



Sports



FISHING is FAMILY FUN!



The shad are in the Delaware, and action for smallmouth bass, rock bass and crappies is fast and furious throughout the Keystone State.

If that's not enough, the reports of all those big trout stocked by the Pennsylvania Fish Commission are being confirmed by the large numbers of citation-sized fish being registered with the Commission's angler recognition program.

Reports from Fish Commission personnel indicate a "pile of shad" in the Delaware with good catches reported as far upriver as the Lackawaxen pool. Roe shad are being taken in good numbers as far up as the Delaware Water Gap with an occasional catch reported up to Lackawaxen. Shad anglers should concentrate on the Stroudsburg to Port Jervis section of the river during the coming week.

Crappies and panfish are hitting about two weeks ahead of schedule this year. Excellent catches by both shore and boat fishermen are being reported throughout the Susquehanna River and the North Branch on minnows and small white or charrtruse twisters. The Susquehanna is also producing exceptional catches of smallmouth bass on medium-sized orange or white Mr. Twisters.

Reports from all sections of the Commonwealth indicate really super trout fishing. There was an exceptionally large number of citation-sized catches entered in the Fish Commission's Angler Recognition Program during the first week of the trout season. Mealworms, spinners and minnows were the top producers for brook trout; doughballs, spinners, salmon eggs, minnows and worms for brown trout and salmon eggs, minnows and worms were best for the big rainbows.

Morning and evening hours are producing the best catches. Anglers should use light leaders (2 lb. test or lighter) and be very cautious when approaching the stream as fish are easily "spooked" when the water is low and clear.

According to Mike Bickler, Director of the Commis-

sion's Office of Information, "The nice weather we have been experiencing has sent more families to the streams and lakes than in recent years. Fishing gives parents a chance to teach their children new skills that will afford them a lifetime of pleasure."

Bickler said everyone needs a change of pace and more people are learning that fishing offers that change.

WADERS CAUTIONED

Wading a stream is a favorite method of fishing for many Commonwealth anglers. However, the Pennsylvania Fish Commission cautions fishermen to take extra precautions when wading as slippery walking surfaces and visual distortions of underwater surfaces can be dangerous.

The Commission recommends the following basic rules for a safe fishing trip when wading.

— Do not fish alone. Take a family member or friend along. You'll enjoy the companionship and if you do take a sudden spill in the water, help is close by.

— Wear appropriate equipment such as cleated or felt-soled waders or boots for maximum traction.

— Check each step for sudden drop-offs, holes, slippery rocks and submerged stumps or roots. Test the footing ahead by using a shuffle step, keeping most of your weight on the safely grounded foot.

— Wear a personal flotation vest when wading larger streams and rivers.

— If suddenly immersed by a fall, keep calm. Don't try to remove your boots or other clothing. Try to maneuver to a floating position on your back. Keep your feet up, close to the water's surface, with your knees bent towards your chest. In this position you can paddle to shore and safety.

Fishing is a lot of fun and one of the safest sports for people of all ages. However, it's always wise to be prepared for any emergencies. A few simple precautions can make every fishing tip an enjoyable one.

Rodgers on sports

Open mouth, insert foot!

By JOHN RODGERS
Sports columnist

This week I'm going to talk about a few things, seeing I have an opportunity since there were no major breakthroughs or events but numerous others of a smaller nature.

The first issue at hand is a very big congratulations to both Dallas and Lehman for capturing honors in tennis and volleyball respectively.



Not that these RODGERS honors are small or less important, rather they don't receive the attention of your major sports like baseball or basketball.

Dallas walked away with District II P.I.A.A. honors in tennis this past Friday at Kirby Park. Chris Lawley a senior defeated hard hitting John Emiliani of Riverside 6-3, 6-2 for the District championship in singles competition. In doubles competition, Dave Dillon and Jack Albert captured District II gold by defeating Teal Gilbert and Bill Nichols of Abington Heights 6-3, 3-6 and 6-4. Lawley, Dillon and Albert will represent District II May 24 and 25 for state honors.

