

# Officials given tour

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OUTDOOR COLUMNIST

Sixteen members of a guide classing with representatives of Vernon Yacht Club and Kalamalka Fishing Derbies, met in Kelowna recently. They were shown Okanagan Lake and its fishing opportunities at existing hatchery facilities operated by Fish and Wildlife Branch.

The tour was arranged by Chris Bull, regional biologist, in response to a request by the valley clubs wanting to get involved in a joint enhancement project that would benefit the trout and steelhead fishery in Okanagan Lake. The biologist started earlier at a meeting of the Vernon Fish and Game Club, when asked if that club could get involved in local projects for enhancement of Okanagan Lake. "I have received a similar request from the Summerland Club, which is also wanting to do something about improving the fishery in that lake. I suggest that all the clubs concerned get together at Kelowna and I will be prepared to meet with the group and conduct a tour of existing programs and will offer a suggestion for clubs to adapt following the tour."

Frank Shannon, of the Summerland Sportsman's Association, arranged the visiting date. Clubs attending the tour were: Kelowna and District Fish and Game Club, Winfield Fish and Game Club (Osoyoos), Vernon Fish and Game Club, Armstrong Fish and Game Club, Kamloops Fish and Game Club, and the Okanagan Association, this writer representing Kalamalka Lake Fishing Derby and co-ordinating chairman for the Vernon Yacht Club's 1981 North Okanagan Fishing Derby. Both derbies originated for the purpose of raising funds to enhance the fishery in the north end of Okanagan and Kalamalka Lakes.

## FISHERY PROBLEMS

Prior to the tour, each person a well documented brief that showed, by diagrams, spawning dates and necessary environment requirements to assure a successful reproduction of rainbow trout and kokanee. Success after spawning or limiting factors, that determine survival after spawn, was also explained. This differs between the two species, but the same factors apply. Rainbow spawn only in late winter and early spring, while kokanee spawn in late spring and early summer. An adequate flow of suitable water and sheltered creek outlets are necessary for the year-round spawning of kokanee in the lakes and creeks, but return to the lake from creeks in the spring after spending only the winter season in the creeks.

Food availability also determines how many fingerlings reach adults. Rainbow eat insects, etc. Kokanee eat plankton only, and a result their food supply is scarce early in spring when they return to the lake. Myxis, (fresh water shrimp) also feed on plankton, and Okanagan lake has an abundant population of myxis. One program now in operation to correct this problem is a Kokanee hatchery at Skaha Lake. The reared Kokanee will be released into the lake in June when plankton is abundant. Creek and lake reared Kokanee enter the lake in April.

Unfortunately, an accident at the Skaha Kokanee Hatchery, which is only an experimental project, killed all but about 20,000 hatchery stock that are now being reared in June.

## PATHTIC SITUATION

First stop on the tour was Kelowna Rainbow Rearing Pond where 20,000 rainbow are being reared automatically and will be released into Okanagan Lake later this year after being marked.

Next we viewed Kelowna Foreshore Kokanee Spawning Grounds, and then on to Peachland Creek where the Penitence Club has done a great job of improvement. A tour of Summerland Trout Hatchery revealed normal yearly operation. Inside rearing tanks were all empty, with an exception of one. Outside tanks were all full with rainbow and brook trout from Panak and Beaver Lakes, and Lardeau Brook stock. About 10,000 rainbow will be released into Beaver Lake this year, to assure a continuing supply of trout egg supply and a good sport fishery. The balance of Summerland Trout Hatchery stock will be released into lakes throughout the Interior. Penitence Creek Mobile Mini-Hatchery in a trailer, was also on the tour agenda, but had to be bypassed because of the lack of water. The group's final stop was at the Penitence Fish and Wildlife Branch Office at Penitence where Bull, and Chris Houston, who is in charge of fish culture for Okanagan Lake, summarized the tour and gave out future management plans booklets to club presidents.

## NO JOINT PROJECT

Largest disappointment of the day for the group came from Bull, who suggested, "The only thing the concerned clubs could do as a club project is to improve the spawning grounds, and shoreline improvement, which will give the same results as urinating in the ocean, when we consider the overall situation."

Bull also suggested the clubs wait until at least 1985, when the present Kokanee experimental enhancement program results will be known, so we will know where we are going and can suggest a project that will have definite significance.

