

## Hunting And Fishing

# Fast Troll Catches Big Muskies

by Les Nyuli

A couple of years ago it was a privilege for me to meet Leo Gauthier. He is one of Ontario's best muskie fishermen. He knows his fish and gave me a few tips. The pikey minnow is the giant size, from 10 to 11 inches in length. He showed me a piece of cedar, hand-carved, some 16 inches in length, fitted with huge

hooks, and claimed this to be one of his favorites as well as a real fish-getter.

Leo's mother runs Big Moose Camp on Lake Nonsbong. Leo Gauthier acts in the capacity of muskie guide only.

When I spent my week's holidays there I learned to fish for muskies. A day's guiding would consist of 9 to 12, 1:30 to 4:30, six

hours, but a real workout. We would leave the dock using a 14 or 15 foot boat with a 10 horse motor at almost full throttle. We would place our lures (that big pikey minnow) some 40 feet behind the boat and hang on to our stiff, five ft. bait casting rods, fitted with 30 lb. test line.

Leo's knowledge of the lake took us to bays that had produced fish in the past. Leo claims muskies will always be found in certain spots at certain times of the year.

His knowledge eliminated fishing the unproductive bays. We would circle around the bay skirting the shore some 15 feet, and repeat this pattern for some 10 or 15 passes.

I was fortunate one day when the light struck the dead calm water and allowed me to see the weed growth below the surface of the lake.

We fished this area back and forth and criss-crossing at a speed which I thought to be ridiculous, but after a short time I thought the method out and could see that the trolling at high speeds for some 100 yards in a straight line, and a sharp 90 degree turn, would

make the floating pikey minnow come to rest on the surface for a moment or two, then, dart away at a furious clip for another 100 yards, repeating the pattern.

Leo's claim was that the lunge would chase the fast moving lure for a short distance and then stop. The idea of the many repeat passes was to excite the fish, steal the lure away, excite him and force him to hit the lure when it came to a rest.

He also claims that setting a hook is usually done by the lunge itself. This is a lake where the trophies swim.

In 15 years of fishing Leo has caught more than 10 trophy lunge each year in excess of 40 lbs. for the largest Ontario muskies. His largest lunge was just under 60 pounds.

I think this year in late September I will try for a trophy lunge at Lake Nonsbong. Leo tells me that for the past half dozen years, each spring, he sees a lunge that he estimates to be some 75 lbs. and is a world's record fish.

He is aware that trophies are the result of a lot of hard work and knowledge and patience. He has received Ontario and Canadian fame for the muskies he has caught, and of the few dedicated fishermen that I have had the good fortune to meet I feel one day Leo deserves to have a world's record to his credit.

Just remember from Toronto the Kawartha lakes in its entire chain offers some of the finest muskie fishing in North America. There are a lot of fish that are claimed in excess of 60 lbs. and the world's record still swims in the water.

## Speed Strip

by Paul Zimmerman



Another well-known stock and sprint car driver drove his last lap, at the Tulsa Speedway in Oklahoma.

Oswego stock car champion, Ronny Lux was killed instantly when his sprint car hit the wall. He was only 27 years old and many veteran stock car drivers admitted "he was one of the best."

A feat never done before, was accomplished by Ron when he won eight feature races at Oswego to win the championship.

Local stock car driver Norm Mackereth, who raced against Ron Lux all last season, had only praise for the young driver. Just recently, Ron came to Toronto to visit his friends and watch the annual International at the CNE Speedway.

Lux's death brings the fatality total at the race tracks this year to an alarming 34. Twice as many as the 1964-65 season put together. If you remember one of my earlier columns, where I mentioned the conversation with a friend of mine, who predicted "the worst racing season over," this statement has come true all the way.

Len Jeffrey, Cooksville, a former stock car driver in the super modified class, explains the high fatality rate this way:

"In auto racing, everything mechanical has improved. The engines are more powerful, but the safety standards stay at a level. There is just not enough protection in case of a crash."

I fully agree with Len, and I may add two more factors playing a deadly role in the auto sport: the sky high prize money, plus the race drivers urge too for glory. This gives him the "guts" to get killed. Nobody knows for sure, there is no answer from the dead.

At the Pinecrest Speedway, local veteran Jim Hallahan of Clarkson, could do no wrong. Jim had a perfect score, winning every race he started. The '65 Studebaker has never run better and enabled Jim to move into the third place in the O'Keefe points standings.

This is the first time this season any stock car driver has won all four events. Jim's wife Lorraine wouldn't let her husband do all the work, so she drove her best race to win the powder puff derby.

It was also the wildest night witnessed by another sell-out crowd. The first heat took 45 minutes to complete when a spectacular roll-over demolished Don Dale's car. He picked the only parking space available in the pit area, between two cars without doing any damage to the vehicles.

The second heat, saw rookie driver Ron Brent of Streetsville finish in second place and Al Johnson of Port Credit came fifth.

The third heat was a walkaway for Jim Hallahan with other local drivers far behind.

In the first consolation race, local driver Vick Rampling piloted his beautiful '57 Chev to a third place, after experiencing cornering problems in the previous race. The second consolation went to Don Goodal of Port Credit who is still in second place in the points standings. George Rueffer finished third behind Ross Flowers of Toronto.

Then it was Hallahan's turn again. First he took the Trophy Tach and immediately walked the field to win the semi-final. Other locals to finish the semi were George Rueffer, eighth and Ron Brent, ninth.

In the feature event George Rueffer looked a sure winner, when he passed every car in front of him for a momentary lead. But George experienced engine problems and was unable to get top performance. So Jim Hallahan happened to be driving this way and made a hard day's night a perfect one. Rueffer fell back but finished eighth overall.

There was a lot of claiming action. Hallahan's '65 Studebaker was picked up by a spectator, so Jim claimed No. 78, Pete Hudson's '57 Chev and Pete in turn claimed a prize of \$500.

## DESTROY WEEDS

Custom Weed Cutting  
of Vacant Lots & Fields

For Information Call **277-2737**

**HASTIE** LAWN EQUIPMENT

Dundas Hwy. and Mavis Road  
Cooksville

## THE BOSS IS ON HOLIDAYS!

**50** CARS MUST GO

BRAND NEW CARS FROM \$2199.99

SAVE UP TO \$1500.00

ON THE FOLLOWING COMPANY CARS

- 66 Chrysler New Yorker, 4 door hard top, fully power equipped.
- 66 Chrysler Windsor, two door hard top, completely equipped.
- 66 Dodge Polara 880, 2 door hard top, power steering and power brakes, radio, V8, full discs.
- 66 Dodge Polara V8 Sedan, automatic, full discs.
- 66 Dodge Coronet 440 Sedan, automatic, radio, full discs, white walls.

5 YEAR OR 50,000 MILE WARRANTY ON ALL THESE CARS



**DON ROBERTSON CHRYSLER-DODGE LTD.**

324 QUEEN ST. E., BRAMPTON — 677-4390 459-1810  
(Across from the Water Tower)



UNDER THE SUN. For fun under the sun, the bikinis are going over big this year. This shapely model ably demonstrates why they're so popular — especially with men — wearing a blue and white polka dot bikini with lace ruffles. Matching top is of lace and cotton.

**SHERMAN**  
SAND AND GRAVEL  
LIMITED

**274-3491**

Washed Sand & Gravel  
Road Gravel — Limestone

PITS AT  
Port Credit Burlington