

Ice Fishing

Since this is the last article of the year and this is the last issue of the year, I thought I would give you some (fish) food for thought. Many of the lakes in the area are open for winter ice fishing, though there may be species restrictions, it can be fun. Tentatively, the MNR has designated February 15, 16, & 17, 2020 as free family fishing weekend.

This means you can try out ice fishing even if you don't have a licence. Please note that conservation licence limits apply.

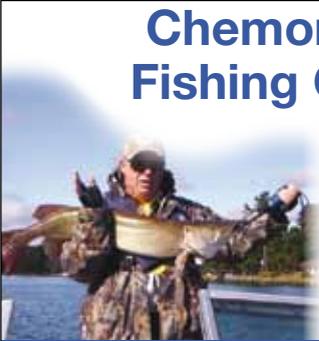
Also, you can use two rods and/or tip ups, instead of one rod as in the summer. An elaborate definition of a tip up is beyond the scope of this article but it is essentially a small automatic (usually) fishing pole that lets you know you have a fish. They are readily available for purchase or quite easy to make yourself. There are special "ice fishing" lures and tackle you can purchase, but I have found small minnows and a plain hook or spreader (three hook combination) work the best.

About the only real capital expenditure you will have to make is an ice auger with "sharp blades". If you don't have an auger, you may, if it is a busy area, find someone to drill a couple of holes for you. Alternately, if it hasn't been too cold, you could chop out an existing hole with an axe and use a perforated ladle to keep it clear.

Safety is the number one issue along with ice thickness. There are several charts and graphs "floating" around covering this. If you're new to the sport, it's best to hang around where everyone else is hanging around and remember the ice will be thinner or even nonexistent in arrears of heavy current in contrast to shallow back bays.

Keep an eye under foot! I don't know how many times I or my associates have stepped into an existing hole and got soaking wet. Unless you have a phone with a GPS app or at least a compass, you could become disoriented and totally lost in an unexpected white out condition or at night when most shorelines viewed from afar look the same.

Good Luck and Happy Fishing!



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100 Women support Casa De Angelae

On September 17, the 100 Women Peterborough group raised \$10,000 to support women in need.



Chair of Casa De Angelae, Kim Aubin and a resident of Casa De Angelae, Katie Galloro, presented on behalf of the organization to the women at their meeting held at The Venue in downtown Peterborough. Casa De Angelae was selected to receive the donations by a majority vote that evening. Also presenting to the group were Camp Kawartha and GreenUP.

With thanks, Aubin said: "This money will go a long way in ensuring that the Casa De Angelae home will be accessible and safe for not just the four women but any future women that have the opportunity to call Casa De Angelae their home."

Casa De Angelae's mission is to provide a permanent home for women with developmental disabilities, allowing them to live in a safe, supportive family environment. They provide the women with a combination of supervision, family support and independence that they need to grow as contributing members of their community. The funding will be used to install chair lifts in the home.

"We're excited about this contribution," said Galloro who has been living at Casa De Angelae since July, 2011. "I think it will help us a lot."

Four women currently reside at Casa De Angelae. The families of the women share a vision of transitioning their daughters out of their family homes before age or ill health prevents them from providing the necessary support. The organization works to help the women achieve the dream to live independent, meaningful lives.

Members of 100 Women commit to donate one hundred dollars at each of the four events hosted throughout the year. The aim is to help women learn about the multitude of different causes in the community, help people in need and join other like-minded women to empower and multiply the impact of their contributions.

"We are excited to see our membership grow every meeting to contribute to deserving organizations like Casa De Angelae," says one of the 100 Women founding members Rose Terry. "It is important to show women that they don't need to have millions of dollars to participate, we can work together collectively to make a huge impact."

One hundred percent of the funds raised by the membership are donated to four non-profit organizations determined by the membership throughout the year.

Women that are interested in joining the group are encouraged to reach out via the website:

www.100womenptbo.ca