

# Big Markham tournament

## Test the water



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Alex Eberspaecher

How often has someone told you that the water is too warm to catch fish, or during the spring, they told you that the water is still too cold? True?

Partly, but most of the advisors only guess and have nothing to back up their ideas.

We don't eat when it is a hundred in the shade, nor do we feel like eating a cold sandwich in freezing weather. Fish are not much different.

All species need the right temperature to be active and to go on a feeding spree.

Some fish won't eat for several days or even weeks if the water temperature takes a jump, and some will even die.

As the temperature of the water can be quite different from that of the air, we must check to be certain.

### Boom in Coho

Lake Ontario has seen a boom in Coho fishing during the past few years. I'm sure that all the regular salmon anglers know that you must have between 10 and 13 degrees Celsius (50 and 55 Fahrenheit) to have any luck at all.

The better down riggers have a temperature probe built in to give the right reading at the depth of your lure. This is most important for lake trout fishermen as well.

### Take a reading

We now have an inexpensive piece of equipment on the market that retails from \$50.00 to models of over \$100.00. A simple process lets you check the water in seconds.

Just let the wire down and take readings along the way. Pick the feeding temperature from the chart and fish at this level.

There is no sense in fishing in 80 degree water for Small Mouth Bass. Combine your knowledge of

temperature with that you can gain from your depth finder about the type of bottom and you have won about 50 per cent of the battle.

Here are some of the temperature readings you should look for:

	Fah.	Cel.
Largemouth	68-74	20-25
Bluegill	68-75	20-25
Catfish	70-75	21-25
Crappie	68-78	20-26
Musky	60-70	15-21
Perch	55-70	12-21
Shad	60-65	15-18
Brown Trout	55-70	12-21
Rainbow Trout	60-70	15-21
Smallmouth Bass	65-70	18-21
Carp	65-75	18-25
Coho Salmon	50-55	10-13
Chinook, Atlantic	55-60	13-15
Pike	50-70	10-21
Walleye	55-70	12-21
Sunfish	68-75	20-25
Brook Trout	55-65	12-18
White Bass	70-75	21-25

### Barometer falling

A falling barometer of course will throw your fishing balance off. As most fishermen don't carry one with them, take a look at the trees.

If soft maples, poplars and others have the leaves upsidown, the barometer is falling. An east wind on Lake Simcoe in particular will put an end to your luck.

I have found this true on other waters as well, but no one has given me a good explanation as yet.

Fishing during the Northern Lights has always proven tops for me. Also, if it had been raining and has stopped for a spell, the fish usually go on a feeding spree.

### Get out, do it

As I sit behind a typewriter, it is easy to tell you how and when to fish, but give some of my suggestions a try. They have worked for me but it has taken many fruitless fishing trips to gain this knowledge.

Perhaps you will be able to avoid all those hours of experimenting and get right down to the business of catching fish!

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IGA. Novice, Appleton Hughes of Thornhill 2, Rogol Electric of Thornhill 2. Appleton wins it due to having scored the last goal of the game. Consolation champ was Conlin Motors of Markham.

Minor Atom, Crawford Sand 1, Chinese Gourmet (both of Thornhill) 1. Crawford wins it due to having scored the last goal of the game. Consolation winner was R.J. Muldrew of Thornhill.

Atom, George's Auto of Markham 10, Thornhill Paints 4. Consolation champ, Jamar Plumbing of Markham.

Minor Peewee, Music Shoppe of Thornhill 4, Shopper's Drug of Thornhill 1. Consolation champ was Fisher Sports of Thornhill.

Peewee, Day-Nite of Thornhill 3, Miklas of Thornhill 2. Consolation champ was Chow's Fruit Centre of Unionville.

Minor Bantam, North York Appliance of Thornhill 5, Simms Construction of Thornhill 0. Consolation

champ was D.A. Sports of Thornhill. Bantam, Spring Mills of Thornhill 6, Markham Centre Lanes 2. Consolation champ was Disera Motels of Thornhill. Midget, York Printing of Thornhill 1, Bernardi Building of Thornhill 0. Consolation champ was Creighton and Allin of Thornhill.

All participating players received a Town of Markham Hockey Week crest with the champions and finalist receiving similar crests.

The hockey tournament was sponsored by the Town of Markham council. Members of the committee are: Gerry Williams, chairman, Markham. Members, Carole Bell, Bud Bonner, Stan Daurio, Town of Markham councillors.

Others are Bob Sherwood and Tom Gove, of Thornhill; and Ted Van Lierop, George Vigus, Jim Beachamp, Carl Annable, of Markham; and John Neale, Aubrey Ellis, Phil Mascard, of Unionville. Referee in chief was Gary Titmarsh of Thornhill.

## Hill badmintoners bow out of playoffs

RICHMOND HILL — The Richmond Hill Badminton team met their Waterloo.

