

# Gone fishing stead of wishing



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### Gone fishing

So you want to keep your kid out of trouble? Buy him some fishing tackle and get him started on the right track. This will be one of the best investments you will ever make. Did you know that someone once made a survey in a number of jails and found that very few of the inmates had ever done any fishing, and none was what you could call a fisherman or outdoors-man. This should show you that a boy who goes fishing is less likely to get in trouble with the law.

Some national magazines advertise a complete fishing kit on their back page. Rods, reels, tackle boxes, and all the gear for one low price. Garbage! That's all it is as far as I can see. If you want to turn someone away from fishing get him such a kit. The rod and reel are your most expensive pieces of equipment. There are basically two types available for the beginner — the open faced and the closed faced. **The best rod** The spinning rod with an open faced reel is the best in my book. Good starter rods are available for ten dollars and up. Make sure the rod is a hollow fibreglass one, not the heavy solid type. The grip or handle should be of cork and have a reel seat that can be screwed on to the reel. The open faced spinning reel for this rod is as the name implies, with the face or spool with the line on exposed. This spool remains stationary during the cast and the line flows off without any friction. With the proper line, long distance casts can be achieved. **Be accurate** However, distance is not as important as accurate placement of the lure. Such a reel, if properly cared for, will last a lifetime, so you should get the best money can buy. You can get one for as low as ten dollars, but twenty will get you the top of the line. The second type is the spincast reel and rod. The rod is slightly shorter and has a recessed reel handle. Once again, this fibreglass should be hollow not solid. The reel is closed by a skirt but the line runs off the spool as on the open faced reel. Unlike the latter, where you control the line release with your finger, the spincast reel has a button to release the line. Some of you might know it as the push-button reel. The price of the rod is about the same as the spinning rod but the reel is a bit cheaper. The only drawback with the closed faced reel is that when you have some problem, you must take the reel apart. **Get proper line** One common error most newcomers make is in their choice of line. Of course you know enough to stay away from those nameless lines sold in department stores. When you buy your rod and reel, get your line as well. Six to eight pound test is strong enough and no fish will break this line if the drag or brake is properly set on the reel according to poundage. **Fish color blind** Take care in buying lures. Most reputable manufacturers have some simple basic lures which will catch fish. However, there are just as many lures on the shelves that are designed to catch the fisherman rather than the fish. Remember, most fish are colour blind and are not able to see those pink polka dots on that purple lure. I hope I have given you some idea on how to get started — the rest is up to you. I might as well give you the advice now that I would give my best friend; buy your tackle at a good tackle shop where you can get some darn good advice as well as equipment. Stay away from discount and chain stores because the sales personnel usually know little or nothing about fishing, and they seldom offer any service or guarantee. **Keep him out of jail** It's not enough to buy the tackle for your son or daughter. You must give encouragement and better yet, go with him to see what you can catch. The time and money you spend now is nothing compared to what it might cost to bail him out of jail. If he (or she) is out fishing he's not stealing a car. This is about the only thing that I can guarantee. The fish? Well... That's up to you and him!

## Maple losers Ilderton team playoff finals

On Saturday Maple European Delicatessen Bantams visited Ilderton to continue their final series. In what can be classed as one of the great games of the season the Maple bantams came out on the short end of a 3-2 score to lose the OMHA finals to the home team four games straight. Never say die, the Maple boys gave it their best effort and besides hitting the goal post three times and the cross bar once were again frustrated by great goalkeeping. Ilderton opened the scoring early through the second period but Maple struck back to tie it on a long shot from the point by Derrick Hoare which was tipped in by Wayne Boudreau. Ilderton scored two goals in a row to lead 3-1 with but three minutes left in the second period. Steve LeMoine narrowed the gap to 3-2 with two minutes left in the second period with Per Nielson and Dave Taylor drawing assists on the play. A scoreless third period was marked by fast skating, good skating and excellent goalkeeping by Maple's Kim Weese and Scott McNair for Ilderton who was a thorn in the Maple's side throughout the whole series. Jeff Marshall, the Ilderton captain scored all three goals and counted ten of his team's 17 goals in the series. It was a hard defeat for the Maple boys as they enjoyed the better of the territorial play but were out lucked by goal posts throughout the game and the series. However the boys came up with a great season. Way back in October after selection of the team their coach, Bill Lawson felt that to make the York Simcoe League finals would be a goal to shoot at. As the season wore on the team jelled and played some good sound hockey throughout the playoffs and into the finals. Having nine first year bantams and only two from last year's OMHA champions they managed to finish second to Schomberg in the regular season. Schomberg were reclassified for play-offs leaving Maple as the threat for the DD title which they nearly capped the season with. The Maple Bantams sponsored by the Maple European Delicatessen played 47 games this season in regular season, exhibition and playoffs. They won 32, lost 13 and tied two, scoring 253 goals and allowing only 144. Kim Weese had a 3.19 goals game average and Dave Cook a 3.50 goals game average and they shared the goaltending duties for Maple. Leading the scoring parade for Maple was their captain Blair Sutherland with 58 goals and 47 assists for 105 points, his two wingers Scott Lawson 25 goals and 53 assists for 78 points and Wayne Boudreau 36 goals and 33 assists for 69 points were second and third respectively in the line accumulating 252 scoring points for the season. Bruce

West with 19 goals and 32 assists for 51 points and Steve LeMoine 24 goals and 25 assists for 49 points were fourth and fifth. The boys would like to thank all their loyal fans for supporting their efforts over the year and particularly during the playoffs on those long trips to Stirling and Ilderton. A special thanks to Edythe Birkett who drove her family to Ilderton last Saturday to watch the final game and cheer the Maple boys. With nine members hopefully returning next year and some strong peewees moving up the boys are looking forward to another strong contender for a bantam championship.

