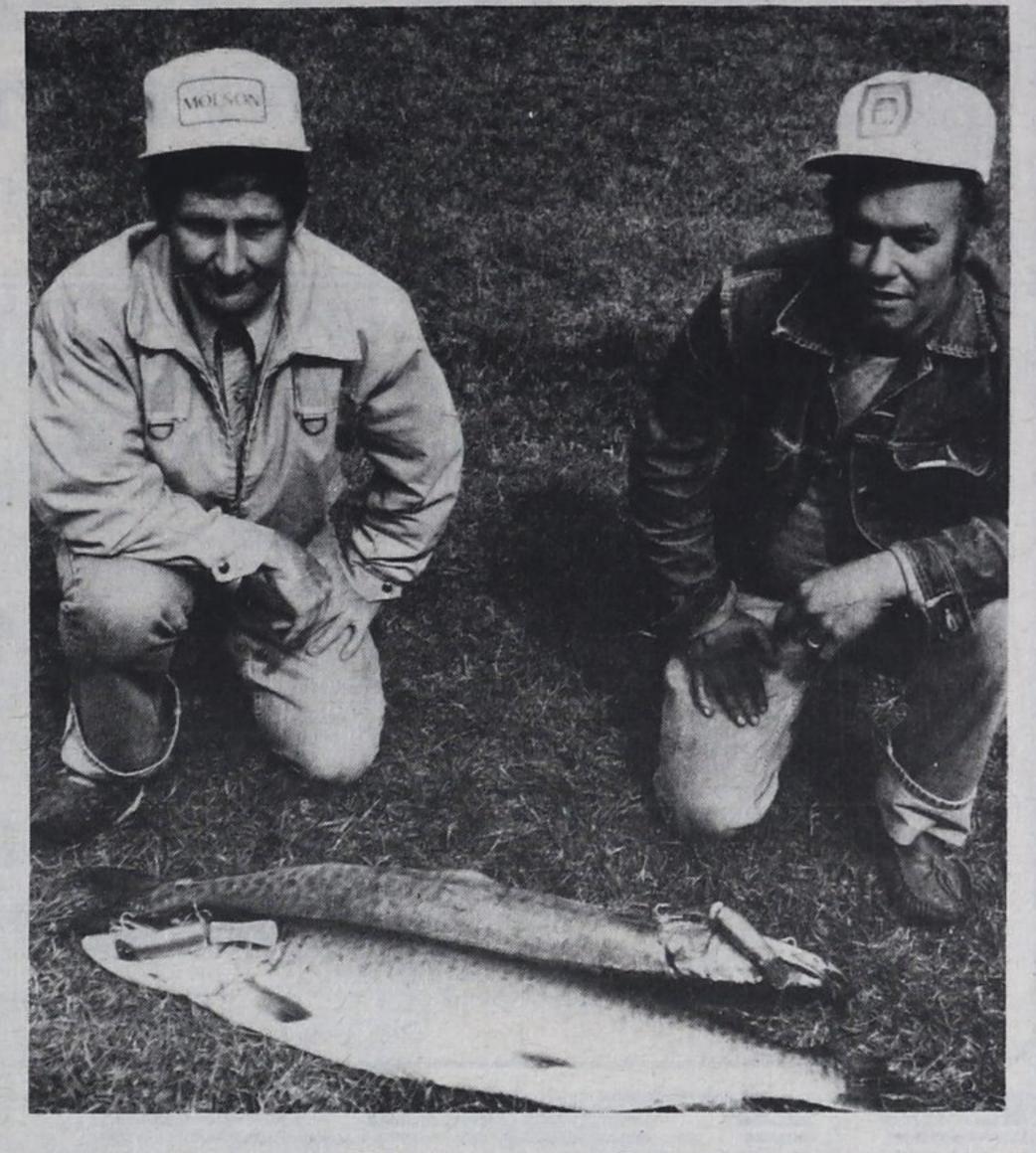
These three were on the ball

The team of Eileen Moreau, Helen Griffin and Ruth Rowland topped all in the Midland golf and Country Club's besttwo-of-three-ball event in the Ladies' Section competition last

Tuesday.

In regular play, Ruth Rowland won the day's net title with a 61, Eileen Denny and Kay Lapere were next at 68, and Eileen Moreau and Dorothy Spicer tied for third at 69.





Close catches

It's the only kind of argument to have: Who has the biggest fish? Whoever it was, Russell and Garnet Quesnelle can both smile after taking these two muskies from Georgian Bay. They measured over 40 inches each and hit the scales at better than 20 pounds. A Swim Whizz was the lure that turned the table and put plenty of meat on its top-. And both fishermen agree on this: taking muskie on 12-ound Stern line offers a challenge of a lifetime. (Photo by Brian Berriault)

250 board at Wasaga

The North American Boardsailing Championships got underway this week in Wasaga Beach and will continue through this weekend.

championships were brought to Wasaga Beach through the combined efforts of Walter Borthwick, mayor of the town of Wasaga Beach, and Dennis Wilson, a town councillor. The two

Open Class Championships in St. Petersburg, Florida, and actively campaigned against 10 other cities in order to secure the championships for Wasaga Beach in 1982.

About 250 competitors from Canada and the United States as well as Europe and Hawaii are taking part in the two championship disciplines - the "Triangle

American Championship.

There will also be championship freestyle competition and, if wind and time allow, there will be an "in-and-out" race around a fixed marker. In addition to the competition, there will also be equipment displays set up and onthe-beach instruction



MMLA chief back for more

David Chalmers was re-elected president of the Midland Minor Lacrosse Association at the association's annual meeting last week at Midland Arena.

a In message following his reelection, Chalmers, along with Lee Waters, stressed the importance of more and continuing parental assistance in the association's fundraising activities -- primarily the MMLA's bingo operation at Parkside.

Others elected at the meeting were: Gary Price, vice-president; Helen Perrault. secretary; Wayne McMann, treasurer; John Wadge, referee in chief; Robert O'Hara, public relations; and directors Andy Traynor, Brian Walser, Garnett Desjardins and Larry Sandy.





