

# Annual RosSPORT Fish Derby

North America's longest-running fresh water fish derby is now 53 years old! The 1990 RosSPORT Fish Derby < July 7th and 8th, will be bigger and better than ever.

There are ten prizes for the largest lake trout, three prizes for the largest salmon, and dozens of other prizes awarded by random draw.

But you don't have to be an angler to enjoy the RosSPORT Fish Derby. The picturesque village of RosSPORT on the north shore of Lake Superior, a scenic two hour drive east of Thunder Bay, is world-famous for its hospitality. You can come to the Derby and have a great time, even if you never put a line in the water. There is a dance, beer gardens, food booths, lots of places to go swimming on sandy beaches, excellent camping facilities nearby in RosSPORT Campgrounds and Rainbow Falls Provincial Park-fun for the whole family!

If you are an angler, you don't have to own a huge lake cruiser to enjoy the fishing. The RosSPORT Island offers lots of sheltered spots, safe for smaller boats.

The RosSPORT Fish Derby has an incredible 53 year history. RosSPORTians believe they set the standard for amateur fish derbies, now common across Canada.

The RosSPORT Fish Derby began when local residents saw an ad for a derby in southern Ontario (one that is no longer

operating by the way), and asked themselves, "Why not here?" That first year, 1937, the prizes were very modest: \$15 for the largest fish, \$10 for second place, and \$5 worth of fishing equipment for third.

Over the years, the derby gained momentum and stature- to the point where it became known as "The Largest Freshwater Derby in the World".

Rationing during World War Two reduced the Derby somewhat. Gasoline use for recreational boating and angling was banned. But commercial fishermen were still allowed a small ration of purple gas. That was enough. A few ardent RosSPORTians borrowed some of that purple gas, and kept the Derby tradition alive.

After the war, the Derby regained its popularity and fame, but the prizes were modest. One year, a neighbor of U.S. President Harry Truman, someone only recorded as a "Mr. Scott", won first prize - a rod and reel. When Mr. Scott graciously gave the prize to his local guide, the Derby Organizing Committee decided then and there to get better prizes.

Over that winter, the organizing committee wrote to companies all over North America, asking for donations. They assumed that, if they were lucky, one company in ten would respond. In fact, one company in three said "yes". From then on, there was no looking back.

Celebrities began to hear about the Derby, and the excellent fishing in the RosSPORT area. Bing Crosby brought his family to the area to fish, and attended at least one Derby. History records a telegram of regrets he sent one year, in 1953. President Dwight D. Eisenhower sent a telegram of regrets that same year - but he fished in the Nipigon and RosSPORT area another year. The President received a shipment of fresh lake trout, compliments of the Organizing Committee.

The most dramatic moment in the old derbies was the famous "pistol start". Hundreds of boats would leave the RosSPORT harbor at the crack of the starter's pistol.

Eventually, the pistol start was dropped because there were too many boats taking part.

The Derby went into another period of decline during the 1960's. Lake trout were decimated by the sea lamprey, and overfishing by commercial license holders. Nonetheless, the proud derby tradition was kept alive by local residents. A six-week long "min-derby" was held every year. There were prizes, but no dances, no carnival-like atmosphere, no crowds, like there is today.

By 1980, programs to control the lamprey and severe restrictions on commercial fishing led to a revival of lake trout stocks,

and a revival of the Derby as well. By 1984, the RosSPORT Fish Derby was starting to show some of its old lustre again - with big crowds, and tempting prizes.

The 1990 RosSPORT Fish Derby will continue those proud traditions. The huge crowds, carnival atmosphere, and friendly competition, will all be there.

If Bing Crosby were alive, the organizing committee believes he'd be coming to this year's RosSPORT Fish Derby. But he wouldn't be coming just for the traditional lake trout - he could also join the increasingly stiff competition to catch the largest salmon!

## MP supports Charest Report

Cochrane-Superior M.P., Reginald Belair, has given his support to the unanimous recommendations of the Charest Committee which travelled across the country to listen to the views of Canadians on the McKenna Proposal.

The committee, which was mandated by the Prime Minister, was composed of nine Conservatives, four Liberals, and two New Democrats.. their report was tabled in the House of Commons on May 17, 1990.