## Summer hockey at Thornhill

The Town of Markham's Department of Parks and Recreation is expanding its programming to provide a summer hockey school for its aspiring hockey stars. Utilizing all the modern facilities at the Thornhill Community Centre, 7755 Bayview Avenue, a comprehensive hockey and fitness program will be provided. Fees for the school for one week will be \$50 for residents of the Town of Markham; non-residents who can be accommodated will be charged \$60 a week. The camp will begin July 7 and run for eight weeks. Application forms are now available at the Thornhill Community Centre and at the Markham Parks and Recreation office on Denison Road. Girls who are interested in attending will not be discriminated against. For further information please call 881-3313.

## Elect DeGeer head 'Ridges minor hockey

Ross DeGeer was elected president at the annual Oak Ridges Minor Hockey Association meeting Sunday at Bond Lake Arena. The turn-out was described as "light" with 35 appearing out of a total of 400 members of the association. Other members of the executive are: Ray Harris, first vice president; Norm Mencil, second vice president; Donna Reid, secretary; Maribel McKenzie, treasurer; John McQuarrie, York Simcoe representative; Royace Keown, house league convener; Al Robinson, referee-in-chief. Heads of the committee are: Ann MacArthur, registration; Barb Keown, membership and phone; Mary Harris, ways and means; Marg Clague, women's auxiliary; Tony Van Loon, equipment; Al Bestard, trophy; Paddy Heavener, publicity and sponsorship.

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"Hey, look at the big one I caught" seems to be what Michelle Eberspaecher is thinking here as she hoists a sun fish. Michelle is the daughter of Trailblazer columnist Alex Eberspaecher.

## Pearson Park lights in '76

"What we are really concerned about is when," Ralph Sawyer, president of the Richvale Minor Ball Association, told Richmond Hill Council Monday night as he sought a firm date for the installation of lights on the diamond in Pearson Park in time for the opening of the 1976 ball season. This would be approximately May 15. Mayor David Schiller pointed out to Mr. Sawyer the parks and recreation committee had expressed their endorsement of the lighting project by recommending that its staff consult with the town treasurer to investigate means of paying for the installation prior to the beginning of the 1976 season. He suggested the specifications could be ready for a tender call in the

late autumn with construction and payment in the early part of 1976.

"There has been a very clear expression on the part of parks and recreation that this is a priority and there also seems to be strong support by council. Have faith in us," the mayor urged.

Councillor John Birchall reported the project is in next year's capital forecast and stated, "There is nothing to prevent us going out to tender in the fall to be ready for the spring."

However, Parks Director David Hamilton cautioned that the method of payment must be determined first. If it is paid for out of current revenue there would be no problem, but if it is paid for by a debenture issue then OMB approval would be necessary.

## ...Sports...

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OMHA referee and coach of the Oak Ridges OMHA Bantams.

Now that winter has slipped away Connie plans on relaxing a trifle and also following the fortunes of the Aurora Junior softball team. There are a number of Oak Ridges players in the line-up such as Pitcher Al Heintzman.

She's also busy doing public relations for a Spring Fair slated for Oak Ridges May 31. It's being promoted by the Oak Ridges Lions, junior B club, minor hockey, and Bond Lake Figure Skating Club. But more on this later.

Suffice to say, Connie will be somewhere where the action is.

### Just notes here

The Richvale Minor Ball Association will hold a pitching clinic for peewee bantam boys at Roselawn gym (Carrville Road) next Wednesday at 7:30 pm.

On hand to provide the instruction will be Brian Cochrane and Catcher Don Patskou. Brian was the winning chucker in last year's Richmond Hill Industrial Ball Tournament. He tossed for Richmond Hill Auto Body.

### Ooops department

Last week we reported in a story that a soccer boot exchange would be held at 37 Maralim Road, Richmond Hill. At Jane Stel's pad. Trouble is we said "next Saturday".

Wrong again. It will be this Saturday so do your thing all over again. Jane is requesting that you bring your potential boots-for-exchange to her house on Friday night. The exchange will be held Saturday.

### Finally,

See where the Weber boys, Bill and Dick, received awards from the Cornell hockey team for showing "the most hard-nosed dedication and application" the past season. Congrats. Both are former Richmond Hill Rams junior hockey players. Another ex-Ram, Wayne Stokes of Scarboro, was bestowed with an award for being the "most improved player in overall ability during the season". All three were juniors.

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## Newmarket champs

The Newmarket minor bantams defeated West London 8-7 Saturday night to take the AA OMHA minor bantam title four games to one.

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