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THE OUTDOORS

Fly tying can be fun

By NOME FRISBY

Here we are into a bright new year, and some of us are feeling too bright or too healthy in the pocket book department. No matter what we all do overboard just a little more than we intended. So that brings us into the new year, after a very busy few weeks, with not too much money and plenty of free time.

What to do with it? Too early for fly fishing and trolling, not enough ice yet for ice fishing or many of our favorite lakes, the hunting season is over for another year, and coyotes are so damned hard to shoot with why not learn the satisfaction of tying your own flies? Once you get the hang of it, there will be no stopping you. Just like many trolls who take a course in fly casting and never go back to trolling again. Once you learn to tie your own flies, you'll never buy a fly from the store again.

FLY TYING

For those that are interested there is a fly tying night school class starting on Jan. 11. The place is Vernon Secondary School, the time is 7:30 p.m. and the room is 108. The instructor is George Carter and he's good. He's started a lot of fishermen on the way to fly tying. Why not start now on a real fun hobby? Why not make a new year's resolution not to sound off about something you don't really know too much about? It would seem to be a human failing to yell up a storm without first finding out the real truth. Just because you might have had a poor hunting or fishing season doesn't mean

that there aren't any fish in the lake, or any game in the woods.

HUNT COMPLAINT

The hunter that says we've shot off all the deer, is the hunter that didn't get one this year and also will be the sportsman that will not bother to fill out a hunter questionnaire if he gets one. He is usually the same person who stands on the street, corner and criticizes the Fish and Wildlife Branch in its management program, then goes to a Fish and Game Club meeting and doesn't say a word. Criticism is always welcome, if given in the right spirit.

You think there are no fish in our lakes? Did you know that more than 8 1/2 million game fish were caught in British Columbia's non-tidal waters during the 1968-70 fishing season? That's an average of about 31 fish per acre. In the street, corner and doesn't take in the youngsters under the age of 16.

ICE FISHING

By this time next week I should have some ice fishing reports. Becker Lake has produced a few fish not many but a good size. A few Grey trout fishermen have braved the elements and taken a few fish.

I'm warmed by the show of pheasants this past month. For a while I had begun think there wasn't one left in the country, but perhaps they are just getting smarter and in the average human. They are looking good and with our present winter conditions are having no problems. Don't forget, cut back on the night-sport fly tying course.

AFTER 11 GAMES

By Don Kendall
Daily News Sports Editor
Kamloops Chiefs defeated Medicine Hat Tigers 5-3 in Western Canada Hockey League action Wednesday night.

In other games, Brandon doubled Flin Flon 8-4, Portland trimmed New Westminster Bruins 2-2, Winnipeg Monarchs beat Saskatoon Blades 5-2, and Lethbridge Bronco fought to a 2-2 draw with Calgary Centennials.

In Kamloops, the Tigers were riding an 11-game winning streak, tying the previous club record.

TOOK LEAD

Ex-Vernon Viking Rick Simpson gave Tigers an early lead before Chiefs roared back with three goals in less than four minutes.

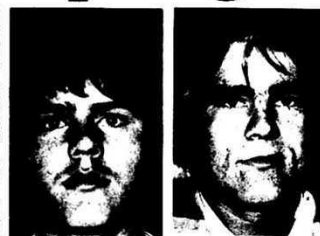
Jamie Gallimore and Ryan Walter each scored two goals for Chiefs while Reg Kerr added the other. Merlin Majunowski and another ex-Viking, Calvin Halasz, were Tigers' other marksmen.

Prior to the game, Medicine Hat General Manager and Coach Jack Shupe told the Daily News he is extremely pleased with the way his club has been playing in recent weeks.

Shupe said, "The entire team, including the six boys from Vernon, have really been performing well."

According to Shupe, centre Ron Aresheeff spent one and one-half seasons with Vikings.

