

Winter camping? Brrrrh, it's great

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Winter in Ontario lasts about four months every year, so why pack away your camping gear, hoping that summer will eventually come. More and more outdoors-types take to winter camping.

heaters cause no difficulties at all; if camping with a tent is your choice, a little more care in selecting the site is recommended.

CHOOSING SITE

If you have just started in the game of winter camping, select a cold spell rather than a 'January Thaw' so you won't have water in your tent or damp clothing all the time. Choose a site that is sheltered from the

wind but not from the sun, and do not pitch your tent under snow-packed trees for obvious reasons.

Clear or pack the snow for your site using some snow to build a bank around the tent for better insulation. Should you intend to tent for a few days, take some straw along for under the floor. There is no better insulation except perhaps a very thick layer of newspapers. For a short

stay, I recommend cutting evergreen branches for an underlay for added warmth.

Tent heaters, lanterns or a stove will keep your tent warm. However, greatest care must be taken when using the latter two. Canvass will not breathe enough for an open-flame heater so it is necessary to leave a flap or window open to let in fresh air.

An open fire for cooking

can be quite a trick in deep snow. Clear as much snow from the area as possible. Build a platform of logs or stones before building the fire. Your wood must be kept dry if you want to get some hot coals. Don't forget a lid for each pot as it takes twice as long to boil water now as in August.

Prepare your food before you head out into the wild to cut down on the preparation time. It is

difficult to buy proper food along the highway during the cold months. Take water along for cooking rather than melting snow which is a long process and of little yield. If you are near a lake or stream, chop a hole and use this water. There are very few places where the water is unsafe for drinking during the winter months.

Do not drink alcohol while on a winter cam-

ping trip. It acts like a hot fire at first, warming you up quickly. However, as soon as its effects wear off you will feel much colder than before.

The alcohol raises your temperature and you need more warmth to prevent being chilled. Tea, coffee, and hot chocolate are far superior.

I personally have taken to drinking Ovaltine in hot

milk as it is full of vitamins and gives plenty of energy. Most Alpine skiers in Europe drink this before a competition and, judging from their performances, it is good enough for me.

SUNTAN LOTION

As in summer, don't forget your suntan lotion as well as an ointment such as Nivea or vaseline. The snow reflects the sun's rays and this

combined with the winds, will give you a better tan than the Florida sun.


However, you can also get badly burned as well. Other musts are sunglasses and a camera. The proper clothing to use will be outlined in next week's column. In the meantime, get out a map and plan your winter camping trip. Imagine, camping without those noisy summer people, and best of all, no mosquitoes or blackflies.

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Hill curlers hold Pot Party

By BERT NAYLOR
Grey Cup time to the Richmond Hill curling types means more than football. It means a Gray "Pot" (not that illegal stuff) party.
Bill Baillie and his mixed curling committee did the spade work which resulted in an East-West curling match at the club on Saturday evening.
Strangely enough, the result was a prediction of things to come on Grey Cup day as the East squad, ably coached by "Foxy" Bill MacLeod, overwhelmed the Western team which was apparently over-coached by Rocky Len Lee.

CASUALTY
Only casualty of the evening was a Westerner named Bill who tried to do a "Schwan" dive out of the hack.
Coach Lee's first aid treatment and waterboy Carnet's concoction enabled Bill to continue.
Clare Wood's illegal tactics and Dalt Hicks' brilliant refereeing were a couple of other highlights.
The evening was capped off with goodies and refreshments before the Gray Pot gang headed home.

PLAYDOWNS
Meanwhile the in-club Consols' playdowns for men are underway. At time of writing rinks skipped by Wes Draper, Walt Hamilton and Clark Bullock were still in contention and battling hard. Final results will be known by mid-December.
Also, all eyes are focused on RHCC Ladies' rinks skipped by Faye Weiss and Terry Powell as they go after laurels in the North American Life Bonspiel this week. Good luck gals.

FINIS
My short writing career comes to an end with this article as member Cliff Webb has agreed to carry on with these weekly reports for the rest of the curling season.
I'm sure that you will enjoy reading the light and lively lines that will flow from Cliff's pen.

Collisions were "minor" during snow, police say

The season's first snowfall brought the usual rash of traffic accidents to the area, but York Regional Police at 28 Division in Richmond Hill, said they were all of a minor nature.
All told, 18 mishaps were reported to the station, between early Sunday night and mid-Monday morning.
Police said that the majority of the accidents were rear-end collisions.

