



LAND AND WATER—Both the shores and the waters at Harveys Lake were crowded last Saturday as fishermen kept coming to the lake to try to pull in one or more 'big ones' the opening day of trout season. (Photo by Mark Moran)

## Back Mt. Softball League has 14 teams

Plans for the coming season were furthered Tuesday night at a meeting of officers and managers of the Back Mountain Softball League with President Harold Cornell in charge. The season will open the third week of May with a full schedule of games in

both the National and American Divisions of the league. Fourteen teams are entered for the 1979 season with additional teams expected to enter before the end of the month. Winners of division honors will compete for the championship trophy. The league will have paid

umpires officiating this year. It is believed the paid umpires, members of an umpires association, will prove more knowledgeable and help in eliminating some of the officiating problems experienced last season. Three diamonds will be

used for league play on Tuesday and Thursday nights when league games will be played. Proposed playing sites include one in Dallas and two at Lehman, with reserve sites at Noxen and at the Penn State campus at Lehman.

As of Monday, the teams had posted franchise fees and were approved for membership in the league. Mr. Donut of Shavertown, Tupper's Sporting Goods, Noxen Rebels, Grot Pizza, Villa Roma, Hilltop Stegmayers, Cook's Store in Lehman, Columbia Porch Shade, Whips, Pizza Bar, Noxen-Monro Sportsmen, Down Home Music and Treat Drive-In.

Harold Cornell, president of the league. Other officers serving for the 1979 season include president, Harold Cornell; secretary, Joseph Gilroy; treasurer, Tim Labar; directors, Jim Barbacci, Kent Jones, Bill Speller, John Kanaski and Edwin 'Bub' Kern.

## Physical fitness trail completed

Saturday, April 21, is the scheduled date for construction of a physical fitness trail at Moon Lake Park according to Robert C. Neff, director of recreation and parks.

The trail is a joint effort between the Luzerne County commissioners, area Kiwanis, Circle-K and Key Clubs and the J.C. Penney Company. Supervision of the volunteer workers will be under the direction of marines

stationed at the Wyoming Marine Reserve Center.

A physical fitness trail is a walking and jogging path with 20 exercise stations located along the way. Each exercise station has a sign telling participants what exercise to do and how many times are recommended. Exercise equipment at each station is sized to accommodate both children and adults.

Coordinating the effort among the various groups

has been under the direction of Mrs. Diane Bowser, environmental education specialist at Moon Lake.

The following corporations have donated materials to help make this project a community success: PG&W, UGI, Commonwealth Telephone Company, and PP&L.

## Noxen seeks

### Little League candidates

Managers Jim Barbacci and Dave Traver out at Noxen are preparing for a good year for the major division team that will represent Noxen in the Bob Horlacher Memorial Little League this year, despite the fact that the turnout of candidates for this year's squad has been a bit below expectations. Barbacci has issued a call to all boys of the Noxen area between the ages of 10 and 12 to turnout for the team.

Practice sessions for the Noxen Little League teams are held each afternoon Mondays thru Fridays starting at 4:30 and all boys of the area are invited to tryout. Practice sessions also are held on Saturdays on the Noxen Little League diamond.

Noxen Little Leaguers will play their opening game of the 1979 season on May 1 when all six teams of the Bob Horlacher Memorial Little League open their season.

## Trout restocking schedule noted

On various days of the following given weeks, the following streams and lakes will be stocked, in

season with trout as follows:  
During the week of April 16-2, 3,000 Brook trout in Mountain Springs Lake;

3,100 brook and brown trout in Harveys Creek.  
During the week of April 23-2, 2,000 brook trout in Harveys Creek; 750

brown trout in Harveys Creek.

During the week of April 30-3, 300 brook trout in Huntington Creek; 750 brook trout in Kitchen Creek; 1,700 brook trout in Pine Creek; 2,300 brook trout in Mountain Springs Lake.

During the week of May 7-7, 350 brook trout in Bowmans Creek.

During the week of May 14-1, 450 brown trout in Sutton Creek (also known as Corary Creek); 3,100 brown and rainbow trout in Harveys Creek; 2,300 brook trout in Mountain Springs Lake.

During the week of May 21-1, Harveys Creek will get 3,000 brown and rainbow trout; Mountain Springs Lake will get 2,300 brook trout.

Everyone interested in trout fishing is urged to copy the schedule for their future reference. No additional releases will be made.

## Lake-Lehman

### edged in openers

After losing a close 2-1 contest to the Hanover Area Hawkeyes, Lake-Lehman dropped to a 0-2 record when the GAR Grenadiers nipped them 6-5 Friday afternoon at the city school's diamond.

