

Outdoors
with
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An increasingly popular winter sport is ice fishing, Lake Simcoe is the Ontario hot spot and the number of huts on the lake has increased from 800 to almost 4,500 in a matter of 12 years. Those who travel up from the cities for a weekend's fishing spend an estimated \$65,000 each week.

It is little short of amazing that after nearly 200 years of being fished winter and summer, Simcoe consistently yields an abundance of fish. It is estimated that between January 15th and March 18th, 1961, the total catch amounted to 129,380 fish.

Whitefish and herring constitute most of the catches, but lake trout are far from uncommon. There is a hard core of anglers who fish for nothing else. These boys usually fish in the open since they are always on the move until they locate the trout. I know some of these hardy and dedicated characters who may walk up to 15 miles a day, cutting one to two dozen holes as they go. And this is often in blustery, sub-zero weather.

They pick up most of their trout by jigging a metal bait such as the Lujon, which is just about the hottest ice fishing lure on the market. It resembles a minnow feeding on the bottom when it is jigged up and down in the proper manner.

Another lure that is often dynamite on trout, especially if they happen to be at various depths, is the decoy. As the line is fed out the decoy heads for the bottom in ever-widening circles just like a swimming fish. It can be given an erratic, tantalizing motion by giving the line short jerks. There are two basic types: a metal decoy manufactured by Dominion and a hand-carved decoy which many of the veteran Lake Simcoe fishermen turn out.

Herring and whitefish are usually caught by fishing minnows on a spreader with the tip-up delicately balanced in a holder. Whitefish are bottom feeders and your minnows must be on the bottom if you are going to be successful. They have a soft, delicate mouth and must be brought up with a smooth, steady pull or the hooks will rip out.

Equipment is a simple and inexpensive matter. It consists of a tip-up or balance stick, a spreader of the two or three hook variety and a heavy monofilament or fly line.

Most of the regulars have their own bobbing shacks but the casual fisherman who gets away fishing only occasionally

Sunday Nite Hockey

Intermediate Standings

	P	W	L	T	P
Rangers	2	2	0	0	4
Habs	2	2	0	0	4
Golden Hawks	2	1	1	0	2
Willowdale	2	1	1	0	2
Newmarket	2	0	2	0	0
Richmond Hill	2	0	2	0	0

Willowdale 7 - Golden Hawks 0

In the first game the Willowdale boys bounced back from their defeat last week by downing the Doncaster Golden Hawks 7-0.

Habs 11 - Richmond Hill 1

The Habs displayed fine hockey with power as they whipped the Richmond Hill Aces 11-1.

Rangers 7 - Newmarket 3

Rangers defeated the Newmarket Royals the last game 7-3 which proved the closest contest of the evening.

FUTURE GAMES

Sunday, February 3
Habs vs Willowdale 7 p.m.
Richmond Hill vs Newmarket, 8 p.m.
Rangers vs Golden Hawks 9 p.m.

Hornets Beat Leaside

Tie Brampton 3 - All

Hornets 3 - Leaside 2
The Hornets won a close 3-2 decision over a tough Leaside team at Richmond Hill last Friday night. Coach Earl Methe reports a good team effort by all members of the club.

Ricky Thompson scored for the Hornets with Beany Methe, Ricky Doucette and Phil Clarke being credited with assists.

This was Ricky Thompson's first game with the Hornets since he has been brought up from the house league as a replacement. John Dunkley has a chipped ankle bone and is probably lost to the team for the rest of the season. Hal Cameron is also out of action with an ankle injury.

Hornets 3 - Brampton 3
A Saturday night exhibition game at Brampton saw these two teams play to the third tie in a row. Previous games ended in 2-2 scores and this time the final score was 3-3.

Dave Lund scored one goal for the Hornets, assisted by Beany Methe, then turned the tables by assisting Methe on his first of two goals. Methe also scored a singleton.

Doug Meyers was a tower of strength in the Hornet goal while John Shropshire gave the team a great defensive effort.

Markham Curlers Trophy Winners

Richmond Hill Curling Club was the scene of the Second Annual Ontario Hydro Central Region Bonselpiel on January 19th. Twenty four rinks competed in the day long event which finished with the presentation of the Adam Smith Trophy to the winning Markham Village Rink in the evening.

