

Post Sports

Anglers await 8 a.m. Saturday

Like postmen, over 500,000 Pennsylvania anglers are ready, despite snow, rain, fog or sunshine, to deliver worms, salmon eggs, flies, spinners or other artificial lures to over 2.7 million stocked trout starting at 8 a.m., Saturday, April 12.

The opening day of trout season is expected to attract at least that many adults, plus additional thousands of youngsters, to over 900 streams and 96 lakes stocked with legal-size (over 6 inches) brook, brown, rainbow and palomino trout for the traditional "first day" of fishing.

Although some streams, especially those across the northern tier counties, were low and covered with ice when the Pennsylvania Fish

Commission started its pre-season trout stocking program in early March, heavy rains and wet snows have since restored water levels. Ken Corl, Chief of the Commission's trout production section, reports all of the 930 streams and 96 lakes scheduled to be stocked will receive their allotments before the season opens.

The total number of trout being stocked this year will equal the number stocked last year, despite severe cuts in production of trout by federal hatcheries which supply some fish for state waters as well as trout for federal areas like the Allegheny National Forest.

In announcing the trout season opening, Fish Commission Executive

Director Ralph W. Abele urged anglers to pay special attention to where they park vehicles and walk across farmlands or other private property.

Abele said, "The major causes of posting private lands, through which many trout streams flow, are vehicles parked where they block driveways, farm lanes, or other road which must be kept open, coupled with driving or walking across cultivated fields, gardens, lawns or other areas not suitable for public access to streams and lakes." He also cautioned anglers to avoid littering and urged them to pick up any litter they see along Pennsylvania waterways.

Fish Commission field officers are reporting most streams should be in good shape for the

opening day, unless heavy rainfall occurs within the next few days. Recent rains and wet snow brought major rises and discoloration in most streams, but if April showers are not too heavy, most of the precipitation should soak into the ground following the mild, dry winter.

In other last minute reminders, Fish Commission spokesmen are urging anglers to . . . Make sure they have purchased a valid 1980 fishing license (required of all persons fishing Pennsylvania waters who are 16 years of age or older) and to display it on an outer garment while they are fishing.

Camp or build open fires only in established public or private campgrounds, never on

private property unless advance permission has been obtained from the landowner.

Carry a metal ruler or tape to use in getting accurate measurements of any trout which may be at or below the legal size of 6 inches. Printed rules on creels, tackle boxes or cloth surfaces are usually not accurate.

Carefully handle and release any trout which are not needed nor desired for the table.

Remember the daily creel limit on trout is eight (8) in both lakes and streams, with a minimum length of six (6) inches.

Carry a creel or other suitable container to keep any trout you want to carry home cool, especially if the weather is warm.

Do not discard

monofilament line in or along streams where it can become a hazard to birds and other wildlife.

Supervise youngsters and keep them under control. A fishing license is not required of a parent or other adult accompanying children while they are fishing, providing the adults does not physically assist the youngster in any way to cast, hook, or land a fish.

Observe any bans on Sunday fishing along some privately-controlled trout streams as indicated on posters along such stretches. Some religious groups object to fishing on Sunday and sportsmen should respect their wishes.

Most of all, have a good time, relax, and enjoy the outdoors regardless of the number of trout caught.



BASEBALL TRYOUTS—It was tryout time for all Back Mountain youth interested in becoming a member of a team and boys and girls turned out last Saturday at the Back Mountain Little League field on Church Street in Dallas. Candidates for the minors, majors, softball and farm teams took to the field to try out for one of the teams. (Photo by Mark Moran)



POP-UP—It was tryout day for Back Mountain Baseball last Saturday and this young man gives it a try at the batter's plate. His first attempt was a pop-up fly but he did better on a later try at the Back Mountain Little League Field. (Photo by Mark Moran)

Olympic Qualifier tourney at Dallas

The 1980 Freestyle Wrestling Junior Olympic Qualifying Tournament will be held at the Dallas Senior High School on Saturday, April 19. Wrestling will begin at 10:30 a.m. Wrestlers may weigh in Friday night or Saturday morning.

The competition is open to wrestlers born in 1962 and later, and will be

divided into six divisions: Bantam, Midget, Junior, Intermediate, Advanced and Elite.

This event is being sponsored by the Back Mountain Wrestling Club and applications can be obtained by contacting Tournament Directors Bob Hislop of Trucksville at 696-1212 or Tom Bagley of Dallas at 675-5969.

Mat club meets Apr. 13

The Back Mountain Wrestling Club will hold their regular bi-monthly

meeting Sunday, April 13, at the Dallas American Legion.

L-L wrestler honored by boosters

Lake-Lehman senior and junior high school wrestlers were honored by the members of the Lake-Lehman Booster Club at the annual banquet, Sunday, March 30, at Jimeal's.

Toastmaster Robert Roberts introduced Bud Whitehall, wrestling coach of Lycoming College, as guest speaker.

The wrestlers also received recognition from Dr. M. David Preston, superintendent; Anthony Marchakitus, assistant to superintendent; James L. Nicholas, high school principal. John Zaleskas

and John Oliver, assistant high school principals; Edward Edwards, athletic director; Rodger Bearde, assistant athletic director; Angelo DeCesaris, school board president; Kenneth Williams, board member; and Joseph Boyle, president of the Booster Club.

Recognition was given to Darren Barbacci, 105-lb. Montgomery champion and 1st place Troy champion; Kevin Bonham, 105-lb. district runner-up and state qualifier; Ricky Bonomo, 112-lb. district champion,

Northeast regional champ, Montgomery champ, Outstanding Wrestler of the Troy tournament where he placed first in his weight class.

