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SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF TERRACE BAY - SCHREIBER - ROSSPORT AND JACKFISH LAKE



Fishermen Mark McCann, Roger Moskwa, and Ken Churney proudly show the lake trout they caught during the Rossport Fish Derby. They caught their limits both days near Healey Island.
 Photo by Angie Saunders

Rossport Derby still successful despite weather

By Angie Saunders
 The News

The Annual Rossport Fish Derby took place over the July 7th-8th weekend.

Despite cold and rainy weather on Saturday, the Derby was overall a big success.

From the 318 lake trout entered, Dave Graham of Thunder Bay won first prize with a 20.2 lb fish.

Mr. Graham was not present to accept his prize Sunday due to weather conditions on Saturday that forced him to drive his boat back to Thunder Bay.

The salmon category was won by David Lengyel of Schreiber whose fish weighed 11.4 lbs.

Weighing was done by Gord Smith and Dettlef Trapp. Only fish that would make it to the Top 10 board were weighed.

After weigh-in, fishermen took their fish to a table set up by Pat Furlong and Gord Johnson from Lake Superior Fisheries Unit in Thunder Bay and local MNR

Tara Jones, Dayne Currie, and Keith Russell. Here all fish caught were inspected.

Fish were inspected to determine if they were stocked or native fish. This would give the MNR an idea how the fish stocking is going.

Fish were also checked for lamprey scars or wounds to determine if the lamprey rate in Lake Superior is going up or down.

Scale samples taken would tell how old each fish caught was.

Derby Chairman Bill Collinson mentioned, "There were 400 fish entered. We cut it down to half the amount from last year so not as many fish are caught in one weekend."

Many tourists came out to support the Derby. Rossport and Rainbow Falls campgrounds were about 60% full. Jim Chappel from the MNR said, "It was because of the weather that it wasn't that heavy for the derby weekend."

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Carnival location brings mixed feelings

By Monica Wenzlaff
 The News

Many people have questioned the location of the Canuck Amusement carnival held in Terrace Bay on July 6 and 7.

On Friday and Saturday, two of the busiest shopping days, the Simcoe Plaza road was blocked at the east end to accommodate Canuck Amusements. Friday morning, as the rides were being set up, many people parked at the end of the plaza found their cars blocked in. Barriers were set up before all the cars could be moved.

Last summer, Canuck Amusements contacted Terrace Bay with a request to bring the carnival here. In October, the town council approved the proposal, and agreed to allow

Canuck to set up this summer. The town council discussed different places to set up the carnival before they finally agreed to use Simcoe Plaza. The parking lot at the Curling Club was suggested, and so was the Texaco Ballfield.

Safety concern

"We were concerned that the Curling Club was too close to the highway and that it might be a safety hazard for the kids," said Dave Fulton, the town clerk. Fulton also said that the Texaco ballfield was turned down because last year there was no power source available there.

Unfortunately, carnivals and

the circus are not permitted to use the high school field, which would be an ideal location for such events. Several years ago, the field was used, but after the school board upgraded the field, a fence was put up and a new board policy forbid such events to take place on the field.

"If you bring in heavy equipment like that, you're going to potentially damage the field," said Ian McQuarrie, the director of education with the school board. "Having invested the money in the field I think both the municipality and the board felt that it would be in everyone's best interest to enclose the field... so the fences went up."

Now, with the fences in place,

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Shannon and Meghan Mosley (age 3) enjoy the boat ride at their first carnival.

Photo by Monica Wenzlaff

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