Shannon was appointed liaison member for the group and the biologists were asked to consider coming up with something more than was suggested for all clubs to get involved in - something other than four fish traps along the road, and would be more important than scratching a little gravel in creek beds and lakeshore, especially when the results of such a program are not known.

After personally summarizing the tour and seeing first hand the extent of existing enhancement fisheries efforts by what remains of our Fish and Wildlife branch personnel, I feel they are doing a hell of a job when one considers the inadequacy of budget and manpower. I also feel the two biologists did a super job of discussing those facts during the tour. What a pathetic situation!

# Agent says Ferragamo will pay for Alouettes

TORONTO (CP) — Vince Ferragamo's agent, Dan Hoff, says the free-agent quarterback will sign with Montreal Alouettes for the next few days. "The next few days," Ferragamo's representative says, "is the greatest marriage in the history of sport."

The "marriage" will take place even though Ferragamo's Canadian Football League rights belong to Hamilton Tiger-Cats, said Hoff.

Tiger-Cats' talks with the veteran National Football League quarterback were shelved several weeks ago because of the financial demands put forward by Hoff.

Fishoff is reported to have said Wednesday that Vancouver sports entrepreneur Nelson Skalbania has made Ferragamo the best offer yet — even though Skalbania's pending purchase of the Alouettes has yet to be approved by the CFL.

The player's agent said Skalbania, who already owns the Calgary-based professional team — the Flames of the National Hockey League and the Boomers of the North American Soccer League — visited Ferragamo in the U.S.

He is said to have offered the former Los Angeles Rams quarterback a high-salary contract, business opportunities in Montreal and clearance for him to attend medical school during the football season.

Fishoff admitted the snag is Hamilton, which owns Ferragamo's CFL rights. "But Skalbania has assured us

# CANADA FIRST IN ROUND-ROBIN

MEGEVIE, France (CP) — Canada won its final game of the round-robin segment at the world junior curling championships Wednesday, beating Sweden 6-5. The win left Canada in first place with a record of eight wins and one loss. The United States was second with six wins and three losses, one of them a 7-4 upset Wednesday by Switzerland. Scotland was third with five wins and four losses, Sweden last with three wins and five losses.

Sweden and Germany had five wins and four losses, but both lost to Scotland earlier and will play a tie-breaker today in the final round. Canada will play the winner of that game in the playoffs Friday.

"I hope it is the Swedes," said Larry Phillips, second on the team. "They like to gamble and I think we can beat that kind of team more easily."

In the game against Sweden, Canada scored three in the third end to take a 3-1 lead, but the critical end was the seventh. Skip Denis Marchand slid his final stone through a barrier of guards to the centre of the house for two points to give the Canadians a 6-2 lead. The Swedes came back with single points in each of the three final ends to fall one short of the Canadians.

"I think we proved the superiority of the Canadian game here this week and that is what we wanted to show," said Marchand. "People expect Canadians to play an offensive game and that's how we played in the final game against Sweden."

In other games, France won its second game of the tournament beating Italy 6-5 in an extra end and in another extra-end game. Germany beat Norway 7-6.

Norway upset Canada 3-2 in the final round. Norway's risk of the right to proceed directly to the championship game for the Unifrol Trophy.

crushed AI Hall's Territories rink 15-2.

Three shots at the last end gave Art Ballem's Prince Edward Island rink a 10-5 verdict over Bill Piercey of Newfoundland while Ontario edged Nova Scotia 7-6.

B.C. pulled ahead early with a 4-0 lead after six ends, but Quebec had six shots in the ninth and tenth ends for the Alberta and Saskatchewan share second place at 6-2, followed by Prince Edward Island with five wins and three losses.

D.C. Manitoba, Nova Scotia and Ont.-2 have four wins and four losses and Newfoundland is 3-2.

New Brunswick has a 2-6 record and Northern Ontario and Territories are both 1-7.

Alberta's Ray took an 8-5 decision over Saskatchewan's Art Knutson on the strength of three eighth-end shots. Saskatchewan and Quebec had shared top spot at 8-1 following the seventh round earlier in the day.

In other eight-draw games, P.E.I. defeated the Territories 10-4 and Manitoba's Bruce Hudson went down to Newfoundland 8-4.

