

HUNTER'S CORNER

Native Partridge Shortage, Wild Geese Get Smarter

November is on its last lap and nobody appears to be shedding any tears. We have had no more than two nice days to date and one of them got pretty cold toward late p.m. Daybreak on November 3rd saw the ground covered with an approximate four inches of snow and the breath of winter was in the air. Our Indian Summer most certainly got sidetracked along the line. I have had just two hunts this fall for Native partridge and never even glimpsed or heard one. I know that some of them saw me for I was in real partridge territory. I walked over a mile and a half of wood roads in typical grouse terrain. In places the mixed hardwoods and spruce made an arch over the trail and a soft sunlight filtered through to throw the crimson and gold leaves, that covered the ground, into bold relief.

I expected any moment to have a grouse thunder up from trail side and knew I wouldn't have time for a shot unless the safety was off. Without warning another hunter, a real ruffed grouse friend, met me head on. This was a huge Goshawk that was cruising the trail at tree top level. It too was on a hunt for ruffed grouse. I shot from the left shoulder and on a right hand swing I'm just about as fast as Cassius Clay. She, it was a female and almost twice as large as the male, butted her head squarely into a charge of seven and a half shot. I felt a slight twinge of remorse when I had her in hand for she was a lovely specimen but this remorseful feeling evaporated swiftly a half mile farther on when, at the bypass of a dam I found where she had plucked a black duck feather by feather. She made one mistake. She swung off the trail like a streak of grey but it was to her left instead of right. On a left swing I'm a lot slower and she'd have made it without a doubt.

Four black ducks, in fact the only black ducks in the area, had made their home at this dam for several weeks and then were seen no more. I wondered why they should have pulled out. Her ladyship was the cause of their departure... if any were left to depart. The wildgeese are still on the rounds but have gotten very trail wise. Some old ganders can spot a rig of wooden decoys and put them down for what they are at a single glance. They'll also warn other flocks that are not so wise and experienced. About a week ago two hunters who have been hunting geese for a long, long time teamed up for a stubble goose shoot. Both have decoys that are lifelike as the live product and both are experts when it comes to constructing a hide or blind. The field they rigged out was large and their blinds... to human eyes at least... were invisible.

The first arrivals were a flock of eleven with a gander in charge with a honk of the horn intensity. He paid no more attention to their 'rig' than he would to a flock of crows and brought his charges down at least three gunshots distant. He didn't feed with his charges but kept a sharp eye on the fake geese. At approximately fifteen or twenty minute intervals three flocks of geese arrived and, with wings set, were coming in for a landing amid the fake birds. The old flock leader gave with a few sharp calls and the first two flocks obeyed promptly and ceased off and joined his group. The third and last flock were inclined to be disobedient and at first paid no attention to his orders. When he gave them a real blast they reluctantly obeyed him. The two hunters did not want to fire a shot to drive the old timer off the stubble and decided on the walking method. They were about two hundred yards from their 'rig' when the old timer took off with his charges. The crowning disappointment came when they were returning to their blind. They had to stand by and watch five

CLUB STATISTICS

TORONTO (CP)—Here is a statistical comparison of Hamilton Tiger-Cats in the Eastern Football Conference and Winnipeg Blue Bombers in the Western Conference, based on official statistics of regular-season play. Game averages are bracketed.

	WPG	HAM
Games	14	16
Points scored	301 (19)	281 (20)
Against	282 (16)	153 (11)
Rush yds	3,006 (188)	1,998 (143)
Rushes	583 (36)	454 (32)
Average	5.2	4.4
Pass'g yds	2,118 (132)	1,545 (110)
Attempts	278 (17)	230 (16)
Complete	143 (9)	92 (7)
Per cent	51.4	40
Average	14.8	16.8
Int by opp	23	20
First downs	279 (17)	182 (13)
Rushing	154 (10)	96 (7)
Passing	105 (7)	71 (5)
By penalty	20	15
Punts	136 (9)	135 (10)
Yards	5,578 (349)	6,005 (429)
Average	41	45

CURLING DRAW

The following is today's draw for the Charlottetown Curling Club:

FRIDAY, NOV. 26:
7:00 P.M.:
Ice 1—G. Kays, B. Boyles, L. Campbell, H. Douglas vs. G. Stewart, K. Kennedy, A. Gill, M. MacLean.
Ice No. 2—H. MacInnis, D. Cox, D. MacLellan, W. MacGregor vs. W. Reddin, K. Acorn, G. Newman, G. Schleyer.
Ice 3—Ed. Tanton, A. Bagnall, R. Vopni, G. Proctor vs. P. O'Rourke, B. Hopkins, A. E. Piercy, B. Stevenson.
Ice 4—G. Bennett, B. O'Rourke, G. Brookins, D. Cosgrove vs. H. R. Carruthers, E. MacDonald, S. Willis, J. Shelton.
Ice 5—I. Burden, N. MacNeill, L. Bagnall, D. Shears vs. A. MacDonald, L. Leger, E. Ford, H. Mitton.

8:30 P.M.:
Ice 1—Open.
Ice 2—L. Turner, H. Douglas, C. MacDonald, D. Pickard Jr. I. Higgins, D. Douglas, J. S. Taylor, Dr. MacLeod.
Ice 3—C. Flemming, Dr. F. Jolks, A. Garrett, D. Taylor, B. Parent, B. Smith, W. Carr, H. Hector.
Ice 4—E. Matheson, F. Corcoran, V. Mitton, Ned Dooley, Wes Storey, A. Jones, B. Jones, K. Myers.
Ice 5—Open.

AT MONTAGUE
Draw for the Montague Curling Club for today, Nov. 26:
7 p.m.
Ice 1—E. MacDonald, D. Clarkson, G. Murphy, S. Galloway vs. K. MacDonald, D. Sorrie, L. Nicholson, H. Galloway.
9 p.m.
Ice 1—E. Shaw, E. Duvar, H. Matheson, L. Furness vs. Dr. P. MacIntyre, L. Stewart, J. MacNeil, H. Robbins.

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NOTICE

THE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION EXPENSES

The Secretary of State of Canada has appointed an advisory Committee on Election Expenses to enquire into and report on matters relating to the control, limitation and financing of election expenditures.

The Committee have visited communities throughout Canada to seek the views of Canadians on the most appropriate solution in the light of their political and social prospects.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Committee intends to hold public hearings on Friday the 10th day of December 1965, at Harbour Suite "C", Nova Scotian Hotel, in the City of Halifax, commencing at 9:00 a.m. local time. Persons wishing to appear at these hearings are requested to write before the sixth day of December 1965 to:

The Secretary, Advisory Committee on Election Expenses Suite 808, 88 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa 4, Ontario.

SUBMISSIONS

For the benefit of those individuals or organizations not wishing or unable to appear in person at the above mentioned public hearings, the Committee hereby invite representations in writing concerning the work of the Advisory Committee on Election Expenses. Representations in writing should be made to the Secretary at the address above set out not later than December 31st, 1965.

The Committee is anxious to have the views and opinions of all who may be concerned in this vital matter. The co-operation of interested organizations and persons will be greatly appreciated, and it is hoped that they will avail themselves of this opportunity to assist the Committee.

Alphonse Barbeau
Chairman



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