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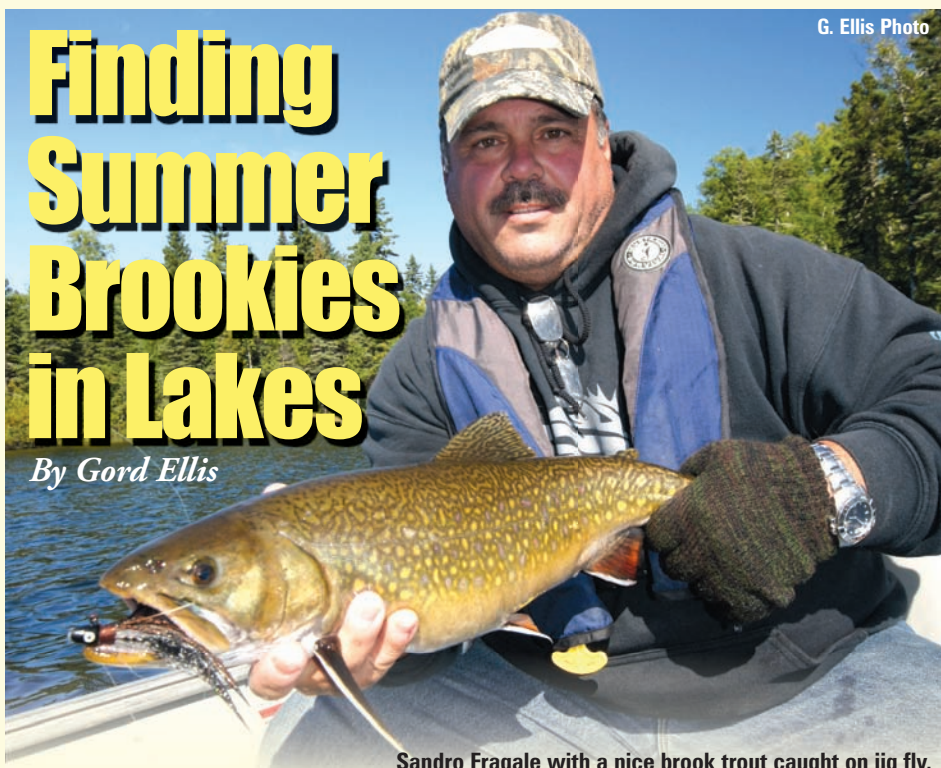
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Finding Summer Brookies in Lakes

By Gord Ellis



Sandro Fragale with a nice brook trout caught on jig fly.

Perhaps the most difficult trick for a brook trout angler is to find and consistently catch summer brook trout in lakes. Temperature sensitive brookies simply can't abide by the hot surface temps of summer. Because of this, they drop down into areas that provide the temperatures they need to survive and thrive. This may be in the deep or in springs that provide cool, well oxygenated water. Many summer anglers are frustrated by their inability to find brook trout during the dog days and give it up as hopeless.

Summer brookies can be caught, however. You just have to adjust your regular techniques and locations to do it. Here is a guide to cashing in on lake brookies right now

The majority of lakes with naturally reproducing population of brook trout are clear, rocky and have some areas of deep water. These lakes can be large or small, but they will almost always be difficult to fish for brook trout during the summer. Once the shoreline water temperatures reach 15 Celsius or so, they become uncomfortable for the brookies to live in. Likewise, the shallow lily pond bays that had trout in the spring become brook trout deserts due to decreased oxygen and heat.

During summer, brook trout in natural lakes will slip into the deeper waters that provide cooler temperatures. Often they will hang around classic drop offs that slip into 20 feet or more. If the drop off is close to a rock reef or large flat, so much the better. Flats provide feeding areas the trout can slip on and off easily without leaving the cool water for long. Brook trout simply cannot tolerate prolonged exposure to warm water. Look for boils or splashes on the surface over flats. Summer trout often feed on emerging aquatic insects and will usually show themselves. This is when a fly angler can clean house, fishing streamers or wet fly patterns. If the trout are taking mayflies off the surface, try a Stimulator or other large dry fly pattern. Brook trout as a rule are far less selective about flies than brown trout.

