

Over the Rainbow



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Trout season never really ends completely in Ontario. There is not much delay between the fall run and the spring run of rainbows.

Angling for rainbows is quite legal in certain areas of rivers emptying into the Great Lakes.

I have been told that fish have been taken as early as the beginning of March in some streams that flow into Georgian Bay and Lake Huron. It is the annual spring run of rainbows that most of us anticipate. I have a bad feeling about this one. Trout season opens officially in most waters April 30.

However, a survey of many streams shows that the water level is like the middle of summer. Should the water temperature get any higher, I am safe in saying that most of the fish will have finished spawning and will have returned to the lakes. Unless you are after speckles, good luck!

How about an alternative to the trout, such as jumbo perch or pike? Lake Simcoe is a terrific spot for large perch.

Excellent eating this time of year, they are usually easy to catch and thus provide sport for the whole family instead of the expert fisherman.

Likewise, pike is legal quarry in waters belonging to Georgian Bay. Walleye fishing is also permitted in the same waters and there have been some good catches in the Port Severn area.

I'm not certain how the fishing on Georgian Bay will be this year as the water is down a good two feet. Not only is this affecting the spawning beds of many fishes, but it is also impossible to get to many of the better fishing spots by boat.

With conditions as they are, I suggest you forget all this big-game fishing for a few weeks and get yourself a mess of perch instead. Lake Simcoe perch are quite large

and the bigger ones have some nice filets. To the best of my knowledge, they are still safe to eat, but this can change any time, the way things have been going lately!

Fishing piers are popular spots along the south and east shore of Simcoe. Many a perch has been taken from these free piers simply by fishing with worms or minnows on a float outfit. The nicest part is that the kids can have lots of fun catching fish too.

Take a spinning outfit along and try spin-fishing with a number one silver Mepps. Casting outward from a dock, especially if there is a rock shoal nearby, can be dynamite, as the largest perch seem to hang around these rocks.

For the adventurous angler, I suggest renting a row boat. A motor is not necessary as you need go only a couple hundred feet from shore to find some of the most productive perch fishing. Take along life jackets or get some with the boat; the water is still very cold.

By the way, lake trout and walleye season opens May 14 in Simcoe and many good fish are taken on light spinning tackle during this time of year.

Bait is not much of a problem as most places sell minnows and worms. It is a good idea to get your bait from a place by the water as they usually have some fair fishing nearby and are just too glad to give you a few pointers.

Many large bass are taken this time of year, but they must be put back as the season is still closed. I have talked to many anglers in the past who feel that taking a bass this early is not so bad as there are usually many around.

What they forget, however, is that the bass has its young ones at this time of year that he must protect. If catching one adult bass means nothing to you, it means certain doom to the whole brood of young.

I have found that fishing is best between Sutton and Beaverton. There are usually lots of fish and plenty of elbow room!

Lots of ball in Hill

RICHMOND HILL — The third week in May will be "Play ball time 1977" for the Richmond Hill Ball Association and its full complement of town representative teams.

In the line-up will be the Richmond Hill Dynes Jeweller's fastball team, the Richmond Hill Town Fastball League, Junior Ladies and Men, Girls Midget, Bantam and Novice, Boys Midget, Bantam, Pee wee and Squirt.

A new format has been instituted this season for the town rep teams (players under 17 years of age).

A special committee has been assigned the responsibility of looking after the needs of this group. Members are Chairman Angus Philip; Boys Convener Stan Thornton; Girls Convener, Bruce Howorth; plus Sid Moreland, Danny Smith and Mike Hindle.

Try out dates for Town rep teams will be held next Saturday, April 30 and May 7 at the Richmond Hill Arena. All players must be registered with the Richmond Hill Minor Ball.

The times for Girls Novice is 9 a.m.; Bantam Girls 10 a.m.; Midget Girls 11 a.m.; Boys, Squirts 12 noon; Pee wee 1 p.m.; Bantam 2 p.m.; Midget 3 p.m.

A full slate of tournaments have been arranged for the summer: Novice Girls, May 28; Bantam Girls, June 4; Midget girls, June 11; Bantam Boys, June 18; Junior Ladies Ontario Elimination June 24, 25 and 26.

Squirt Boys, July 2; Midget Boys, July 9; Town Fastball League, July 15, 16 and 17; Senior Men Invitational, July 22, 23 and 24; Pee wee Boys, July 30; Junior Men, Aug. 30.

The majority of the officiating will be handled by the Richmond Hill Umpires Association. Anyone interested in umpiring should call Bill "Skip" DeGeer at 884-6094.

Contacts for the various teams are as follows: Richmond Hill Dynes,

Manager Russell "Casey" Cripps, 884-3681; Town Fastball League, President Paul Ortiz, 773-4226; Junior Ladies, Manager Mary Williamson, 884-7620; Junior Men, Tom Hughes Excavating, Tom Hughes, 884-4837.

Cadillac Baif Midget Girls, Coach Mary Ann Palmer; contact is Marg Howorth, 884-4174; Dairy Queen Bantam Girls, Coach Don Snider, 884-5200.

Bell Canada Novice Girls, Coach Pat O'Sullivan, 884-3460; Fuddle Duddle Midget Boys, Coach Wayne Burling, contact is Stan Thornton at 884-7098; Carpenter Bantam Boys, Coach Bob Davies, 884-7888; Lions Pee wee Boys, Coach Dave Mulholland, 887-5571; Dairy Queen Squirt Boys, Coach Bob Carton, 884-2361.

All softball activities are co-ordinated by the Richmond Hill Ball Association under the guidance of President Len McLean; Vice

President Stan Thornton; Secretary Gloria Fry; Treasurer Harry Whitaker; Equipment Manager Fred Simpkin; Past President Sid Moreland.

Directors are: Danny Smith, Mike Hindle, Glen Philip, Bruce Howorth, Al Woolley, Richvale Minor Ball; Art Chepelsky, Richmond Hill Umpires Association; and Ernie Ferrando, Richmond Hill Minor Ball.

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Willowdale Rangers take North York cup

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Willowdale triumph was ex Richmond Hill Ram goalie Gordie Woolnough who came up with some fine saves. Another former area player, Bob Ritchie, was a stand-out on the Willowdale defence handing out some hefty checks.

It was a close game until the final two minutes with Willowdale leading 4-3 but two men short due to penalties. That's when Dave McKelvey got a breakaway to put the game away. Willowdale captain, Gary Weston, another well-known softball player in Richmond Hill and area, accepted the championship trophy.

Sports at York U.

DOWNSVIEW — The department of physical education and athletics of York University will offer instruction classes in various sports throughout the spring and summer at York's Keele Street Campus.

Classes to be offered include aerobics (fitness); all levels of tennis; beginners golf; and swim programs which will include Red Cross instruction, adult-learn-to-swim and mom and tot swimming.

Classes will be held several times per week for three weeks each. The first section will commence May 2.

Registration fees vary from \$6.50 to \$20 depending on the course.

All classes are open to the public. For further information on dates, times, fees, and registration procedures, call Sharon Antonucci at 667-2351.

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