Ice fishing cold, lonely...

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TRAILBLAZERS

Ice fishing can be cold, lonely and often miserable, especially to those who have the wrong of digging a hole in the However, I have found gear and insufficient

warm clothing. fishing can be very productive and a sport over a foot thick a proper that can be enjoyed by the ice auger is a must. whole family. There are Whatever you do, many operators who remember never to work cater to the ever- yourself into a sweat as increasing winter you will never get warm anglers.

seek out their own little and sharpened. fishing spot and stay well clear of the large operations, more often than not, with excellent results.

Assuming that you have enough warm clothing by now, you should take a look at some of the tired old equipment you have been using. It is my experience that the proper equipment will make your trip. There is just no way you will be able to

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stay warm, for instance, after working yourself

DIG A HOLE

chisel.

ice. Thin ice can be easily broken with an axe or a On the other hand, ice more conventional ice chisel, but if you have ice

afterwards. There is a Such operators supply type of auger on the everything from the market that looks like an warmed huts to the bait oversized drill bit. It will and tackle, all except the cut an eight inch hole and fish. I have found that has removable blades more and more anglers which can be taken off

> This auger sells for Thornhill about \$42 in most stores. Be sure the blades of the Owen Sound auger can be removed and try to stay with the spiral type rather than one that has a spoon-type



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Most fish huts come into a sweat while with the equipment chopping a hole into three supplied. The most feet of ice with a small ice common type of gear used in the tip-up, a little balanced stick that holds your line and sits on a There are several ways stand without being held. that such gear, when

FISH HUTS

better. Get a few feet of trout line and a spreader and

DRUMMING STICK

The final piece of equipment you should have with you when out on your own is a small handheld ice fishing rod. Such supplied by an operator, a rod, called a drumming is often cheaply made and stick, is usually made with a metal spool to hold Go into a store and look your line and a stainless at this gadget and I am steel tip that gives you certain that most of you enough flexibility to play can make one much even the largest lake

you can use the stand There are a few ice from the hut. For those fishing lures on the

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who want to buy a tip-up, market and most of them when the season has only time that is acthey sell complete with will catch fish. My choice begun. stand for about five is the William's A minnow pail, when you lift a big fish

Whitefish, in different preferably insulated, is a from the hole! sizes, a truly excellent must. If you buy one lure for lake trout. For all make certain it is strong other species of fish I use enough to be used as a

minnows, either on a seat. With it, get yourself single hook for walleye or a small net to catch the on a spreader for minnows from the pail. whitefish. More about Getting your hands wet fishing with live bait later out there is a no-no. The

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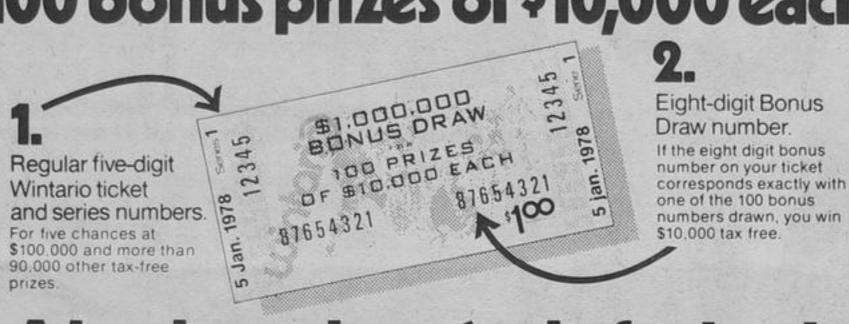
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