When doing seminars on the subject of summer brook trout, I'll ask how many trout anglers in the room also fish for smallmouth bass. There is a good reason for this question. In my experience, much of the type of structure that's great for summer smallmouth bass will also be good for brook trout. Brookies and bass don't usually live well together, that's for sure. But when I fish for brook trout in the summer, I'll find stuff that looks like good smallie water and fish it. It's amazing how often there are brook trout on those spots. If you are a bass angler, keep this in mind when looking for summer brook trout water.

When fishing mid-lake reefs, it seems the brookies will roll up on them morning and evening, and when ever the lake gets blown up. The wave action seems to make the surface water more comfortable for the trout, while breaking up the surface. In the morning, it's not unusual to see fish boiling all over them. Casting spinners such as the #3 Mepps Aglia, or small, light spoons like the EBG or Dartee are hard to beat when trout are on reef tops. Small crankbaits also work well when the trout are up on the reef and feeding on minnows. One of my favourite lures for fishing the shallow water of a reef is a small, silver Husky Jerk or X Rap. Cast the lure on top, jerk it lightly then let it sit for a moment. Strikes will be explosive.

When the trout are hanging deeper off the edge of the reef, jigs are the way to go. Multi-colour bucktail jigs like those made by Mighty Mitch and Jungle Joe jigflies, of Terrace Bay, are a killer lake bait. Cast the jig fly out and swim it back a foot or two off bottom. Bring the jig back with an undulating, swimming motion. Use a white or orange coloured head as this will be more visible to you in clear water. Often if you can see the jig, you will spot "followers" behind it and you can tease them into striking. Brookies can't resist this presentation. Natural coloured plastic bodied jigs also work well in the summer, with black, white and smoke bodies getting the nod. The scent impregnated products such as Gulp and Trigger X are very effective on brook trout. To fish the jig on a reef, cast it to the edge, let it fall, then swim it back, raising and lowering the rod tip on the retrieve. If you don't have a hit initially. On the second cast, let the jig fall slowly between short retrieves. This will get the bait deeper.

When trout are not holding tight to mid-lake reefs or drop offs, they can also be found patrolling the thermocline. The thermocline is the temperature transition between the warm surface and the cooler, deep water layer. Here the temperature decreases rapidly from the mixed layer temperature near the surface to the much colder deep water temperature. A thermocline is like an invisible blanket separating the upper mixed layer from the calmer, colder deep water below. In natural lakes, the thermocline tends to be about 20 to 30 feet from the surface in the heat of summer. Brookies will break away from this comfort zone to chase food for short periods of time. Trolling a spoon or deep diving crankbait just above the thermocline is one great way to catch fish holding close to it.

Catching brookies in the summer is almost always a challenge, and can test the patience of even the most committed trout freak. Yet with the help of an open mind, a little determination and some of the tips presented here, you should have success this season. Few things make a summer day sweeter than a few big brookies on the line.



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Father and daughter with giant summer brook trout

