Swan Lake a beehive

By SMOKEY TRUMBLEY

Last weekend, Swan Lake was a beehive of activity as a result of the fishing derby.

The derby was sponsored by the Armstrong Fish and Game Club and was styled so that all members of the family could take part. There was an event for dad, mom, brother and sister. Each event winner received 10 per cent of the total derby ticket sales and at the time of writing this column, a final figure was not available. It was estimated that more than 80 fishermen bought tickets and participated. This being the case . . . each winner would receive $12 for his or her prize.

Both Saturday and Sunday, the wind played the roll of spoil-sport in the afternoon. It was not gale-force, but just strong enough to make life miserable — especially in a car-top boat. The fact that it was a north wind both days also added to the discomfort and caused a good many to seek the comforts of home.

Saturday, we counted 22 boats just before noon, and Sunday 34 at the same time of day. I have resided in Vernon since 1942 and never have I witnessed that many boats on Swan Lake at one time.

DERBY RESULTS

Winners of the four events are: Senior men, Floyd Ternier, 3 lbs. 11 oz.; senior ladies, Irene Barrett, 1 lb. 7 oz.; junior boys, Dennis Heater (seven years old), 2 lbs. 4 oz.; and junior girls, Kartie Shelley, 2 lbs. 7 oz.

Spokesman for the Armstrong Club, Lionel Fladager, advised me the club plans more derbies on local lakes in the near future, and the club would like to thank everyone who participated in the Swan Lake derby.

Just before closing this chapter on the Swan Lake derby, I would like to make the following remarks — it rather amazes me to see such small fish be declared winners. I know there are fish in Swan Lake that will tip the scales at better than 20 pounds. I also feel, the reason these big fish are not being caught is because fishermen are not trolling for big fish. I noted everyone on the weekend used small fish lures such as willow leaf and worms, lake trolls, and worms or flat fish. The odd fisherman was using fly lures but, no one was using a plug or large spoons that are known big fish catchers.

ON THE LOCAL SCENE

Round Lake — The Okanagan Indian Band announced this week it will be opening Round Lake, on the reserve, for public fishing. A caretaker will be at the lake and the charge is $2 per boat.

I understand there will be a limited amount of boats available for rent at the lake, but you can bring your own. The band has applied a "no motor" restriction, so be sure to take oars.

We received several reports from fishermen that have tried their luck on Round and all reports were good. One local angler told us he landed a four and a five pounder and lost one that he estimated was nearly 20 pounds.

Another couple said they caught an eight and three and also mentioned, both fish were ripe with spawn. Best lure mentioned was the worm hook-up. Lyman pink pearl No. 2 also works well.

White Lake — Waddey, who works in the government creamery in Polson Mall, told us he always had good luck on White Lake, just after it opened each spring, using a pink shrimp fly. This was confirmed by another fisherman we talked with during the derby on Swan Lake last weekend. He said he limited using a pink shrimp fly on White. A troller said he also limited on White, but was using worms, his catch included an eight-pounder.

Moccasin — Telegraph has it that all other smaller lakes in our area are still frozen over. These include — Pinaus, Pillar, Becker, Echo, Bolean and all lakes in the Dee Lake Plateau.

I hope to fly over our area today and will be checking all lakes and will have the latest word in next week's column.

Big Lakes — Reports from all our big lakes include such phrases as — duddey, slow, no luck, and skunked. The odd big fish is being taken, just enough to keep fishermen hopeful and trying.

1978-1979 REGULATIONS AVAILABLE

The new Sport Fishing Regulations are now available at most sporting goods stores. I suggest you get your soon as possible and read it carefully, before going fishing on any lake.

Changes for our area are far too numerous to mention. Angling restriction, have changed for many lakes. Lure restrictions have changed for some, and opening dates has been changed for others.

I hope you still have your old hunting regulations because this year's fishing regulations show management units as reference for lake locations and does not have an accompanying map.

One good example — Round Lake (3-6); Round Lake is underlined, which means recent regulation change. This appears in Region 3 — Thompson-Okanagan and I will bet my last dollar, the first lake the average person will think of is Round Lake, on the Indian Reserve. Not so, (3-6) is the Princeton area, so we have two Round Lakes in Region 3.