The winning rink was skipped by Ted Westlake and the members were Hal Wright, Bert Wood, and Peter Scott. Last year's bonselpiel was held at Sutton.

Among the curlers was Ontario Hydro Chairman Ross Strike Q.C. and Mr. Adam Smith manager of the central region. Local host for the event was Mr. L. J. Roy, area manager for Richmond Hill district.

A rink from the central region offices in Willowdale came second while a rink from Sutton was third. The members of the Willowdale Rink were, Sid Barnes skip, Lloyd Algar, Keith Blackwell and Hugh Rogers.

A breakdown of the 24 rinks is as follows, 12 from Willowdale, four from Toronto, two from Sutton, two from Richmond Hill, and one each from Uxbridge, Brampton, Markham and Bowmanville.

In recognition of Richmond Hill as the rising curling centre of Canada, Mr. Smith presented Mr. Strike with a dozen Richmond Hill roses. The local hydro commission was represented at the event by Mayor William Neal and Chairman Sam Cook.

Calgary Middle Ace Returns Willowdale

Calgary Stampeder football star Fred Fleming returned to his Bishop Avenue home in Willowdale for a visit last week. The big middle guard, who has been away from two courses of the 20th century, the blaring TV and the jangling telephone. Everyone needs a chance to get caught up on his sit'n and think'n.

Hunched in a 5 foot by 6 foot semi-dark hut over a prolonged period of time can be instrumental in bringing on a rather strange malady known as cabin fever. If you are alert enough to watch for and recognize the symptoms, you may arrest it before it has too deep a grip on you. It has reached the advanced stages when you begin raving that you haven't got cabin fever and there's not a damn thing wrong with you.

Ah, yes, the symptoms. It's quite OK to talk to yourself if there is no one else around and besides, where would you possibly find a more intelligent listener? But if this develops into a conversation or discussion, beware.

And if that tip-up tips when it doesn't it's proof positive you'd better get out of that hut and back to civilization. This illusion is created by bobbling eye balls, which is not something to be lightly brushed aside.

I always wonder what it is wrong with those pitiful souls who spend the entire winter perched on the hot air register in their own warm and uninteresting little cave in some 20 storey cliff.

You cannot convince them to even give this ice fishing a whirl on the off chance it might make a little bit of a man out of them. They are 'like to mutter, "Ice fishing leaves me cold," without taking their eyes off the TV set as "Snarley" Casey, with the king-size chip on his shoulder, growls and sulks his way through another 60 minutes.

These sad, lack-lustre products of this age of conformity have not the tiniest spark of adventuresome spirit. It is this type who probably wouldn't even go out with a girl with snakes for hair for fear of turning to stone.

Hill 4 Newmarket 0

Richmond Hill 4 - Newmarket 0
With Bob Ritchie as steady as a rock in the Richmond Hill goal the local team were able to shut Newmarket out by a 4-0 score.

Bob Mustard scored two goals as Fred Leach and Tom Reynolds scored singletons.

This was 10 wins against three losses for the juvenile team and leaves them all alone at the top of the league standings.

Nip Unionville 4-2 Tie Newmarket 2-2

North End Cleaners 4 Unionville 2
On January 21 the Reg Acomb coached North End Cleaners cooped on along the win trail by edging Unionville 4-2.

Greg Sephton, Doug Acomb, Jim Wilson and Tom Tyson were the marksmen. Assists went to Wayne Harrington, Jim Wilson, Greg Sephton and Doug Acomb.

North End Cleaners 2 Newmarket 2
Ron Haldane played great goal for the North End Cleaners as they played to the third tie in as many starts against Newmarket. Previous scores were 3-3 and 0-0.

Dallas Worrall and Jim Wilson scored for the Cleaners while Gary Sephton picked up an assist on one of the goals.