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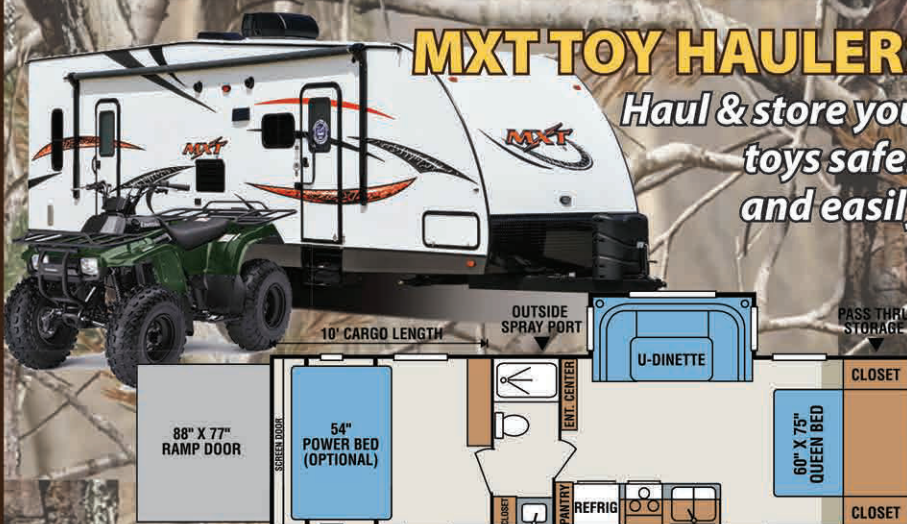
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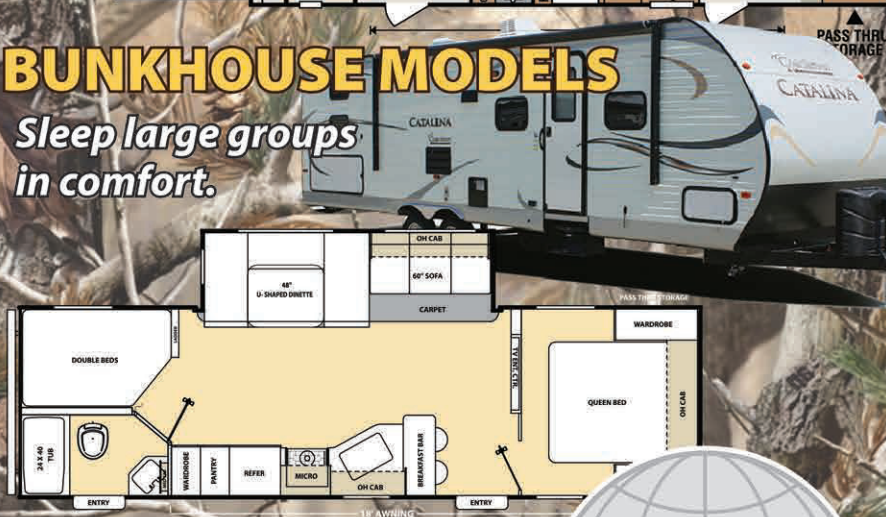
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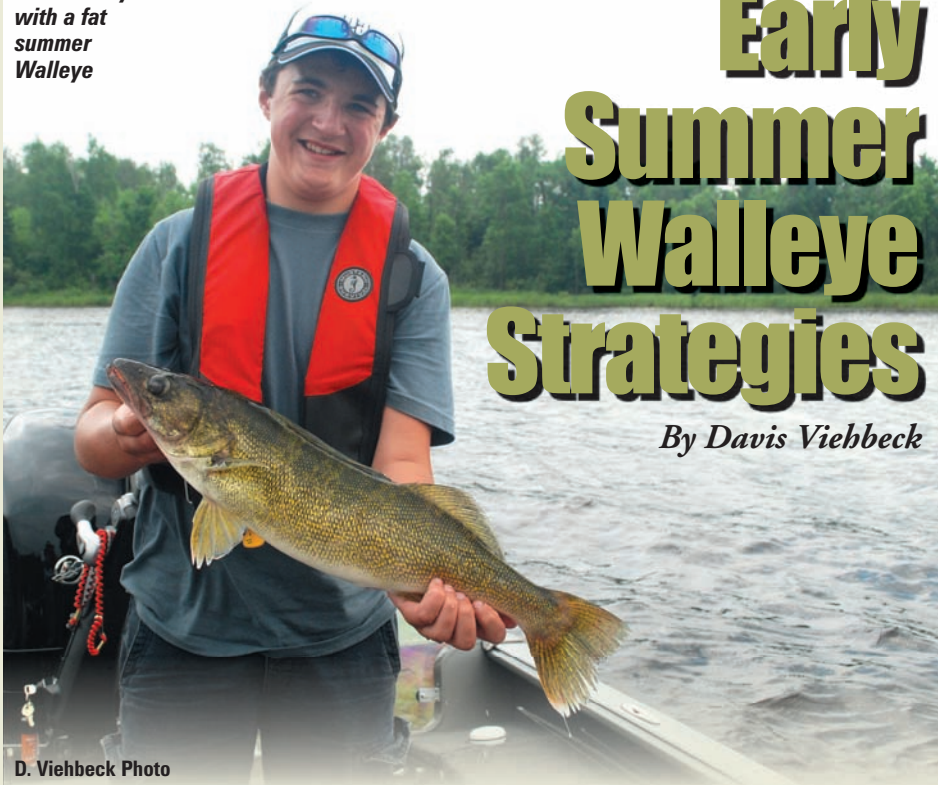
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Early Summer Walleye Strategies

By Davis Viehbeck

The months of June and early July can offer some of the best walleye fishing opportunities of the year throughout northwestern Ontario. Walleye have recovered from the spawn and are generally more focused on foraging than during the spring of the year. The early-summer period does however offer its challenges to anglers in search of walleye. A few scenarios generally come into play during the early-summer period.