The Grenadiers came from behind in the bottom half of the final inning by scoring two runs batted in by Centerfielder Joe Pickett.

GAR took the lead 2-0 in the bottom half of the first inning when Ed Amendola and took a base on a sacrifice by Kevin Elmy. Amendola scored on a single by Dave Griffith. Tom Kish walked, Griffith was forced out at third and Pickett who drove in the winning run in the seventh, singled in the first to score Kish.

The Knights scored three runs in their half of the third when Bernie Hrabowski took base on an error and moved to second on a hit by Tim Macycek. Both players scored on Mark Thomas' long triple and Thomas crossed the plate on a double by Jim Michaels.

The Grenadiers scored one run in the bottom half of the third when Jack Jones, pinch running for second baseman Elby, scored. They went out in front in the fifth when Griffith scored on Pickett's sacrifice. The bases were loaded when the Grenadiers went out.

In the Knights top half of the seventh, Michaels led off with a 400-foot homerun over the left field fence to tie up the score. Slyewski scored for the Knights on Mike Leskowsky's double to put the Knights in the lead 5-4.

GAR put three on in the bottom half of the seventh when Griffith reached first on an error. Kish walked and Ken Wint drove a hit to right field. Pickett came up and drove his hit into right centerfield, driving in Griffith and Kish to give the Grenadiers the lead and the game.

The Knight's Ernie Slocum turned in a good performance on the mound, giving up six hits and struck out eight. GAR's Ken Wint gave up five hits and struck out seven.

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## Want a FmHA loan?

Back Mountain residents of low and moderate incomes are eligible to apply to the Farmers Home Administration for loans and grants that will enable them to build or buy homes, make improvements to their properties, or connect to a sewer system.

The FmHA has scheduled a countywide meeting for interested parties at the Dallas Township Municipal Building, Route 309, for Friday from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Eligibility requirements and uses of the aid money will be explained in detail at that time.

According to Marion Wilson, county supervisor for the FmHA, the agency makes loans and grants available not only for farm property but also for homes and home improvements in essentially "rural" areas-communities with

populations of 10,000 or less.

Substantial loans may be made under the "502" program to low-income or moderate-income people under 62 to build or buy homes. The type of home to be obtained and the amount that may be loaned will be arrived at by determining the individual's ability to repay. An adjusted income of \$15,600 may be sufficient to qualify, she said.

The loan money is to be used, she continued, for housing that is "modest in cost, design, and size."

Under the "504" program, a combination loan-grant procedure may be utilized to effect such improvements as new roofs, storm windows,

insulation, wells, and sewer hookup.

Recipients must be 62 years of age or older and of low-income status.

An outstanding feature of the home building or purchase loans, Wilson pointed out, is the absence of any down payment requirement. The program is intended to be of special value to those citizens who cannot obtain bank or savings firm home loans because of age, income, or inability to raise a down payment.

The Berwick area, Wilson said, is the only over-10,000 population community in the county that qualifies for inclusion in the program at present, as it has a "serious credit problem."

## Kennel club plans spring match

The Endless Mountains Kennel Club will hold its spring match on Saturday, April 28, at the Tunkhannock High School Athletic Field.

The match will be open to all dogs eligible for AKC registration and three months of age and older. Classes will be held in both conformation and obedience.

Entries will be taken from 9 a.m. to noon. Obedience entries close at 11 a.m. and judging will begin immediately following. The parade of champions and ladies and

mens showmanship will begin at 12:15 p.m. Junior show will follow ladies and mens showmanship. The breed judging will begin at 1 p.m.

Harold O'Rynn of Binghamton, N.Y. will judge the hound group, toy group, mens showmanship and best adult in the match. Robert Shepard from Phillipsburg, Pa., will judge the adult working group and best puppy in the match. Kay Hess from Elizabethtown, Pa. will judge the sporting group and ladies showmanship.

Jay Sheaffer from Allentown, Pa., will judge the puppy working group and junior handling, age 14 to 16. Geraldine Sedora from Castle Creek, N.Y. will judge the terrier group and the non-sporting group. Sandra Sedora of Castle Creek, N.Y. will judge the miscellaneous class and junior handling, age 11 to 13. Lisa Land from Forty Fort, Pa. will judge junior handling, age 8 to 10.

The obedience judges will be Edward Lang from Bala-Cynwyd, Pa. and Karen Loester from Warminster Pa. Lang will judge sub-novice, graduate novice and utility. Mrs. Loester will judge novice A and B and Open A and B.

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