

summer sportsman



Bass, 'Chucks' Plentiful

By Don Macalady

With the opening of bass season Thursday, many fishermen put aside their dry flies, nymphs and tiny spinners in favor of a spinning rod, reel and lures. This opening day ushered in what promises to be a better than ever bass season in this area.

For now, the Stone Valley Recreational Area is completed, providing some mighty fine bass water in addition to the excellent bass fishing at Black Moshannon Reservoir. Although most Stone Valley bass are now small, the artificial lake has been stocked with a small number of 15-inch-plus bass.

If you want to have a little fun with bass and blue gills, take the lightest spinning outfit you can find and several small spinners to Stone Valley. Along the west bank there are several small coves and inlets dotting the shoreline.

Fishing these coves with a light outfit, I've caught and released as many as 100 small (5 to 10 inches) bass in one evening. In addition an occasional bluegill, larger bass or trout livens things up a bit. But for pure fishing fun, those little scrapper bass rank with the greatest.

An ultralight spinning reel and rod with one pound test line is ideal, but any very light outfit will give you plenty of action from these "battlers."

Incidentally, if you're a blue gill enthusiast, the ones in Stone Valley are some of the largest panfish I've ever seen in Pennsylvania. I've caught several 10-inchers and many 8 or more inches in length.

Enjoy using poppers for bass? Then there's a spot for you at Black Moshannon. Near the inlet end of the lake is a large area covered almost entirely with lily pads. Just before dark and almost any warm summer evening, poppers provide lively bass fishing on this part of the reservoir.

The area is a little hard to reach since the bank is somewhat overgrown and the road to the area is in poor shape. But risking a fall on a muddy bank is a small hardship if bass fishing is your "bait."

Another good spot at Black Mo is along legislative Route 868 where the highway divides the lake into two sections. On the main reservoir side of the highway, try using a small surface plug or a flatfish for best results. You can also try a weedless spoon on the other side for pickerel.

June also means "groundhog" to many sportsmen. Whether you are aware of it or not, the area around the University provides some really fine woodchuck hunting.

An area especially abounding in chucks is west of State College behind the HRB-Singer plant. If you walk along the road or sit near one of the many nearby concentrations of chuck holes during the late afternoon, chances are pretty good you'll see plenty of groundhogs.

A word about safety in this area. A rifle more powerful or faster than a 22 Hornet is of little use here and safety factors make the use of more powerful rifles ridiculous. So why not be on the safe side?

Another area where I've seen several groundhogs is along Route 64 near Rockview State Penitentiary. A hunter in this area must, of course, be careful not to enter the penitentiary's grounds, but there are chucks in the adjacent areas.

Chucks are plentiful in many places west of State College, both along Route 45 and Baileville Rd. Be especially sure in this area (or any area, for that matter) to get the land owner's permission before hunting. Don't abuse your hunting privilege. Your hunting license is not a trespassing permit.

Hay, the farmers tell me, is soon to be cut. When it is, watch for the chucks around the freshly mowed fields—especially where clover was part of the hay.

Right now, hay and high grass often make it difficult to see groundhogs as they feed. But as soon as haying time is past, they'll be good, visible targets again.



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3 NCAA Places Won

By DAVE LEONARD

Two-fourths and one-fifth were all the places that Penn State could garner for 10 team points and a tie for sixteenth place in the NCAA track and field championships Friday and Saturday at Franklin Field in Philadelphia.

Gerry Norman was the big surprise for the Lions. He finished a strong fourth in the three-mile run, the only final which was held Friday. Norman traveled the 12 laps in 13:56.5 but finished behind Pat Cloughessy of Houston whose time of 13:47.7 set a new NCAA record.

Charles Clark of San Jose was second, and Jerry Ashmore of Western Michigan preceded Norman to the finish line. Norman's time also broke the old record of 13:59.1 set in 1959 by Paul Whiteley of Emporia State.

Steve Moorhead, the 1960 runner-up in the 3,000 meter steeplechase, finished fourth in the event this year. Moorhead stayed with the leaders for the first part of the race, but with two laps to go,

he fell back to fourth where he finished in 9:12.0.

John Lawler of Abeline Christian, won the race by three yards over Villanova's Pat Traynor. Dave Martin of Michigan was third.

Bobby Brown, State's star sprinter could only manage a fading fifth in the 100. Brown complained about a sore leg after Friday's trials.

"Lighthouse" Harry Wilson was a lacrosse All-American and grid star for Penn State before he transferred to similar honors at West Point in the early 1920s.

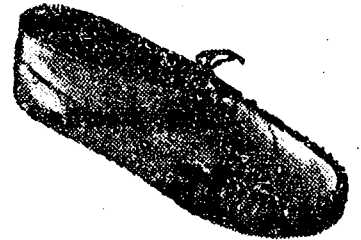
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Six of the 24 athletes named to Penn State's athletic honor roll for scholastic excellence during the fall semester are majoring in agriculture.



This picturesque young man wants to go places in life... but not for an hour or so. Right now he's relaxing—really relaxing—in the appropriate shoes for Cloud 9. They're Goofers by Tex Tan... soft as the Autumn mist of the Keats poem. Intriguing questions cross the young



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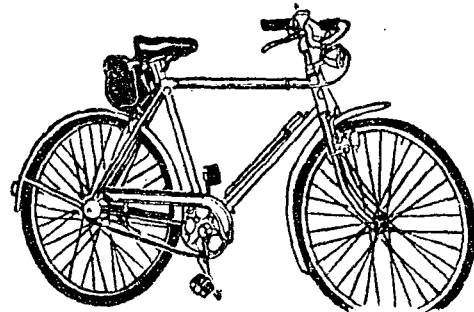
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