Also honored were Rocky Bonomo, 119-lb. district champ and Troy champ; Bernie Janusz, 138-lb. district champ and state qualifier; Mike Leskowsky, heavyweight district champ, third place in regionals and state qualifier. Leskowsky also placed first in the Montgomery, Tunkhannock and Troy tournaments.

Joe Parsons was 126-lb. district champ, Tunkhannock champ and state qualifier. Tracey Slocum placed third in the Montgomery tournament and fourth in the Troy tournament. Steve Steltz was 138-lb. district runner-up; Ron Swingler was 138-lb. runner-up in the Tunkhannock tournament and Dave Wolfe was 185-lb. district runner-up, Troy tournament champ and placed third in the Montgomery tournament.

Junior high wrestlers receiving individual honors were Norman Clancy 85-lb.; Rusty

Coolbaugh 90-lb.; Paul Cooper 145-lb.; Brad Hontz 100-lb.; Al Martin 125-lb.; Wayne Rosencrans 95-lb.; Mike Scavone 130-lb.; Quentin Walczak 138-lb.; and Chris Wargo 145-lb.

Special awards were presented to Seniors Steve Steltz, Most Improved and Joe Parsons, Outstanding wrestler. Junior receiving special award was Ricky Bonomo, Regional Champ; Freshman Tracey Slocum received the Most Dedicated award and Joe Yanchuanas, Most Courageous.

Junior High wrestlers receiving special awards were Freshman Al Martin, Most Dedicated; eighth grade students, Brad Hontz, Most Dedicated, Wayne Rosencrans, Outstanding; and Chris Wargo, Most Improved. Seventh grade student Mike Maceiko received Most Courageous award.

Varsity coach Shorty Hitchcock and Assistant coach John Oliver presented the senior high awards. Jeff Pace and Michael Failace presented the junior high awards.

Local gymnasts tops at Reading Regional

Four area gymnasts traveled to Reading on March 30 to compete in the Pa. Sectional of the Y.W.C.A. Eastern Region which includes all

Y.W.C.A.'s in Pennsylvania. Approximately 40 girls participated in competition with three age groups 5 to 6, 7 and 8. The Pixie Team for the

Wilkes-Barre Y.W.C.A. consisted of Kelly Conway of Kingston, Heather Hoffman of Trucksville, Debbie Kachinko of Plymouth and Tracy

Radnovich of Shaverstown.

Kelli, Heather and Tracy received the highest individual and all around scores in the eight-year old division. These three girls will represent Pennsylvania in the Y.W.C.A. Regionals at Easton on May 4. They will be competing against New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Tracy Radnovich is now ranked as the top eight year old gymnast in the Y.W.C.A. League in the state.

Individual event and all around scores are as follows:

First All Around was Tracy Radnovich taking first on beam with a 7.05, first on vault with a 7.45, second on bars with a 6.7 and second on floor exercise with a 7.00. She had an all around score of 28.20.

Second all-around was Kelli Conway taking first on bars with a 6.8, second on beam with a 6.85, and third on floor with a 6.3. She had an all around score of 26.25.

Third all-around was Heather Hoffman taking third on bars with a 5.9 and third on beam with a 6.35. She had an all-around score of 23.25.

In the 5 to 6 age group Debbie Kachinko had a 4.3 on bars, 3.75 on beam, 3.15 on floor and a 6.35 on vault. She took a second place on bars with an all-around score of 17.55.

Tracy and Kelli have been invited to compete in the A.A.I.U. Regional Championships on April 20 in Philadelphia. Only 20 teams have been invited.

Michaels hurls no-hit

Lake-Lehman's Jim Michaels hurled a no-hitter on Saturday to pace the Knights to a 5-0 win over Athens in the first round of the Wyalusing Invitational Tournament.

Michaels struck out 11 at the plate and walked seven while knocking out a triple in the Knights win. Joe Dylewski and Tim Maciejczak also hit triples to knock in runs.

The Knights dropped the second game in a high-scoring 16-12 contest with the Tunkhannock Tigers. Maciejczak gave up 10 hits on the mound while hitting a double and a home run. Bernie Hrabowski knocked out two singles and Mike Leskowsky drove out a double.

The Tigers managed to hold the Knights to seven hits and kept them from

Butler says trout behave like individuals

Dr. Robert Butler, leader of the Cooperative Fisheries Research Unit, Pennsylvania State University will lecture on the behavior of brook trout at Wilkes College on April 14 at 8 p.m. in room 101 of Stark Learning Center.

A guest of the Wilkes College Biology Department, his talk is entitled

"Fish Behave as Individuals, Not Unlike Human Beings."

Butler is recognized internationally as an authority of the behavior of brook trout and his talk will coincide with the opening of trout season.

The public is cordially invited to the lecture admission free.

Track conference opened at Dallas

The Wyoming Valley High School Track Conference opened Wednesday, April 9, with Lake-Lehman at Dallas. The meet is scheduled for 4 p.m.

Loop officials decided to do away with the league's usual set of three meets against non-division teams and start the season with league competition.

Each team will meet every other team in its own division and in the other division and all contests will count in the standings. This was not so in the past.

In the tri-meets on the schedule, they will be scored as three individual dual meets.

Wyoming Area and Pittston Area teams came into the Girls League this season which makes the number of teams 13, the same as the boys.

In the girls league, Lake-Lehman were scheduled to host Coughlin on Tuesday, April 8, weather permitting, and Dallas girls were slated to go to Wyoming Area.

Both Dallas and Lake-Lehman girls have open dates on Thursday.



WINNERS—Three local gymnasts took first, second and third place respectively in Y.W.C.A. Pixie League

Gymnastic Sectionals in Reading. Left to right are second place, Kelli Conway; first place, Tracy Radnovich; and third place Heather Hoffman.