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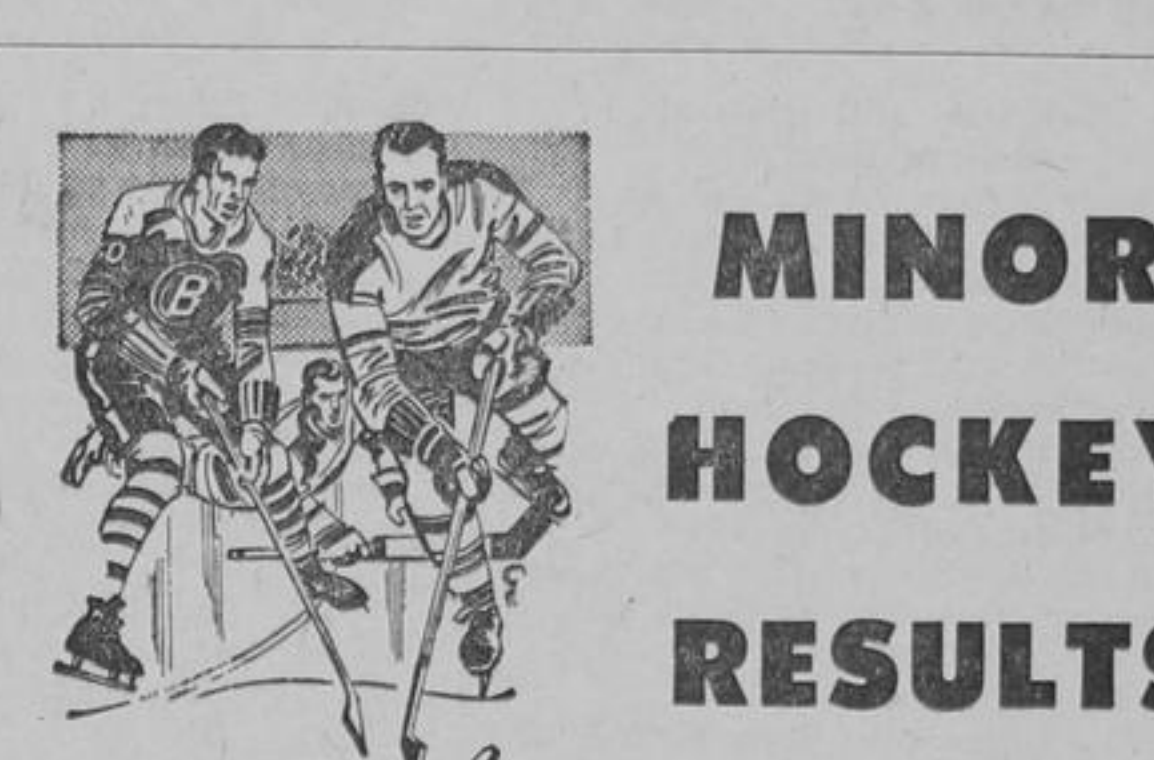
Ontario's 1963 licence plates - white lettering on a black background - have been appearing on vehicles throughout Richmond Hill this month, although to date sales have been on the light side, according to Mayor William Neal, who runs the local issuing office.

Mr. Neal is seen above with A. T. Crosier, manager of the Canadian-Imperial Bank of Commerce, 57 Yonge St., South, who made sure he would not be caught in the last minute rush by purchasing his shortly after they went on sale.

Passenger and dual purpose licence plates and drivers' licences went on sale December 10 in all Department of Transport issuing offices.

The date was advanced three weeks from the issuing date of previous years in order to make it more convenient for motorists to purchase licences.

Deadline for new licences will be March 13, about the same as in past years. 1962 Commercial plates are valid until March 31, and 1963 commercial plates will be valid until March 31, 1964.



MINOR HOCKEY RESULTS

SQUIRT LEAGUE
Morley's Foodland 6 Gormley Sand & Gravel 0
Morley's devoured Gormley S & G in this game. A shutout for Kelly Maidens and a "hat trick" for Wesley Work. Other goals were scored by Michael Ball (2), and John Stokes. Assists Ball (2), Work (2), Jody Bryan and Martin Peterson.

Consumers' Gas 2 Skyline Motors 1
This was a fast close game with Skyline's lone goal from Paul Ranieri being unassisted. Consumers' goals were by Jim Hornett's assists Robbie Hall and Dennis Acomb. Billy Martin scored the second goal with an assist from Gary Cosgrove.