The 'mayfly' or 'shad fly' hatch generally occurs in the latter part of June into the first few weeks of July and lasts roughly 2 to 3 weeks. This hatch results in walleye having an abundance of available forage and can often have a direct influence on walleye location. The hatch is hard to miss if you spend any amount of time near water as most surfaces become covered with the remnants of these insects and fish can often be seen surfacing for a quick snack. My most successful approach to catching walleye during the hatch has been to focus on soft-bottomed areas of lakes where insect life is generally more abundant.

The 'slow death' rig is unquestionably one of the most effective methods of catching walleye during the mayfly hatch. This finesse presentation involves a bottom bouncer, lead of monofilament line and a unique hook produced by Mustad known as the 'slow death hook' tipped with a small piece of night crawler (worm). The hook has several bends in it that results in an enticing corkscrew spinning action when pulled behind a bottom bouncer at slow speeds ranging from barely moving up to 1 mile per hour. When baiting the hook, thread half a night crawler up the hook shank just over the eye leaving ¼" to ½" of night crawler hanging off the hook. This technique can be highly effective during the mayfly hatch and when walleye are seemingly disinterested in other presentations.

Another challenging scenario for walleye anglers can be the mobility of walleye during the early-summer period. Walleye can literally be found anywhere from immediately adjacent to known spawning areas to thick vegetation or even being fully setup on deep water, mid-lake reefs and anywhere in between. The inconsistency of walleye location during this period can make tracking fish down quite a chore. The only savior is that once you locate early-summer walleye, you usually find more than a few in one location.

With the warmer water temperatures at this time of year, walleye are generally fairly active and are willing to chase baits more so than in during the cool-water period of spring. Because of this, I'll employ slightly faster presentations to help track down the fish. Some of my personal favourites include casting crankbaits such as Rapala X-Raps, BX Minnows and Clackin' Minnows to windswept shorelines, weedbeds or shallow rockpiles. Pitching these same areas with swimbaits or jigs tipped with a 4" grub or Power Minnow can be lethal.

If walleye can't be found up shallow, I'll focus on slightly deeper areas using a variety of trolling presentations including deep diving crankbaits and bottom bouncers with a variety of live-bait rigs. Trolling with crankbaits allows anglers to cover water quickly and effectively. Experiment with the size, colour, and profile of your crankbaits until you determine what the walleye prefer. Be sure to monitor your trolling speed to see if the walleye are feeling lazy or are up for a chase. Pay close attention to your electronics when trolling so that you can make note of areas with concentrations of walleye. I'll often mark a waypoint with my GPS in these areas and revisit them with a different presentation if I don't get any bites. In terms of bait selection, some of my personal favourite walleye cranks include Rapala Deep Taildancers, Deep Husky Jerks, Storm Smash Shads and Thundersticks.

Using a line-counter reel when trolling will allow you to run your cranks at the desired depth. As a general rule of thumb, the more line you let out, the deeper your crank will dive. It should also be noted that most cranks will achieve roughly 25% greater diving depth when using superlines like Sufix 832, PowerPro or Fireline in comparison to monofilament line of similar strength.



D. Viehbeck Photo

George Clark readies a big walleye for release

The long days of June and July are some of the nicest days to be on the water chasing walleye. Don't let the mayfly hatch or the transient nature of walleye keep you from having success on the water. Experiment from some of your normal tactics and consider some of these tips for your early-summer walleye adventures!

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K. Hartviksen Photo



Evolution of the Huntress

By John Kaplanis

Recent research into hunter participation in North America is revealing an encouraging trend in that women are becoming the fastest growing component of the hunting demographic. The reasons for this are manifold. The blend of gender roles in society coupled with a rising trend in popular culture that positively portrays "consumptive" activities in the outdoors, has made hunting a "hip" thing to do. It has also placed people back in touch with an honest lifestyle that puts truly organic nutrition on the dinner table for the family. Evidently, women are attracted to these ideals and they are taking to the woods faster than many of their male counterparts!