Shupe said, "He should go in



RIK SIMPSON ... scored one

DARRELL FURMANEK ... next year

PIN POINTS

Dec 15
Wednesday 8:11
Women's high single, Rachelle Toews 304, high triple, Rachelle Toews 665, high average, Lori Dupuy 207

Men's high single, Colin Guetl 316, high triple, Colin Guetl 812, high average, Ship Tabata 228

Team high single, Hong Kong Village 1287, high triple, Loasters 355

300 Club, Rachelle Toews 304, Colin Guetl 316, 800 club, Colin Guetl 812

TEAM STANDINGS
Coltsman Hotel 309
Hong Kong Village 301
Hull 291
Assasin's 279 1/2

Jan. 5
Wed., Mixed 7.9
Team high triple, Oopogoo 3716, high single, Oopogoo 2002

Men's high triple, Bill Kniaz 774, high single, Bill Kniaz 316, high average, Joe Godelental 222

Ladies high triple, Donna Desmarais 162, high single, Donna Desmarais 281, high average, Donna Desmarais 207

300 Club, Bill Kniaz 314, Brandy Bunch 333, Vernon 5.0

Oopogoo 28
Screwballs 26

Dec 22
Wed. Matinee
Women's high single, Doreen Chamberlain 245, high triple, Val Wiebe 646, high average, Sharon Redick 205

Men's high single, Ball Points 1223, high triple, Kit Kats 3544

TEAM STANDINGS
Ball Points 3659
Kit Kats 3544
Golf 3179

Jan. 4
Tue. Evening Ladies
Women's high single, Linda Oates 288, high triple, Penny Jones 700, high average, Ruth Chamberlain 207

Men's high triple, Pyramids 1337, high triple Pyramids 368

TEAM STANDINGS
Whiz Kids 2919
Soft Streets 2829
Try Haros 2829
Pin Power 278

Tue. Mixed 7.9
Men's high single, Pete Brooks 315, high triple, Pete Brooks 745, high average, John Taylor 239

Ladies high single, Marg Darbyson 324, high triple, Marg Darbyson 740, high average, Sybil Tomlinson 207

Team high three, Marv's Vi 300 Club, Pete Brooks 315, John Tyk 304, Marg Darbyson 314

Marv's Vi 4919
Genie 461
Wisnomes 461
Mistifs 461

Jan. 4
Breakfast Party
Ladies high single, Karen Barfa 305, high triple, Sandy Krause 755, high average, Angie Brian 205

Team high triple, Puffed Rice 1390, high triple, Puffed Rice 3741, 800 Club, Karen Barfa 305, 700 Club, Sandy Krause 755

Two games in hoop loop

Two games were played Wednesday in Women's Recreation Basketball League action at Vernon Secondary School.

Anne Harvey scored 14 points to lead VSS Wildcats to a 40-22 victory over Basketers.

Amy Vangameron sunk 10 of the winners while Jackie Dennis led the losers.

Kim Sofiak and Liz Poeschek had six each for Basketers.

In another game, Fireweeds dumped Blue Denims 22-14. Ronnie Lewis and Cathi Gotthendron scored six apiece for Fireweeds while Jan McInnes dropped in eight for Denims.

TIE 1-1
EDINBURGH, Scotland (Reuters) - Hibernian and Dundee United played to a 1-1 tie Wednesday in a Scottish League Premier Division soccer game. The match was postponed from Jan. 3.

AGONY AND THE EC-STASY is showed after Winfield Raiders scored this goal during Wednesday night's North Okanagan Hockey League game at the Civic Arena. The goal put

Four-game trip starts in Abby

Vernon Vikings kick off a gruelling four-game road swing tonight against the Abbotsford Flyers.

Vikings, who have lost only one in their last eight games, are hoping to gain ground on the inter-city top two teams, Pentwater and Kelowna.

However, picking up more than a split on this trip would be quite an accomplishment.

After tonight's game, Vernon plays in Langley, Maple Ridge, and Nanaimo.

The club's top scorers Gary Huth is suspended and will be unavailable for action until the Maple Ridge game. Centre Darcy Wilkinson, with one chip in his wrist, may only see spot duty.

On the bright side, winger Kevin White will be back tonight after sitting out a three-game suspension.

In Wednesday's only BCHL game, Abbotsford stopped Nanaimo Clippers from setting a league record for consecutive home-ice victories when they came from behind for a 5-0 overtime tie.

Clippers had 18 consecutive home-ice victories, equalling the record set last year by Vernon.

Nanaimo, which is undefeated at home since Oct. 8, led 3-1 after the first period and 8-3 after 60 minutes.

Brian Inkster and Dan Krutz tied the game in the third period to force the 10 minutes of scoreless overtime.

the first couple rounds. Right now, he is in second on our club in scoring, just three points behind Brian Hill."