Sunnybrook Riding Club 2 Rumble Transport 1
Another close game as both teams played fast hockey. Sunnybrook's Brian Madeley scored a goal unassisted and John Bromley scored with an assist from Paul Boreham. Rumble's loner from Nigel Shelton unassisted.

Wilson Niblett 1 Charlton Hardware 0
Another close game. Wilson Niblett's Stacey Richard scored, assist to Tim McArthur. Goalies David Carnell and Tom Kirkpatrick were terrific.

Allencourt Pharmacy 1 Bob's Boys 7
Bob's Boys were good boys this time clubbing Allencourt. Two goals each for Martin Gill, Stephen Brown and Greg Binkley and a single for James Fitzpatrick. Assists Martin Gill (2), Bob Duern (2), and Don Hillaby. Roger Crook and Shawn Henneberry. Allencourt's only goal came from Hank Gibson unassisted.

Dan's Esso 2 Markham Paving 2
Two-all tie in this game. Excellent goal tending from Gord Woolnough and Jim Sexsmith. Dan's goals from Doug Lounsbury and Gord Henderson with an assist to Garry Tulk. Markham's goals were by Randy Bagley and Chris Campbell with assists to Jim Davenport and Scott Mabley.

PEE WEE LEAGUE
Americans 4 Gunned 3
This up to a point was anyone's game. Pete Coughlin scored an unassisted goal for the Americans. Steve Cyr, Jack McAuley and Jim Fournier scored singles. Assists to Coughlin, Kip Berry, Jim MacKenzie, Fournier and Steve Hely. Gunned's goals were scored by David Gross and David Webster unassisted. Jim Ball scored with an assist from David Webster.

Deciantis & Rice 2 A's Cycle & Sports 2
A tie game for Goalies Chris Amos and Mike Petronski. D & R's goals were by Chris Amery unassisted and David Boyle, assist Leo Van Pelt. A's Cycle goals were by Frank Petronski unassisted and Steve Campbell, assist to Dave Newman.

Young's Service Station 3 Sheppard & Gill 2
Young's Larry Young scored a "hat trick" with assists from Bernie Corless (2), Allen Hawk-

SPORT SPOTS

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one funny story and that one leads to another. Last week we heard a funny ice fishing story and got two back for one. Talk about casting your bread on the waters!

A well known ice fishing operator at Lake Simcoe took an English couple, man and wife, on their first ice fishing trip. On the way out to the hut they fired questions thick and fast - faster than he could answer them in any case. This man is renowned for his sense of humour and he can ad lib beautifully.

After a host of other questions they finally inquired about what was used for bait. They were told that minnows would be used and inevitably they wanted to know how to get them onto a hook. With a perfectly straight face our hero told them to squeeze the minnows until the tongues stuck out and then to slip the hook through the extended tongue.

After twenty minutes or so of vainly squeezing minnows they reported failure and were then shown an alternative method - - the right one.
- SPORTS SPOTS -



HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Bayview Secondary
Intramural wrestling championships were decided at Bayview last Friday night with Rob Roy McGregor refereeing the final matches. For the third year in a row the black colour team won the event with a total of 88 points. The gold team was second with 74 points, green third with 73 and red in last place with 56 points.

Richmond Hill High
Richmond Hill Midgets churned out a 34-19 basketball win over their arch rivals, Thornhill, on the Richmond Hill floor last week. The junior and senior teams were overawed by the large Thornhill floor and lost both games. In the senior game Thornhill outscored the green and white 61-45 as Thornhill Juniors fashioned a 42-23 win over Richmond Hill.

Thornhill Secondary
Brian Wilcox, the golfing ace of Thornhill Secondary School is off to the University of New Mexico on a golf scholarship. Whoever said that golf and higher education don't mix?

In exhibition basketball with St. Andrew's Thornhill Seniors won 48-32 while the juniors wiped the floor with the college boys 52-11. Both junior and senior teams dumped Richmond Hill in handy fashion but the midgets absorbed a 34-19 loss. Girls' junior and senior basketball teams won over their King City rivals. The senior girls squeaked out a 23-24 win and the juniors doubled the score on King City winning 32-16.

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