I was recently introduced to Keely Hartviksen who is a young lady who exemplifies the true evolution of the huntress among us. Keely is not only a home grown Thunder Bay girl who is proud of her outdoor heritage but she is also a recognized business professional working as an investment advisor for a local firm.

For Keely, hunting and fishing has always been a cherished time, spent with her family. Her grandfathers, uncle and father all took part in annual moose hunts and told stories of the "good old days" of hunting exploits by these men. Keely is reminded that the family hunted mainly for meat to see them through tough times. Even grandmother hunted partridge with her own shotgun and Keely recounts grandmother telling tales of hunting during her childhood in the time of the Great Depression. The tradition of hunting in the Hartviksen family may have begun long ago, but now it is being carried on by Keely and her brother Kellen.

Keely credits her father Ken with teaching her and her brother the importance of safe firearms handling, the need to sight in, clean and maintain the tools they hunted with. He taught them to scout for game, patience in waiting for the right shot and being diligent in tracking, recovery and respectfully field dressing and ultimately butchering their game.

Throughout her life, Keely recalls collecting her own firearms and passionately pursuing many outdoor activities as she developed her love of nature; camping, canoeing, hiking and horseback riding. And doing this all while pursuing an education, she completed her Masters degree in Sociology at Lakehead University, choosing to remain in Thunder Bay to seek a career that suited her education and skill set, but that would also allow her to passionately live the lifestyle that Northwestern Ontario uniquely offers.

In recent years Keely notes that she's been introduced to deer and rabbit hunting as well as river fishing with her partner, Stephen. She points out, "Steve says that he knew I was a keeper after I shot, cleaned and butchered my first buck on our first date!" She adds that a common love of the north has brought their two families together and she's happy to have two hunting camps that don't mind having a woman hunter in their midst.

Keely truly identifies with all those ideals that would attract a woman to the outdoors and hunting and appreciates the invigoration of being close to nature. She adds, "With a large vegetable garden and greenhouse supplemented with the hunting and fishing harvest, I can take comfort in knowing where our food comes from and how it was obtained, processed, preserved and proudly served."

When I asked her about possible criticisms by urbanites who may not understand or appreciate the outdoor lifestyle she lives, Keely says, "As a person born and raised in the traditions of hunting, gathering and fishing I don't really dwell on the urban criticisms of such practices. From my perspective it is simply natural for a young woman to do things to ensure food security and to pursue a healthy, balanced lifestyle."

Keely Hartviksen is a fine ambassador, not only for women hunters but for all of the hunting and fishing community living in the north. She is a role model for others to follow, that is for sure. It was an honor to tell her story and I look forward to her sending me photos of her successes in the woods and lakes of northern Ontario.

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THIS MONTH'S NEWS

NOSA Recommends Moose Management Changes

Moose hunting stakeholders and concerned northern residents alike are all asking what OMNR is doing to address declines in moose populations in many Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) across the Northwest Region. They also want to know where the Northwestern Ontario Sportsmen's Alliance (NOSA) stands on the matter.

NOSA has been actively involved in this issue for many years, participating in various OMNR stakeholder forums. But NOSA has also pursued the matter by tracking moose management challenges in neighboring Minnesota where a decline in their moose population has resulted in cancellation of their moose hunt. Minnesota has been excellent with sharing of information on the status of their collared moose through their moose mortality research which is in year 2 of the study.

The MN DNR has also collared calves in both years of the study, to determine rates of mortality on new born moose. Interesting to note is that in year one, calf mortality due to predation was quite high. Of the collared calves, 68% were killed by wolves while 14% of calf mortalities were attributed to black bears.