Having lost the first leg of the league playoffs by a narrow 9-7 Margin, the Hill crew went down to a crushing 14-2 defeat at the hands of a strong GOA club.

Although the score was one sided many of the individual scores were very close.

The results: Ladies doubles, Tanya

Savoie and Jill Dalton losing 15-18, 5-15; Hilda Baxter and Joyce Collier losing 6-15, 6-15.

Men's doubles, Randy Carlson and Frank Stanway losing 7-15, 10-15; Derek Smith and Orville Wong splitting 15-9, 9-15.

Mixed doubles, Jill Dalton and Randy Carlson splitting 15-13, 10-15; Tanya Savoie and Frank Stanway losing 10-15, 8-15; Hilda Baxter and Derek Smith losing 1-

15, 9-15; Joyce Collier and Orville Wong losing 8-15, 10-15.

Richmond Hill can be congratulated in finishing second in the very competitive Toronto league.

But for this year it's over except for the club AGM and end of the season round robin tournament to be held April 13 at Langstaff Secondary School beginning at 8 p.m. sharp.



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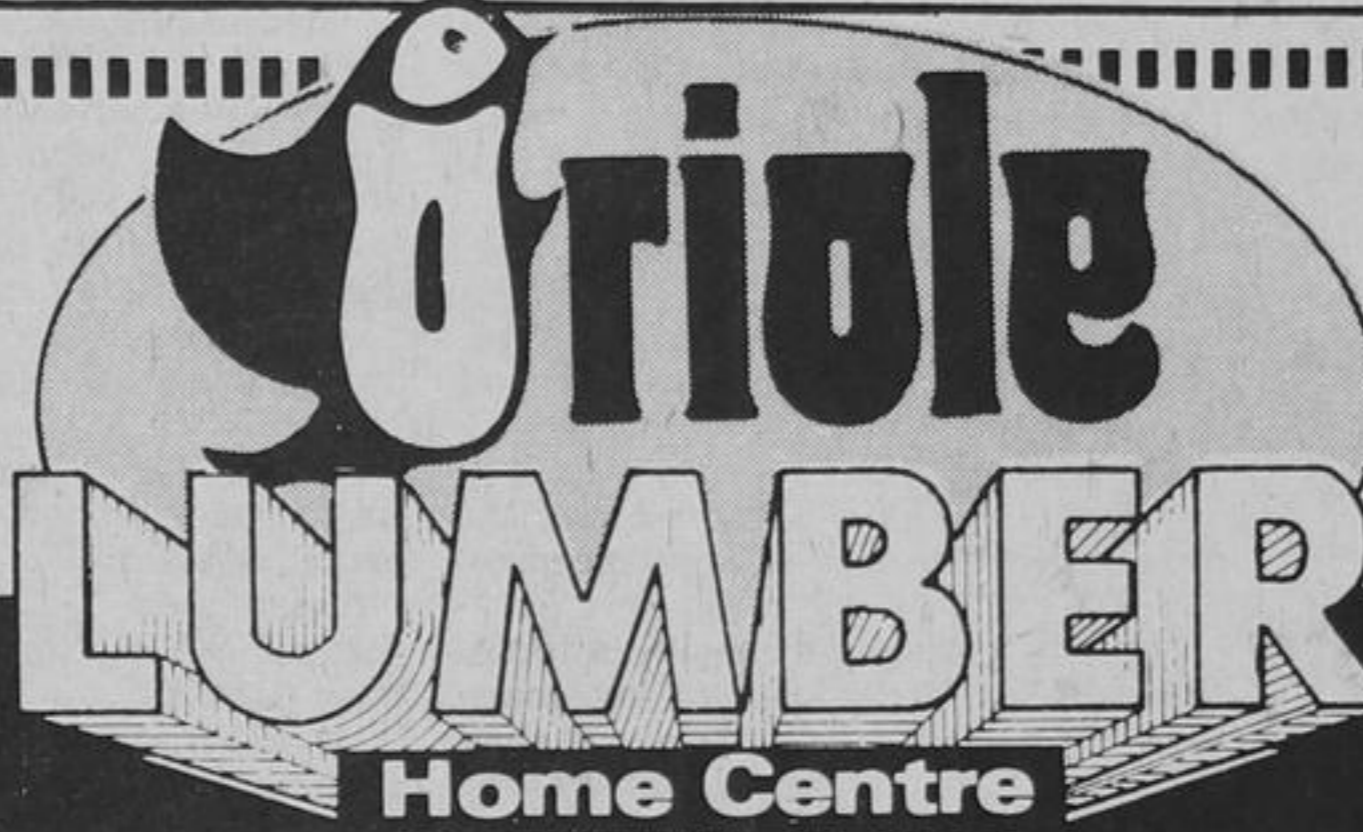
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