

Patriot Trout Contest to Feature Opening Day Of '62 Fishing Season



ISLAND fishermen will be turning out in force this coming Sunday to greet the opening of the 1962 fishing season. The annual trout contest sponsored by The Evening Patriot will be a highlight of the day's activities. This prize beauty held and caught by Harold Landry of Charlottetown won the contest in 1962.

The long countdown since last September 30 is nearing an end. Anglers who packed their gear carefully away on the closing day of the 1961 season are busily engaged these days getting things in shape for the opening session of 1962 which swings into action on Sunday April 15.

Weather conditions, at the time of writing, were far in advance of last year when trout fishermen went in search of the speckled beauties with a snow drifts all around them. Indeed most of the ponds were frozen solid and axes were required to get the line into the pond.

But barring a sudden change in conditions, the opening day enthusiasts next Sunday will have none of these hardships to overcome. There's a good chance that weather conditions will be all in their favor. Already this April there have been many days which trout fishermen had wished had been saved for Sunday April 15.

LARGEST CROWD
It's likely that the largest opening day in years will be trying their luck. All good fishing spots will be thickly populated with anglers this coming Sunday and casting room is probably to be at a premium in many places. However, this will not discourage those who have waited six and one-half months to indulge in their favorite pastime.

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Entries will be received at The Patriot office on Monday April 16 up until 10:30 in the morning. Then the judges, Ralph Jenkins, Frank Acorn and Spurgeon Jenkins will go to work on selecting the prize winners.

Four classes are arranged for those entering, with first and second prizes in each division. They are: 1—Largest trout; best and cleanest fish; best platter of three and best catch of ten.

Despite adverse conditions, the judges had plenty of trouble gaining their decisions last year. A surprisingly large number of good trout were submitted for this annual contest. This year, however, it is expected that the largest number ever will be placed before the three judges.

Sam Walker, Parkdale had the largest trout in last April's show. Jimmy Sullivan of Vernon, submitted the best and cleanest trout. Mrs. Earl Riggs had the best platter of three. The three beauties weighed a total of six pounds. Doug Caromy, Fitzroy Street, Charlottetown topped top honors in the best catch of ten.

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So get ready for action. If you land some nice ones, why not drop around to The Patriot of-

rice with them and try to win one of the prizes. This opening day contest should be the greatest ever.

Partial List Compiled Of Good Fishing Spots

Fishing streams and ponds are almost as numerous as the trout that inhabit them. The fishing areas, numbering in the hundreds, can be easily reached as most are located only a short distance from the Island's numerous paved highways.

Here is a partial list of fishing spots as compiled by the tourist and information branch of the P.E.I. government.

Tignish—Route No. 2 Black Pond; Tignish River; Little Tignish River; Haywood's Mill Dam; Blanchard's; Nall Pond; Skimmer's Pond.

Elmsdale—Route No. 2 Mimmingsh Pond; Six Pond; Doy's (Roseville).

Alberton—Route No. 2 Round Pond; Marchberg's Pond and stream; Kildare River; Gordon's Pond; Mill River East; Hardy's; Metherell's.

Bloomfield—Route No. 2 Long Creek Bridge; Gard's Brook; McManis's Mill Dam and Stream.

O'Leary—Route No. 1 Gard's or Marchbank's Mill (Howan); Pierre Jacques River and Mill Dam; Glenwood; West Point.

Coleman Corner—Route No. 1 Getson's Mill; Mill River; Leard River (via North Shore road); Quisley's Mill.

Souris—Route No. 1 Big Pond; Priest Pond; Gowan Brook Mill Pond; Note: Inquire at Souris if the fish are "running" at catch.

Sheep River (Victoria West); Fitzgerald's Mill; Sunnyside Stream; Grand River.

Wellington—Route No. 1 Wellington Pond.

Summerside—Route No. 1 at Summerside complete information about fishing conditions can be obtained at the Summerside Tourist Bureau.

Kensington—Route No. 1 Warren's Mills (Burlington); Cousin's Mills (Park Corner); Campbell's Pond; Found's Mills (New London).

Fredrieston—Route No. 1 Parson's Pond; Millvale Stream; Gunn's Bridge.

Hunter River—Route No. 1 Hunter River Pond and Stream; Campbell's Stream (New Glasgow); Campbell's Pond (New Glasgow).

St. Stewart—Route No. 1 The "S" at St. Andrews; McEwen's Mills; Cherry Hill; Leard's Pond (Piquet); McPherson's Pond (Clarktown); Piquet; Point De Roche.

Morell—Route No. 1 Grant's Bridge; "The Forks" (up stream from Grant's Bridge) Money's Bridge; Indian Bridge. Directions to reach all points on Morell River can be obtained at Morell village.

St. Peter's—Route No. 1 Hay River (via North Shore road); Quisley's Mill.

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Ass'n Keeps Sharp Vigil On Conservation Of Fish

Mid-April to many a lazy schoolboy and equally to lots of city and country folk alike is a time when "spring fever" is in the air as winds become warmer, snow disappears and soon appears an overbearing prospect—the seeds in the search for earth-worms.

On many Saturday afternoons men, boys and some women may be seen by streams, brooks, ponds and dams casting out their fishing lines in expectancy. Even to one who has never gone fishing, the sight of these happy people waiting for fish to bob their hook is an inspiration that will inspire almost anyone to try their luck at this ever popular pastime.

This points to one fact—many Islanders do not practice conservation. But there is a group which is aware of this, and it dedicates itself to the conservation of our natural resources. This group was chartered in 1906, and today has a membership of some 400 with five main branches. This unit is the P.E.I. Fish and Game Association, a body that makes conservation its business.

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