Meanwhile here in Ontario, the NWR Regional Director of OMNR gave the order for a full scale Moose Aerial Inventory (MAI) of 14 WMU's this past winter. This was an unprecedented move as OMNR normally only flies 3 or 4 WMU's per winter in each region of Ontario. An underfunded MAI budget has prevented OMNR from keeping up on providing an accurate inventory of moose population across the province. So after the NWR aerial moose count was completed, it became apparent that moose numbers were down across much of the northern units, especially ones that have normally been good producers of moose ie. WMU 13 and WMU 5

While the population status may be better understood in the Northwest Region, what is not fully understood is why the population is in decline. The Regional Biologist for OMNR NWR has stated that calf recruitment is a big part of the problem, and without good calf productivity and survival rates, it is difficult to sustain a moose population, let alone grow one. So, can something be done to correct this?

Our moose resource contributes to a significant part of the northern economy, generating millions in revenue as numerous businesses and tourism outlets support the annual moose hunt in the region. If moose are in trouble, there will be a cost associated with conducting research and monitoring and in implementing management changes that will support a growth in the moose population. The MAI from this past winter alone cost \$700,000 so OMNR is fully aware of the cost of doing business in terms of managing for an increasing moose population.



The flip side of investing money in moose management is to do nothing. Let nature take its course. Manage hunting pressure and hunting harvest, and do little else. This would seem to be how OMNR has managed moose in Ontario in the past 10 years or so. Prior to that, the provincial moose policy allowed for other tools and measures to be implemented where necessary to improve moose population health. However, policy has been rewritten to place less emphasis on pro-active management as a shift toward "adaptive" management has taken over.

Dr. Vince Crichton is a world renowned wildlife biologist who is considered an expert in moose biology and management. He recently received the Manitoba Wildlife Society 2014 Conservation Award. He is well respected in his field and he has been obtained by NOSA to provide advice on moose management recommendations being proposed to OMNR. Dr. Crichton was briefed on the status of Ontario's moose population decline and he was very quick to point to a number of problems with Ontario's moose management program. He cites politics and a lack of will on the part of the OMNR to invest in meaningful moose management and research to better understand population decline. He also points to a host of "tools" that could be used to assist moose in their population increase, but OMNR has not seemed willing to entertain any of these.

This is a huge problem according to Dr. Crichton who points out that managing hunter harvest is not enough to turn around a population decline. He notes that if calf recruitment and survival remains poor then other factors have to be examined and managed accordingly. These other factors are habitat management and predator management. And he adds that they are actually fairly simple to address but OMNR needs to get on board with the concepts behind each.

In recent correspondences to OMNR at various levels, NOSA has recommended a NWR Moose Management Task Team be appointed to address specific challenges to moose management here in the north. Certainly habitat manipulation through prescribed burns, coordinated through Local Citizens Committees, is one method to improve habitat on a rotating basis for WMU's. Reforestation practices by logging companies and the subsequent regeneration of natural mixed forests is something else that deserves emphasis. Predator management and controls have also been recommended by NOSA.

In conclusion, NOSA is willing to work with OMNR to provide workable solutions to overcome our moose population decline. OMNR needs to adopt similar thinking and provide additional "tools" to the singular focus which seems to be on hunter management. The alternative could be a continuing decline in moose population for future years and this is not a trend NOSA wants to see continue.

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NOSA Weighs in on Election

By John Kaplanis

The provincial election is over and a Liberal majority government means potentially good things for the north. Potentially. NOSA has worked very closely with MPP's Michael Gravelle and Bill Mauro in recent years to gain their support in government for numerous hunting, fishing and conservation related initiatives.

They listened and worked for us on these initiatives. Through networking, NOSA widely publicized our appreciation and support for their efforts leading into this last provincial election. The results: Bill Mauro won his riding in what was his greatest election victory to date. Michael Gravelle also left his competition well behind. NOSA wishes to congratulate these two MPPs and we hope to see them earn spots in a provincial Liberal cabinet very soon.

Then we will go back to work with them to hopefully finish much of what was started; a full return to the spring bear hunt, comprehensive moose management solutions in the north and a conclusion to the ongoing saga of walleye restoration and rehabilitation of the fishery and ecosystem of the Black Sturgeon River and Black Bay in Lake Superior. There will be more issues, and NOSA looks forward to working co-operatively with all our northern MPPs on all of them.

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Lexi Fadyshen with a potential derby winner!