The Committee received approximately 800 briefs presented by Canadians from all walks of life. Before reaching an agreement on the report, the Committee deliberated for a week. This document could eventually alter the Meech Lake Amendments of 1987, which will not be ratified if the document remains as it is.

Basically, the report states that the five conditions necessary for Quebec to support the Canadian Federation should remain intact, providing that the distinct society clause not override the supremacy of the Charter of Rights. It also calls for an urgent meeting of the First Ministers of Canada, to provide an opportunity for the dissident premiers (Manitoba, New Brunswick, and Newfoundland) to reconsider their respective positions and to re-evaluate their participation in the Canadian

Federation. Their meeting could result in breaking the constitutional impasse which has plagued the country for the last three years.

The report recommends that the following six issues be discussed:

- the "certainty" clause where First Ministers will have to pass resolutions in each of their legislatures, to extend the June 23 deadline.

- preservation and promotion of linguistic duality

- reversion to the 1982 amending formula (7-50)

- negotiation for senate reform within the next three years

- recognition of Aboriginal peoples of Canada in the body of the Constitution

- reassurance of federal spending power to promote economic development to reduce disparity among regions of Canada.

"The report reopens the constitutional debate on a significantly different perspective. It is evident that approval of Meech Lake Accord will not occur unless the McKenna proposal receives due consideration. Canadians now realize that the future of this country is at stake," stated Belair. "The purpose of the report is to minimize the risk of a permanent break-up of the country. If this process fails, the Province of Quebec will have tremendous difficulty finding a valid reason to secede from Canada", Belair added.

It should be noted that our present political instability has curbed foreign investment in Canada. At the moment, a "wait

and see" attitude prevails.

Mr. Belair finally noted that the report is only a document and that all Canadians are anxiously waiting for the Prime Minister to show leadership by reconvening the First Ministers to work out a compromise.

## Belair comments on Constitutional Agreement

Cochrane-Superior M.P., Reginald Belair, has expressed some satisfaction at the outcome of the Constitutional Agreement reached on June 9, 1990. However, he strongly disagrees with the process used to achieve this shaky consensus.

"A Constitutional Conference should not become a brainstorming session, as witnessed by Canadians last week. All deliberations should have taken place in public, in order to avoid the anxiety and the confusion that prevailed. The Prime Minister showed a lack of leadership and comprehension of the situation in failing to call the Conference a long time ago", stated Belair.

"As you are aware, the main topics of discussion were the distinct society clause and Senate reform. Legal experts have indicated that the distinct society clause does not override the provisions of the Charter of Rights

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Mr. & Mrs. Chris Ray and Mr. & Mrs. Honore (Butch) Bouchard are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children

Suzanne  
&  
Raymond

The wedding is to take place on Saturday July 21, 1990, at the Terrace Bay Community Church with Rev. David Sparks officiating.



### THE TOWNSHIP OF SCHREIBER PUBLIC TENDER

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK:

Supply and place HL-4 asphaltic concrete at various locations in the Township of Schreiber. This work includes preparation of all granular surfaces to receive the hot-laid asphalt, cutting and tacking all existing asphalt surfaces where joints are made, shouldering and cleanup of the work locations.

Granular materials for grading shall be supplied to the work sites by the Township of Schreiber; all excess materials shall remain the property of the Township of Schreiber.

Work involves 5 utility cuts total area 144 square meters and 2400 square meters of new construction Peary St. and Centennial drive.

Tender documents can be obtained by contacting the Municipal Office, 608 Winnipeg St. in Schreiber, P0T 2S0. Phone 824-2712.

#### TENDER CLOSING TIME AND DATE:

Tenders, sealed in envelopes clearly marked as to their contents, will be received by the Township until 5 p.m., Tuesday July 10, 1990. Tenders will be opened publicly in the Council Chambers, Township of Schreiber, at the hour of 7 p.m., Tuesday July 10, 1990.

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P0T 2S0



### SUMMER NOTICE

Please Note:

Flowers 'N' Things will be **CLOSED ON SATURDAYS & MONDAYS commencing June 30, 1990, until September 8, 1990.**

### NOTICE

Doctors Jackes & Sweetnam and staff of Mountainview Dental Office in Schreiber kindly request the courtesy of at least twenty-four hours notice if you are unable to keep a scheduled appointment. This courtesy would be greatly appreciated by both staff and patients who are currently on a waiting list.