One other ex-Viking, defenceman Owen Lloyd, is in his draft year. After a dismal start, the big blue line has been playing much better in recent weeks.

Shupe said, "If Owen continues to come along the way he has, he could get picked up by the pros."

BIG SURPRISE
A pleasant surprise for Tigers this year has been big manager Debbie Sigale-Pitman, who scored 10 goals with Vikings last season, was given a chance to make Medicine Hat. However, since making the team he stood out as a utility player.

Two players who were tributed greatly by the club and winning streak were Halasz and defenceman Ken Outton. If Halasz keeps up his current pace he should score between 25 and 30 goals this season, while Outton, just 21, has settled down Tigers' defence with his alert puck-handling.

The sixth ex-viking at the Hat, goalie Darrell Furmanek, played part of the game in Kamloops. However, most of the season he has watched games from the bench as Pete Peters handles the netminding duties.

Shupe said he plans on grooming Fergie for the number one job next season when Peters graduates.

The Medicine Hat GM had some bad news for Vernon hockey fans. Due to WHL scheduling this season, the annual Vikings-Tigers exhibition game will not be possible. Shupe said, "This is a real disappointment and we would have loved to come to Vernon. But, it is impossible because of our schedule."

RACQUET CENTRE FILLED TO LIMIT

Vernon Squash and Racquetball Centre has reached its capacity membership level.

In only three months of operation, 300 people have joined the club.

Manager Debbie Sigale-Pitman told the Daily News a lot of people joined in the final two weeks of 1976.

She said, "We announced that we would start charging a \$10 initiation on Jan. 1, in addition to the \$20 yearly fee. That seemed to get the undecided people moving."

Due to the tremendous response, there is an excellent possibility work on a third racquetball court will start within a few months.

The manager said, "We hope to start work on the new court in April. At that time, we will accept between 75 and 100 new members."

Anyone hoping to join when the new court opens is advised to put their name on a waiting list, at the club, with a \$25 deposit.

Despite the capacity membership, Sigale-Pitman says there is usually little trouble for players to get a court.

She said, "Each person should be able to play two or three times per week. Members realize that to play racquetball they have to book a couple days ahead. The squash court is not quite as busy."

Jenner selected top male athlete

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Bruce Jenner, who captivated the crowd at the 1976 Olympics with his gold medal performance in the grueling decathlon competition, was named Male Athlete of the Year by the Associated Press today.

Jenner, 27, a graduate of Graceland (Iowa) College, scored a world record total of 8,618 points in the two-day, 10-event competition at the Mon-

real Olympics. He received 237 votes from a nation-wide panel of sports writers and broadcasters, easily beating Tony Dorsett, the University of Pittsburgh's record-breaking running back, who finished with 106.

Cincinnati Reds second baseman Joe Morgan, the National League's Most Valuable player for the second straight year, finished third with 47.

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NEW ZEALANDERS Tony and Anne Hamilton were greeted at the Bobbie Burns Cross-country Ski Club by Vernon skier Lorrie and the Hamiltons, long-time

downhill skiers, tried cross-country for the first time and loved it.

New Zealanders try cross-country skiing

Two inches of fresh powder made for ideal cross-country skiing conditions over the holidays at Bobbie Burns Cross-country Ski Club in Trinity Valley north of Lumby.

More than 100 people visited the area during its first week of operation. Skiers came from Kelowna, Revelstoke, Oregon, and Ranganora, New Zealand.

Tony and Anne Hamilton, of Hamilton, visited the area to visit ski instructor Larry Boyle and take advantage of the great skiing.

Hamilton is a former professional skier with the Ski Club at Temple Basin, New Zealand, where Doyle worked as an instructor before coming to Vernon.

Though the Hamiltons are both downhill skiers, they enjoyed travelling cross-country on skis.

Hamilton said, "It was such an exciting experience, we intend to spend more time at it while we are here. When we return home we will investigate the possibilities of introducing the sport to New Zealanders. Our terrain is somewhat different than what you have to offer here, but there are a few areas that may be suitable."

Wendy Gary from Eugene, Ore., who is travelling with the Hamiltons, tried the sport for the first time and appears to be on her way to becoming a cross-country addict.

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