

# SPORT SPOTS ....

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If you should be still undecided as to just what you'll do on your holidays, then try writing for these booklets. They'll give you some sound advice, many ideas, help you enjoy a better holiday, and you'll definitely know Ontario a whole lot better and, most important, the pamphlets and maps are free!

### TRACK AND FIELD PLAN

One of the best jobs in aid of amateur sport in this country is being done by the Royal Canadian Legion. They have a very comprehensive national sports training plan and, for the moment, are concentrating heavily on track and field. This is one of the very few major organizations that have taken a big interest in a very basic sporting event.

When track and field sports are mentioned in this day and age the names of athletes such as Bruce Kidd, Bill Crothers, Nancy McCredie and Abbie Hoffman come immediately to mind. This is natural because these young people have captured the imagination of the entire country. And yet, behind these names are a host of other talented young athletes who have not yet achieved their full potential. Some day they, too, will achieve a certain measure of fame. The legion program is designed to help these youngsters realize their natural abilities to the fullest extent and to see that they are trained and coached properly. It is the aim of the Royal Canadian Legion to see that Canada gains stature in the world of the spiked shoe and the flying discus.

To further this end the legion is holding coaching and training clinics and promoting track and field meets from one coast to the other. It was the legion who sponsored, ran and directed the indoor track and field meet in Winnipeg that drew 1,300 entries from amongst the high school crowd. With such direct involvement in running a meet of this size, the legion is doing much more than offering mere lip service to the cause they have sponsored.

Any track and field meet, while appearing relatively easy to operate to the lay eye, is, in fact, a very complicated affair. For one thing track and field athletes are usually a fairly high-strung group—not nervously high-strung but rather possessing a great deal of nervous energy. For this reason the timing of events is of the utmost importance so that this nervous energy is not dissipated prior to the event. In addition there are 1,001 other details that have to be taken care of before any runner can run or jumper can go leaping into the wild blue yonder.

All in all, the Royal Canadian Legion deserve a big vote of thanks for what they are doing now and will do in the future for Canadian athletics. Some day it may be possible to hold a legion track and field meet in this area and let local citizenry have a look at what their program is all about. Without track facilities this may prove somewhat difficult, but not insurmountable, to the Royal Canadian Legion—a group who have proved so well in two World Wars that they can solve almost any problem thrown at them.



## Local Rink Wins Tournament

Rinks from Oshawa, Whitby, Markham, Stouffville, Aurora, Tottenham, Allendale and Stayner entered the tourney held last Wednesday by the Richmond Hill lady bowlers on the local greens. Despite rain and cold winds, the tournament was declared one of the best ever held at the local club. Members of the local ladies' club served a delicious supper to their guests.

Seen in the foreground is the Richmond Hill rink which won the tournament. Miss M. Scrivener skipped the winning rink which included Mrs. V. Chatterly and Mrs. E. Lecuyer.

Second prize for three games went to Mrs. Clement's rink from Oshawa. A rink from Markham skipped by Mrs. Reesor won the prize for the high score for two games, and the award for the high score for one game went to Mrs. Gibbs' rink from Oshawa.

## Juveniles Play Two Great Games

The juvenile section of the R.H.M.B.A. is providing some red hot softball action for the edification of local fans. A large crowd last Monday night witnessed one of the best games so far this season as Bayview B.A. squeezed out a 4-3 win over "The Liberal".

George Hopkins, on the mound for the Bayview B.A. allowed only four hits over the seven inning route—a feat duplicated by Dave Deighton who handled "The Liberal" pitching chore.

Hero of the piece for Bayview B.A. was Doug Danter. Danter rapped out a home run with two men on to give the gaslinemen a big boost toward the win.

Sharp defensive work by both infielders and outfielders of both clubs provided some fine action. The kids are playing better softball with each start and should attract a great deal of spectator interest before the season is finished.

Reid's Auto Body bested Bork Jewellers by a 7-2 count behind the pitching of Doug Carter. Carter struck out eleven Bork hopefuls on the way to win. Bruce Sim handled the pitching chore for Bork Jewellers and struck out nine.

Bork Jewellers and "The Liberal" will play a rained-out game starting at 6:15 p.m. this Friday night.

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### SATAN'S AGENTS

I read a recent news item with interest. Although the Russians can shoot rockets to the moon, put men into orbit, produce a most acceptable drink called vodka, have the world's strongest women (they can have 'em), it seems they still haven't discovered a method of controlling or eliminating the curse of the north.

I am not referring to timber wolves, polar bears or abominable snowmen who are sweet tempered lovable types in comparison to these agents of the devil. (No m'am, not bartenders). I am speaking of the black fly.

I had a doctor tell me black flies seem to prefer people who are deficient in vitamin B. In this case it might be wise to take some pills or inoculations to build up your system before leaving on your trip.

**HOW TO DRESS**

Wear dark clothes since light colored clothing seems to attract them.

A headnet is a must. Although they are hot and stuffy to wear, they are certainly the lesser of two evils.

Wear at least a nine inch boot, since a low shoe will leave your ankles vulnerable. Blackflies are capable of biting or burrowing through the thickest of socks.

Your shirt or jacket should be tucked inside your trousers and your belt tightened up an extra notch. Tuck your pants snugly in your boots. I need not elaborate on the painful outcome of blackflies up the pant leg.

