

Fishing's a dead loss

As far as good fishing is concerned, this year has been a complete loss up until now. The latter part of September usually sees bigger and better catches almost everywhere.

Every few weeks I receive an up-to-date list of the 'big fish' contest sponsored by the Federation of Anglers and Hunters. This list is a good barometer on what's happening out there.

There are a few walleye on the last list but still only in the 13-pound size. We must wait until November for this to be boosted upwards to the 15 and 16 pound class.

Another significant increase I have noticed is

in the pike and musky that have been taken lately. Pike fishing was good for me all year and although I won't fish for them exclusively until the leaves have fallen, I have taken more large pike while fishing for other species this year than in other years. Usually the weeds have rotted away and the minnows have become scarce when I go after them. That way my lures have more appeal.

Pike can be taken on lures and live sucker minnows this time of the year. Live bait, such as suckers up to a foot long, produce the most fish, especially in the 8 to 12 pound range. However,



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most of the trophy fish are taken on large lures such as the magnum Rapala or the Pikie-Minnow lures. Naturally, you need a steel leader.

As in the spring, the fish move into the bays during the latter part of the year in search of food. Trolling is a good way to catch large pike, but I would like to suggest that you invest in a large float and a fair-size treble hook instead. I hook my minnow through the dorsal fin only, even with

loners. They use too heavy and out-dated equipment, troll much too fast and catch a hell of a lot more fish than I do!

Some of these people tell me that the real secret is in the speed in which one trolls, and for musky you must troll at double the normal speed. The lure must be large and fished only about a foot or two below the surface. It may come as a surprise to you, but most of the muskies are taken only a few feet behind the boat in the wash of the propeller.

Muskies should be fished more in the open bays where the water is 10 to 20 feet deep. I have seen

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Oops. Another record

The St. Robert's High School junior girls' basketball team is topping records all over the place.

Three straight wins in as many games this season.

That's the longest winning streak ever at St. Robert's which is only in

its second year of high school competitions.

"We're starting to come along," is the way physical education teacher Gerry Brand put it. "We've got a ways to go but we're competitive."

The junior girls' latest

accomplishment was a 16-6 conquest of Langstaff Secondary School last Wednesday.

Leading the way was Laurie Andrejicka with six points.

Another major factor in the victory was the play of Soroya Rahanan who, at 5

feet, is the smallest player on the team.

Soroya controlled the game throughout with a fine display of dribbling and also managed four points from her guard position.

Now for the bad news. The senior girls ain't doing so well.

They lost their third game in a row going down 69-34 at the hands of the other Langstaff crew.

Big heroine in a losing cause for St. Robert's was Saskia Vriend who dropped in an impressive 21 points in the game.

In three games she's scored a total of 54 points.

"The team has been impressive," said Brand, "especially when you consider it's the first year we've had a senior team."

"It's even more so when you consider the team comprises five seniors and three juniors. And they've been in every game."

"Team spirit is very high among the girls."

Town hockey league

Things are bigger and better than ever in the five-year-old Richmond Hill Town Hockey League.

That's the word from president Jack Major as he prepares to head into his third straight season as head of the local league.

"We've added another two teams," said Major.

"We've expanded from six teams to eight this season due to an increasing demand."

"And I've still got 10 or 11 players on the waiting list."

The eight-team league, which unofficially opened last Monday night with some exhibition games, gets underway tomorrow (Thursday) at the Bond Lake Arena.

Games will be held from 8:30 to 10:30 on Thursdays there and from 7:30 to 11:30 Sunday nights at the old Richmond Hill Arena.

The eight teams are the Canadiens, Red Wings, Minnesota, Boston, Leafs, Sabres, Flyers, and the Kings.

The league has also grown from 84 players to 112 this season.

"We've had some rule changes," said Major, "but nothing too exceptionally drastic. For example, this year the

players have to go to a neutral corner or to their own box when a fight breaks out."

"And last season when you lifted your stick above your shoulder to knock a puck down you were penalized. Now the play is just ruled dead."

Major figures the quality of the league is rapidly improving with the addition of ex-junior hockey players.

"We've got a lot more younger players out there now and we keep improving every season," said Major.

Each player pays \$70 a season with each team playing 28 games and four times each against one another.

High school golf day

Richmond Hill and Thornhill shared winning honors at the annual York County High School Golf Tournament last week.

A four-man golfing team from Richmond Hill High finished atop the pack accumulating 357 points.

The team comprised

Paul Kisko, Tom Jellicoe, John Santos, and Brad Shannon.

It was an all-girl triumph for Thornhill Secondary's team of Lynn Grey, Sandy Cuthill, Mary Secord, and Kathleen Rae.

The same Miss Rae led all girl competitors with a

low total score; the low total for boys was won by Mark Kallofleish of Markham Secondary.

Also impressing was Chris Andrejicka of St. Robert's Hill School who finished an individual third in the competitions which featured some 60 competitors

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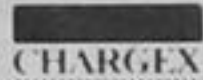
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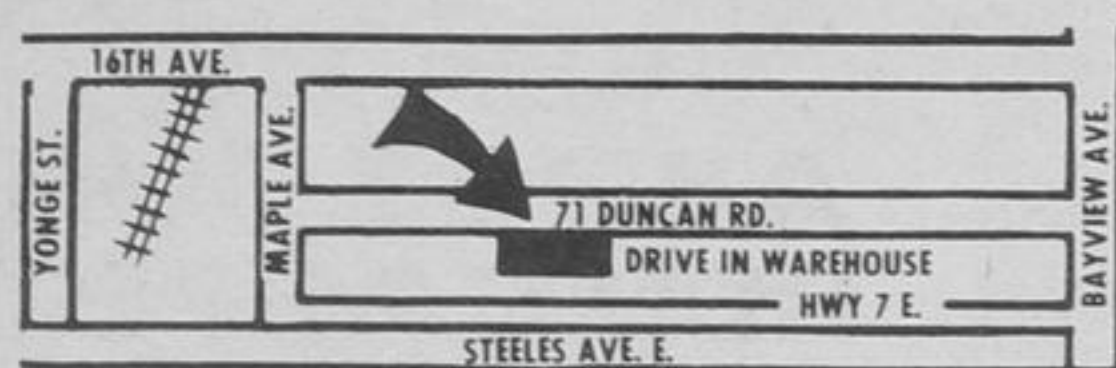
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