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- Travel speed 46 km/hr
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- CVT Plus transmission w/ inertial clutch
- 4WD w/ 2WD selection
- 999 lbs payload/ 1,102 lb towing

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- Travel speed 40 km/hr
- 1,598 lbs payload capacity*

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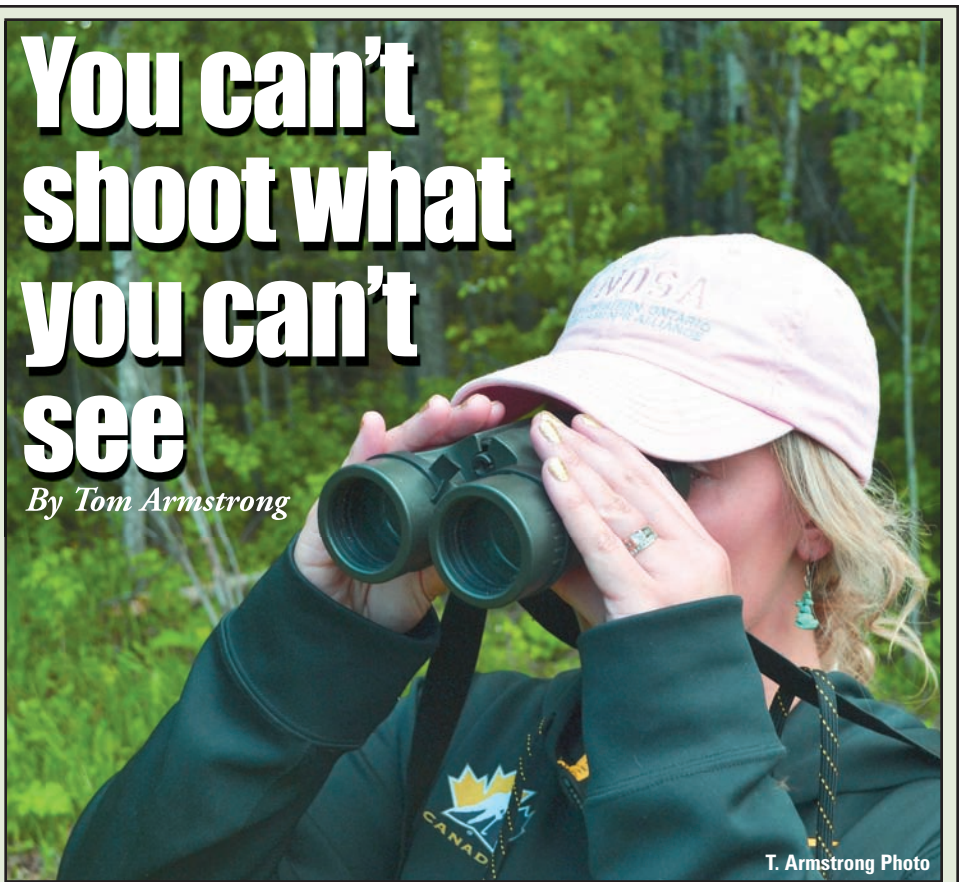
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You can't shoot what you can't see

By Tom Armstrong



T. Armstrong Photo

As we walked down the long narrow cut at first light, we saw something appear on the ridge ahead, about 500 yards away. As we saw it cross into the open, we all stopped and stared, shocked at the size of the whitetail buck we were staring at. We watched it quickly make its way across the narrow cut and disappear into the distance.

Several hours later, after sitting in the fog and rain all morning, the three of us met up and were standing talking in the middle of the cut, when suddenly I saw a deer appear in the gully below us. It had to be the same deer we had seen first thing that morning. This buck had apparently been consumed by the foolishness of the rut. An old mature buck wandering out in the open. I couldn't believe our good fortune as we saw him step out, and as I tried to calm my nerves and get the gun up, I was met with a disheartening sight; a totally fogged up scope.

I frantically tried to clear it and get a line on the deer, reality kicked in for him, and he decided it was time to vacate. As I thought I had a good bead on him through the rain, fog, and my nearly useless scope, I took a shot, and watched it kick up dirt in the hillside just below him, before he turned tail and ran, never to be seen again.

