

Fish clubs stage tourneys, help eliminate invasive species

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or presentations.

"As we have draw club tournaments, you have an opportunity to fish with many partners and see their approaches.

"It wouldn't be a learning experience if everyone fishes the same style," he said.

Bassmasters has been active in conservation projects, including adult pike transfer, in which members stage a catch-and-release tournament out of Lake Simcoe's Cooks Bay in May.

Wil Wegman, a member since the club's inception and its media director, said government staff collect 25 to 50 northern pike during the tournament and transfer them to Fairy Lake in Newmarket.

They add to fishing opportunities at the lake, which is site of an annual urban fishing festival July 10.

Another project the club is involved with this year is monitoring round goby on the Pefferlaw River.

The foreign species, which entered the Great Lakes through the ballast of European ships, has been found in the river south of Hwy. 48.

A "catch and kill round goby derby" will be held in late May or

early June, he said.

"Anglers will fish for prizes and cash awards, trying to catch and keep as many of these destructive invading species as they can," Mr. Wegman said.

"We also want to integrate immigrants to Canada by giving them an interest in a Canadian pastime and providing a place for people to make new friends."

Other clubs can make a significant contribution by assisting an ever-expanding segment of immigrants who wish to take

up fishing or learn more about it.

The Ontario Chinese Anglers Association was formed in 1999 for the growing number of Hong Kong and Chinese immigrants settling in York Region.

The club has grown primarily by word of mouth to 270 people, president Raymond Zee of Markham said.

Close to 95 per cent hail from Hong Kong; the rest are from China, South Asia and Canada. They live in Richmond Hill, Markham, Scarborough and Mississauga.

The club meets every second Thursday at the Richmond Hill Seniors Association, 550 Hwy. 7 E., from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Objectives include promoting catch-and-release and conservation and educating people who have never fished.

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Spring and summer are prime times for sport fishing in Ontario.

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For more information on Aurora Bassmasters, log on to www.aurorabass.com For the Chinese Anglers Association, e-mail raymond.zee@getronics.com or Robert So at robertso@leaderspring.com For the Metro East Anglers, log on to www.metroeastanglers.com



Ryan Reynolds (the beau of Canadian rock singer Alanis Morissette) and Aussie Melissa George star in the mediocre remake of the Amityville Horror.

Low-budget remake offers little to movie fans

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Now we have a remake, starring Alanis Morissette's beau, Ryan Reynolds, and an unknown Aussie actress by the name of Melissa George, which tells us something about the film's budget.

It may do well, because there is a generation or two out there that doesn't know about the Amityville films.

But judging by what I saw at an invitational screening, it hasn't a chance.

I heard people muttering "rotten" and "stupid" as I left the theatre.

I had found it hard to concentrate because a friend I brought was clutching my arm, hiding her eyes and making little shrieks.

She found time to admire a buff and shirtless Reynolds as he wielded an axe — and I had to agree with her on that point.

In all, it's a forgettable film, the latest in a series of forgettable films of the same name about unhappy homeowners.

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