GUIDE TIPS

Never troll into the sun on any lake — always away from the sun. Fish have a habit of following your lure before taking it. When you are trolling into the sun, the fish cannot see your lure and will lose interest.

BEST HOURS

Here are your best hours for the upcoming weekend — Saturday from 5:10 until 7:10 p.m. and Sunday from 5:30 until 7:30 a.m.

TEAM OF THE WEEK

The Wayne Laface rink recently captured the Men's League Championships at the Vernon Curling Club. Team members from left are: rear, Laface and third Chris Pieper; front, lead Barry Longworth and second Mark Longworth. (Daily News photo)

Clippers trounce Bellingham

NANAIMO (CP) — Nanaimo Clippers got a power-play goal and a short-handed marker Wednesday night as they downed Bellingham Blazers 6-2 in the first game of their best-of-seven British Columbia Junior Hockey League semi-final.

Bob Dietterle scored the short-handed marker and Randy Keller added the powerplay goal as the winners expanded a 1-0 first-period lead into a 5-1 advantage after 40 minutes.

Arron Rucks added two more for the winners while Len Dawes and Greg Adams got the others. Steve McDonald and Dave Brockhill scored the Blazers' goals.

Steve Hanna and Andy Gourlay combined to make 28 saves in the Clippers' goal, while Vern Mott stopped the same number in the Bellingham nets.

The series resumes tonight at Bellingham while Penticton Vees take their 1-0 lead into Kamloops in the other semi-final.

Bruins even series

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Billings Bighorns and Flin Flon Bombers took 2-0 leads in their best-of-seven divisional finals in Western Canada Hockey League play Wednesday night while New Westminster and Victoria remained tied at one game each in the western division.

Billings Bighorns defeated Medicine Hat Tigers 8-6 in a game in Medicine Hat. Flin Flon Bombers defeated Regina Pats 11-9 in a home game. New Westminster Bruins downed Victoria Cougars 7-4 at New Westminster.

Billings scored four goals in the third period to hold off a spirited Medicine Hat attack.

Third-period goals by Pat Conacher, Don Nachbaur and Blake Sullivan gave Billings a 7-4 lead but Medicine Hat came back with goals from Peter Stebiyk and Rod Van Slyke.

Billings clinched the game on a goal by Cal Roadhouse with nine seconds left to play when he scored into an empty net after Medicine Hat pulled their goalie.

SECOND GOALS

The goals by Conacher and Nachbaur were their second each of the night. Dell Chapman and Mike Toll scored singles for Billings.

Lorne Osmond, Rick Simpson, Merlin Malinowski and Curt Broadhead scored the other Medicine Hat goals.

Flin Flon scored two late goals to edge Pats. Gregg Tebbutt scored three goals for Bombers with Glenn Hicks and Mario Botilk adding two each. Singles went to Ray Markham, Brad Gust, Jordy Douglas and Mel Biluk.

Three-goal efforts were turned in by Dirk Graham and Paul Hogan for Regina. Larry Ell, Gerry Minor and Clark Bacala scored once each.

Bombers took a 4-1 lead after the first period but Regina came back to the tie game at 6-6 after two. A goal by Tebbutt at 16:44 proved to be the winner in the third with Hicks adding an empty-net insurance marker with five seconds left to play.

New Westminster scored four unanswered goals in the second period on the way to their win over Victoria.

Bob Jarnech and George Fritz gave Victoria a 2-0 lead by 2:31 of the first period. Bill Hobbins scored once for Bruins before the end of the period.

The next game in each of the divisions is scheduled for Friday.