After this happened a number of years ago, I quickly realized the need for quality optics when hunting. Having a quality scope mounted on your rifle, and some quality binoculars around your neck is an essential part of your hunting gear. These tools can be priceless, helping you locate and identify game, and make accurate shots.

When looking at a riflescope or binoculars, there are a number of factors to consider. Budget is one; you can undoubtedly go cheap, but this is something where you definitely get what you pay for, and although you may not need to completely break the bank, this is one piece of equipment I wouldn't cheap out on. After all that's invested in your hunt, good quality optics can make it all come together.

Scope Magnification: When looking at what magnification or power scope to buy, consider what you are most likely to be using it for. You can purchase a scope with a fixed magnification (commonly 4x magnification), or with a variable magnification. The most common you will likely see is a scope with a magnification of 3x-9x, giving you a wide range to work with. Using an adjustable scope on low magnification is a good idea when long shooting isn't likely, and especially when you may need to acquire a target quickly or acquire a moving target. The more you increase the magnification, the more your field of view shrinks, limiting what you can see less through the scope, making it slightly more difficult to acquire targets as quickly, especially with moving targets.

If you are hunting in tight bush, where fast target acquisition is necessary, turning the magnification down is a must. The advantage of the variable power scopes is having the ability to turn it right down in these types of situations to increase your field of view, and increase it when more magnification is required for some longer shooting. You can get scopes with more magnification, but for most people 3-9x is likely all you will ever need. If you are only ever hunting in close quarters something like a 2x-7x could be a suitable option as well.

Eye Relief: another important factor to consider is the eye relief with the scope you are using; which is essentially the distance your eye can be from the scope allowing you to clearly see through the entire scope, without a part of it being blacked out by a ring around the outer edge. Scopes with a longer eye relief may allow you more flexibility when mounting the scope, allowing you to do so more comfortably, and also may reduce the risk that your eyebrow may someday meet your scope when shooting, leaving you a tell-tale, somewhat embarrassing mark.

Waterproof/Fogproofing: getting a pair of binoculars or a riflescope that is water and fog proof has proven to me to be an essential element when purchasing new optics, thus avoiding encounters like the one I found myself in mentioned earlier. After several years of owning a pair of Vortex Diamondback binos, I mounted a matching Vortex scope on my rifle, eliminating any further problems.

Light gathering ability is another important factor when looking at scopes and binoculars, as much of your shooting opportunities occur during the low light periods at dawn and dusk, making a quality scope for the shot or binoculars for glassing priceless. Generally the better quality optics you buy, the better light gathering capabilities it will have. For example, when using them in low light, my Diamonback binoculars, for a modestly priced pair of binoculars, offer an incredible quality image, with great light gathering ability; even on cloudy dark nights when totally unable to see with the naked eye, they draw light in and illuminate fields or the woods remarkably well. Often during that time of peak activity, during the last half hour of legal light, is the hardest time to see, with deer or moose blending into the shadows, and without quality binos to see them and a quality scope to allow you to take the shot, you would be out of luck.

When looking at the objective lens on scopes, one of the most common would be a 40mm objective lens, but you can get bigger or smaller, depending on your preference. A 40mm lens is a good balance between height and size, as well as offering good light gathering abilities.

With summer finally upon us, now is a great time to start looking for optics for the upcoming fall hunt. Do your research and take the time to properly mount and sight in your scope. Make sure to shoot your rifle throughout the summer to get comfortable with it and ensure you're ready for fall.

Readers In The Field

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DRYDEN WALLEYE MASTERS
June 21-22

TERRACE BAY FISH DERBY
June 16 - July 1

ANGLER YOUNG ANGLER THUNDER BAY
Kam River - July 5

MINAKI WALLEYE CLASSIC
July 5-6

RAINBOW FALLS/TERRACE BAY BASS BLAST
Sponsored by OPP and Canadian Tire - July 6-7

WEEK LONG SALMON FUN DERBY
Thunder Bay - July 12-19

**SHEBANDOWAN SMALLMOUTH
SHOWDOWN**
July 19-20

**FORT FRANCES CANADIAN
BASS CHAMPIONSHIPS**
July 24-26

KENORA BASS INTERNATIONAL
August 7-9

FISH FOR LIFE DERBY
Shebandowan Lake - August 16

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