

# NEWSLETTER

## **Thursday, December 7 Meeting**

**Location** Downstairs at the  
Legion Hall, Westboro Branch -  
389 Richmond Road, between  
Churchill and Roosevelt Avenues.

*Parking is on neighbouring streets.*

*Start time – 7 pm.*

### **Coming Club Fishes**

**NONE!**

**NADA!**

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**DECEMBER MEETING Legion**

**THURSDAY, December 7 – 7 pm**

- 1. Club Fish Results**
- 2. Trophy Turn-In Time**
- 3. Club Fish Set-up – do we need changes?**

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## **Miscellaneous Mutterings**

Jim has identified a curious problem with handing out trophies this year. It seems that the size of most the fish caught isn't "up to snuff" (whatever "snuff" is).

The burning question is: "should the OFC hand out trophies for fish that wouldn't have been winners in any other year?"

Before we answer this question, I guess we need to know what was the average (or median) size of trophy winners in the past. No, Jim, I know that Moe is large but that has nothing to do with it – you KNOW I meant "trophy winning fish".

As well, we need to know the standard deviation of trophy winning fish to determine whether or not this year's candidates fall well off the mark. This adds an air of spurious scientific method to the deliberation.

Of course, we could ignore all of the above, using the well-known "Occam's Razor" principle.

The simplest approach is simply to award the trophy to the largest legal entry in each category. **Voila!**

## Quotes on Marriage

I'd like to thank (or blame) Rick Newton for the following material. Speaking from some experience, there is a certain element of truth in some of them – I leave it up to you to decide which ones.

"When a man steals your wife, there is no better revenge than to let him keep her." – Sacha Guitry

"After marriage, husband and wife become two sides of a coin – they just can't face each other, but still they stay together." – Hemant Joshi

"By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll be happy. Of you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher." – Socrates

"I had some words with my wife, and she had some paragraphs with me." – Anonymous

"Some people ask the secret of our long marriage. We take time to go to a restaurant two times a week. A little candlelight, dinner, soft music and dancing. She goes Tuesdays, I go Fridays." – Henny Youngman

"I've had bad luck with both my wives. The first one left me and the second one didn't." – Patrick Murray

"You know what I did before I married? Anything I wanted to." – Henny Youngman.

"A good wife always forgives her husband when she's wrong." – Milton Berle

A man inserted an ad in the classifieds: "Wife wanted." Next day he received a hundred letters. They all said the same thing: "You can have mine." – Anonymous

First Guy (proudly), "My wife's an angel!"

Second Guy, "You're lucky! Mine's still alive."

Two secrets to keep your marriage brimming:

1. Whenever you're wrong, admit it.
2. Whenever you're right, shut up.

The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once ... – Anonymous

## **The Monster of Muskrat Lake**

This is from the Perth Courier of Thursday, August 14, 1969, page 2.

What has three eyes, three ears, one big fin half way down its back, two legs, one big tooth in front, is silvery-green in colour and stretches for 24 feet?

Well, the people of Cobden, 60 miles northwest of Ottawa, don't know either, but they claim it exists and they've named it Hapxyelor, the monster of Muskrat Lake.

And by the way, in case you were wondering, it eats fish and is considered friendly.

Long considered a local legend, Hapxyelor showed up in a recent report by a firm of consulting engineers working on a development plan for the Muskrat River.

The report mentions "the recurring story" of sightings of a "reptile or monster somewhat larger than a canoe" which has never been identified.

A previous reference to the monster was made by Indians during the 16<sup>th</sup> century in stories told about the "strange thing" which roamed the waters of Muskrat Lake.

Dick Heyda, owner and operator of Champlain Storyland at Renfrew, near Cobden, did some research on the monster and created a 28-foot plastic model.

Mr. Heyda read about the consulting company report and after searching around, got his description from Cobden fisherman and trapper Donald Humphries.

Mr. Humphries, an ardent outdoorsman, had spent a lot of time on Muskrat Lake and the model was constructed from what he said he saw there one evening last year.

"He told me he saw something like an eye emerge from the water and it seemed to rotate," Mr. Heyda said. "A little later an enormous beak came out of the water and then the whole body."

"He said it was about 24 feet long, had three eyes, three ears, one big fin half way down its back, two legs, a big tooth in the front and was silvery-green in colour."

The monster had a quick snack of cattails and then, after hearing Mr. Humphries sneeze, "perked up two of its ears" and slithered back into the lake.

### **My comment:**

Before you decide this is ridiculous, read the next story – I believe it.

## Signs of the Times

A backwoods bulletin board near the headwaters of the Jordan River near Detroit, Michigan, advertises for lost false teeth, a missing pipe, and warns sportsmen against marauding bears and otters.

Here's a sampling of the signs plastered on a big tree:

"Lost and reward. One English shell briar pipe. I think I lost it downstream from this campsite, either in the river or on the bank approaching the stream." It was signed by a Charlesvoix man.

Another sign alerted fishermen to watch for an unusual trout in a nearby stream.

"Notice. If you catch a large trout with false teeth, keep the trout and mail the teeth to me. It's a long story, but I was getting a drink, and dropped the teeth in the river. Before I could grab them a fish got them. I have fished for him twice, but each time he bit off my leader."

A wag replied to both notices.

"I saw that fish but could not get him to bite because he had a briar pipe in his teeth and I swear it was lit."

Another notice on the signboard.

"Sportsmen and friends. Two bears have been here. So hide your bacon. Tie your bacon high on a tree and make sure yours is safe for the night."

Sportsmen were urged to beware of a hungry otter that ate a fisherman's supply of night crawlers.

But a kibitzer posted a note that told sportsmen the otters weren't at fault.

"Aw, that's just our Paul Bunyan mosquitoes with hair on 'em," it said.



## **Detergent Gasoline**

I recently read a thread on Detergent Gasoline that makes the point “All gasoline is not the same.” Here it is for your edification, consideration, and “stupefication”.

TOP TIER Detergent Gasoline is a recently established new standard for gasoline performance. Four of the world’s top automakers – BMW, General Motors, Honda and Toyota recognize that the current EPA minimum detergent requirements do not go far enough to ensure optimal engine performance.

Since EPA first established the minimum additive performance standards in 1995, most gasoline marketers have actually REDUCED (my capitals) the concentration level of detergent additive in their gasoline by up to 50%. As a result, the ability of a vehicle to maintain stringent Tier 2 emission standards have been hampered, leading to engine deposits which can have a big impact on in-use emissions and driver satisfaction.

These automakers have raised the bar. TOP TIER Detergent Gasoline helps drivers avoid lower quality gasoline, which can leave deposits on critical engine parts, which reduces engine performance. That’s something both drivers and automakers want to avoid.

Here is a partial list as of October 23, 2006. I have left off minor US suppliers that, as far as I know, don’t operate in Canada. Chevron-Canada, Shell- Canada, Texaco (?). Ford in the US has started labeling the 2006 Ford gas caps with “Ford Recommends BP”. I don’t know if they do this in Canada.

I also don’t know what the situation is in Canada with respect to detergent levels in gasoline. Maybe someone will look into this and let me know. I’ll pass on any new information as I get it.

Perhaps this helps to explain why so many people complain that the gas companies have lowered the quality of their gasoline. If they can save the fraction of a penny that the detergent represents, you can be sure that they’ll do it. Not only that, but they can claim that the government thinks that this is the right thing to do.

I don’t imagine that this impacts our outboard motors but you never know. Does anyone have any thoughts on this? Better yet, does anyone have any FACTS?





Looks like the ads are right – you CAN get everything at Walgreen's!



You gotta admit the guy was a master with a mower.