MAJOR LEAGUE BALL ROUND-UP

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct.	GBL
St. Louis	3	2	.600	—
New York	3	3	.571	—
Chicago	3	3	.500	½
Philadelphia	2	2	.500	½
Montreal	2	2	.400	1
Pittsburgh	2	3	.400	1
West				
Cincinnati	5	1	.833	—
Los Angeles	4	2	.667	1
San Francisco	3	2	.600	1½
San Diego	2	3	.400	2½
Houston	2	5	.286	3½
Atlanta	1	4	.200	3½

Wednesday Results

Chicago 4 New York 2
Montreal 8 Philadelphia 7
San Diego at Atlanta ppd., rain
Cincinnati 12 San Francisco 3
Houston 11 Los Angeles 10
St. Louis 5 Pittsburgh 1

Today's Probable Pitchers

San Francisco (Montefusco 0-0) at Cincinnati (Norman 1-0)
Pittsburgh (Blyleven 0-0) at St. Louis (Rasmussen 0-1)

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Milwaukee	5	0	1.000	—
Detroit	4	1	.800	1
Cleveland	3	2	.600	2½
Boston	2	3	.400	3
New York	1	4	.200	4
Toronto	1	4	.200	4
Baltimore	0	5	.000	5
West				
Chicago	4	1	.800	—
Kansas City	3	1	.750	½
California	4	2	.667	½
Oakland	4	2	.667	½
Minnesota	4	4	.500	1½
Texas	2	3	.400	2
Seattle	2	6	.250	3½

Wednesday Results

Boston 6 Cleveland 3
Chicago 5 Toronto 4
Milwaukee 5 New York 3
Kansas City 3 Baltimore 1
Detroit 3 Texas 2
Oakland 4 Seattle 3
California 9 Minnesota 5

Today's Probable Pitchers

Chicago (Barrios 0-0) at New York (Guidry 0-0)
Minnesota (Thormodsgard 1-0) at California (Ryan 0-0)
Seattle (P. Mitchell 0-1) at Oakland (Keough 0-0)

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

APRIL, 1973

Two Salmon Arm hockey teams have laid claim to a world record having played a game which lasted 82 hours eight minutes. Winners in the marathon game were Salmon Arm All-Stars who defeated a juvenile squad 360-321. Top scorer was former Vernon Essos player Glen Ritchie who notched 131 points from 75 goals and 56 assists. The previous record was set in Ontario with 61 hours and 32 minutes.

REMEMBER WHEN

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tommy Farr, the rock-jawed Welsh boxer, stepped up as world heavyweight contender 41 years ago tonight—In 1937— after beating Max Baer over 12 rounds in London. Farr came to grief within 12 months on an American tour during which he lost to Joe Louis, James J. Braddock and Baer, at their second meeting.

KURTENBACH AND BROWN TO GO

Canucks fire coaches

VANCOUVER (CP) — Vancouver Canucks are looking for their sixth coach in nine years today, and general manager Jake Milford says the new mentor will have to be a disciplinarian.

The National Hockey League club Wednesday fired coach Orland Kurtenbach and his assistant Arnie Brown after the Canucks finished with the fourth-worst record in the league and out of the playoffs for the second consecutive year.

"I felt we had the talent on the club to get 70 points," Milford said.

"Kurt was a nice guy and he wasn't the whole reason we didn't do well, but they just didn't get the job done. In professional sports, the coach is always the first to go.

"I don't think we were the best-conditioned club in the league either. Often I don't think we were ready to play back-to-back games."

EDGED BY ROCKIES

The Canucks finished the season with 57 points, two points behind Colorado Rockies who wound up second in the weak Smythe Division.

Kurtenbach, 41, started with the Canucks as a player when the team came into the NHL in 1970. He was the club's captain for four years, then started his coaching career with Vancouver farm clubs in Seattle and Tulsa.

He was named the Central Hockey League's coach of the year in 1975-76 while in Tulsa and was promoted to the Vancouver job on Dec. 22, 1976, when Phil Maloney was fired. Kurtenbach's record with the Canucks was 36-62-27.

He has another two years left on his present agreement with the club and might be used in another capacity, although Milford said he is free to negotiate with other NHL teams before the coaching portion of his contract ends May 31.

Brown, a 10-year NHL defenseman, was signed at the start of the 1977-78. He was expected to help from the Canucks' young defence, but Vancouver's goals-against total increased to its second highest total ever.

"I've felt I learned a lot from this year and I would like to start somewhere in the minors on my own," Brown said.

Milford said Wednesday that he had several candidates in mind for the coaching position.

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