Nova Scotia scored an 8-5 extra-end win over Northern Ontario and Ontario's Mac O'Neil edged New Brunswick 7-5.

In seventh-draw play, Quebec took an 11-5 win over Northern Ontario's Art Romanuk while Knutson masterminded his rink's 10-5 win over Manitoba.

Hudson missed a weight too often and surrendered three shots to Romanuk in the sixth then lost a further two in the seventh.

B.C. trounced New Brunswick 10-2 in eight ends, while Alberta

REMEMBER WHEN

By The Canadian Press

Tommy Burns won the world heavyweight boxing title by defeating Marvin Hart in 20 rounds 12 years ago today, 1903 — at Los Angeles. Burns, born Noah Brusso at Hanover, Ohio, successfully defended his title nine times before losing to Jack Johnson in 1908 at Sydney, Australia. He died at Vancouver at age 74 in 1955.

the Rams, where he has played since 1965, on a \$20,000-a-year salary, or offered by the Tigs. This is the first time we have dealt directly with the owner, Fishoff said. "We never talked to the owner in Los Angeles and we never talked to (Hamilton owner) Harold Ballard."

Reached in Calgary, Skalbania refused comment.

management, team general manager Tom McMaster said.

at Kelowna, the game had to be called at 18:56 of the first period because of a bench-clearing brawl involving all players on both teams.

Kelowna was assessed five game misconducts, while Merivale had six misconducts.

Ken Filbey and Greg Adams each scored two goals for Kelowna which built up periodic leads of 3-0 and 4-2. Mike Herchak and Fritz Maier were the other marksmen.

Mike McTearneau stopped 27 shots in the Kelowna net, while Dale Cresswell stopped 42.

Kelowna now meets Penitence Knights in the best-of-seven Interior Division final. The series begins Friday night at Kelowna.

# Spurting North Stars stretch streak to four

By The Canadian Press

It's been a year of spurts for Minnesota North Stars, so coach Gene Simons hopes his National Hockey League club can continue its current spurt into the playoffs.

The North Stars stretched their latest spurt to four games (two wins and two ties) Wednesday night with a 3-1 victory over the Buffalo Sabres. Minnesota's current drive followed a six-game winless streak (0-5-1) that's pretty much how their season has gone.

"We seem to play in spurts," Simons said. "We're trying to get three lines going to get some momentum."

"That (against Buffalo) is as well as we've played in a long time."

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The Sabres took the lead on Craig Ramsay's goal at 1:04 of the first period, but Minnesota tied the score seven minutes later on rookie Dino Ciccarelli's power-play tally.

Second-period goals by Steve Christoff and Greg Smith gave Minnesota the winning margin.

Other scores were: St. Louis 5, Quebec 3; New York Islanders 6, Winnipeg 3; Washington 5, Hartford 2; Colorado 4, New York Rangers 2; Montreal 2, Pittsburgh 1; Chicago 4, Los Angeles 3; Boston 4, Toronto 4.

The North Stars dominated most of the game and outshot Buffalo 43-23. Minnesota averaged fewer than 23 shots a game in three previous ties with Buffalo.

Blues 5, Nordiques 5

Tony Currie deflected a shot

off Quebec defenceman Normand Rochefort at 13:23 of the third period that salvaged the tie for St. Louis. The Nordiques, with 62 points, moved one point up on their total for the entire 1979-80 campaign with 12 games to play.

Islanders 6, Jets 3

Bob Bourne opened and closed the scoring — one goal when his team was short-handed, the other into an empty net — to pace New York over Winnipeg.

Captains 5, Whalers 2

Dennis Maruk scored and collected two assists to pace a Washington offence that ran up a 4-0 lead in the first 24 minutes of play.

Rockies 4, Rangers 3

Steve Tambellini, in his first game in a Colorado uniform, scored on a rebound with 1:01 left in the game to win the game for Colorado. Glenn Resch, acquired along with Tambellini in a trade with the Islanders, faced only nine New York shots in the first two periods.

Lessard on the bench for an extra attacker.

Bruins 4, Maple Leafs 4

Boston and Toronto took turns sitting on leads before surrendering to a standstill. The Bruins jumped into a 3-0 first-period lead, but Toronto came back with four straight goals.

The Bruins then staged their own comeback, with scores by Stan Jonathan and Peter McNab equalizing.

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