A thin pair of rubber surgical gloves pulled over your cuffs will complete your ensemble. If your hands get hot while wearing these merely dip them in the water.

### SMALL BUT BITEY

I can imagine all you anglers who have headed into the northcountry this time of year are now nodding your heads in agreement. You know what a painful curse this mean tempered critter can be.

The old adage that black fly time is trout time is pretty close to the truth. The blackflies are generally at their worst when trout are at their best. Anyone who has been out when the blackflies were on a feeding spree can readily believe the stories of men who were lost in the bush being killed or driven insane by these insects.

I recall one occasion many years ago, when I happened to be discussing blackflies with a veteran woodsman. I was young and still wet behind the ears at the time and when he mentioned how badly they could bite I said that I had been in the bush many times and blackflies didn't bother me.

"Hell, son", he replied, "Blackflies are like women. They're agreeable one day and the next day they'll chew your ear off".

**NEARLY EATEN ALIVE**

One wonders how such a diminutive beast can inflict such a painful and infectious wound.

After a trip to the Madawaska River a few years ago, I returned so badly chewed up that I was in a miserable state for over a week. My wrists and neck were so swollen, I couldn't even button my collar or cuffs.

The bites became badly infected and even when they eventually did clear up I carried the scars for months after. I have often heard of people being hospitalized due to blackfly bites.

**CAUSE STAMPEDES**

Blackflies breed in spring and lay their eggs on rocks or leaves just below the surface of the water. They lay several hundred eggs which take from four to twelve days to hatch depending on weather conditions.

They are normally active morning and evening spending the hot periods of the day under leaves in shady, cool spots. (From experience—do not count on this). They may bother cattle so much they will cause them to stampede. (Known to do the same to humans).

**REPELLANTS??**

The insect repellants I have tested have been largely ineffective with blackflies. I recall liberally rubbing 6-12 on my neck and arms and setting the open bottle on a rock beside me as I applied it. When I picked it up to screw the cap back on, the flies were crawling right into the bottle with a wild gleam in their eyes as they lapped it up.

## Deputy Game Warden Aid In Work Of Fish & Wildlife Staff

"The protection of our fish and wildlife and natural resources is everyone's business," R. H. Trotter, fish and wildlife supervisor at Maple, says, "today's sportsmen are more conscious of this maxim than ever before and each does his part by instilling this phrase into the minds of his friends. Although it is not possible to issue authority to all persons to do more than advise and educate, the department issues a number of deputy game warden authorities on a quota basis. This is done by rigid screening of the applicant and recommendation of the local conservation officer to assure that the deputized person is a dedicated conservationist and qualified in the knowledge of the Game and Fisheries Act, to take the necessary action to apprehend violators, according to his obligation on appointment. Working under and in co-operation with experienced uniformed conservation officers, the deputy game warden is of great assistance.

Assistance during the month of April was given by volunteer deputy game warden in such areas as the Tabot River, Port Severn, North River, Sturgeon River, Washago, Pine River, Boyne River and Pretty River. The efforts of these men, who are on constant night patrol of the fish spawning grounds, under the supervision of our Conservation Officers, is probably the largest contributing factor to the apparent decline of poaching of fish in this district during the spring spawning period.

Deputies are advised to work in pairs, close to or with a uniformed conservation officer, and it is stressed that the object of patrol is to prevent violators, rather than to catch offenders after fish have been taken.

Installation of a controlled radio in a central spot, to ensure direct communication with all units during the night hours, proved to be an important asset in directing personnel to troubled areas quickly.

During peak periods of activity, such as the spring spawning run of fish, opening of duck and pheasant seasons, and prior to opening of deer season, deputy game wardens, without remuneration, and on a voluntary basis, by patrolling known game areas and discouraging persons who unlawfully break the fish and game laws. Foremost among this group of protectionists are members of fish and game clubs.

## Tips For Umpires

BY DON PILCHER

Most of the rules in softball are quite easy to understand but there is one rule which consistently confuses players, fans and even umpires. Yes, even the most experienced umpire gets lost occasionally trying to understand the "infield fly".

Briefly, the rule states that "with less than 2 out, and runners on first and second, the batter is out for hitting a fly ball that in the opinion of the umpire can be caught by an infielder. Now, does that sound too difficult? For some strange reason, it is, to most people.

Here is a tip, and an easy way to understand this complicated rule. Remember why the rule is in the book.

Imagine to yourself what would happen on a fly ball without the infield fly rule. The runners would be forced to advance, and a good fielder could make a routine catch into a double play. He could trap the ball, and get the runners on a force out. The infield fly rule is there to protect the runners, and prevent the fielder from getting that double play.

But, with the rule in effect, the runners do not have to move off their bases. THERE IS NO FORCE PLAY. This is the important thing. There is no force play. The batter is out as soon as the ball goes in the air.

One little thing though. You, as the umpire must call this play. When the infield fly applies, and the batter hits a fly ball that in your opinion can be caught by an infielder, you call "infield fly," if fair. The batter is out. The ball remains in play. The batter is out whether the fly is caught or not. The runners may advance, but do not have to.

This is a very important rule, and I strongly advise all umpires and players to know it well.

Now, let's see you match your wits with the umpire. This

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Martin Gooch and Scott McDonald were able to attest to Stuart's feat and also to his total for 18 holes. Final count was 105 but who cares when you come up with the thrill of a lifetime?

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