Lake-Lehman just keeps on winning as they conquered the Wyoming Valley Conference with a 12-0 mark nosing out Tunkhannock who finished 11-1.

The Knights, led by Captain Dave Janiczek, will be the number one seed from District II May 24 and 25 at Penn State University for all the marbles at States. The Knights were ranked as high as third in the state by some polls.

Topic number two: As I stated last week, do your homework before you stick your foot in your mouth. Well I did my homework, now it's foot-sticking time.

Entering the last week of W.V.C. baseball, Dallas, Crestwood and Wyoming Valley West are tied for first place at 11-4. Lake-Lehman is behind G.A.R. for class AA honors and only game up in the loss column over Northwest.

Prediction time! Dallas to win the overall championship. The Mountaineers have some very tough games remaining, but they will rise to the occasion. They will dump Valley West in a head to head contest today at Valley West and O'Reilly on Friday while Crestwood will be upset by a strong Tunkhannock squad Thursday.

STRIKES AND SPARES

Grotto Pizza girls received the league championship trophies, Tuesday, May 14, at a dinner held at Countryside Inn. Dorothea Gordon, secretary of the Ladies Country League presented the trophies to D. Balliet, Diane Garnett, Debbie Zurinski, Kay Kalafsky and Rose Radzinski, members of the team, who defeated G.H. Harris Associates, 2180 to 2040 in the rolloff.

High scorers for the champs were

D. Balliet 201, D. Zurinski 172, and R. Radzinski 175 (483).

In the rolloff for the title in the Imperialette League Scavone Motors won the first place trophies by out-bowling the Jean Shop 2120 to 1844. K. Scavone led the way with 175-185 (511) and L. Macieczak hit 186 (505). D. Garnett rolled 183 for the Jean Shop. Trophies were presented to the champs at a dinner dance, May 11, held at the Flamingo Room, West Pittston, Kay Scavone was honored in a "This Is Your Life" Roast by members of the league.

In the Bonomo Major League rolloff for the league title, G.H. Harris men defeated Sweet Valley Outfitters 2861-2785, to take the first place trophies. A. Wendel paced Harris men with 232-210 (605), D. Purvin hit 555, C. Kazokas rolled 551 and T. Doughton added 541. Glen Mazer posted 213 (567) and Gary Mazer 535 for the Sweet Valley men. Brent Long girls shut out Tom Reese five and the Hoagie Bar split 2-2 with Franklins in the Bowlerette League. N. Moser hit pins for 175 (476) for Long's and R. Gula scattered pins for 177-176 for Franklins'.

In Our Gang League Waldo's took

the title by defeating Porky's 2330-2124 paced by Tom Haggerty's 512.

In the final night of the second half, Wheelers took three from the Spanky five, Waldo blanked Buckwheat, Alfalfa picked up three from Stymie, and Darla lost three to Porky. Hitting high scores were Marie Carkhuff 173, Lee Isaac 507, Dan Bevan 200 (510), Paul McAndrew 510 and Michele Grossman 195.

In the George Shupp League Gino's Shoe Store shut out SCID aided by R. Daubert's 583 and T. Doughton's 538. K. Orkwis rolled 512 for SCID. Steele's Restaurant took all from Fino's Pharmacy led by J. Steele's 210 (551) and S. Wickard's 533. A. Wendel rolled 245-237 (649) to lead Harris Associates to taking all from Katyl TV. G. Harris hit pin for 561 and R. Bennett knocked them down for 527.

In the Pennsylvania Women's State Tournament underway in Wilkes-Barre, Back Mountain's K. Scavone and Flo Allabaugh continue in fourth place in the doubles class and C. Doty and N. Taylor remain in the fifth spot. Back Mountain teams will compete this Thursday at Chacko's East, Wilkes-Barre.

Junior high tracksters get double wins

The Lake-Lehman Track and Field sport has been extended to include a Junior High team. Friday, April 26, they hosted Plains and GAR earning their first victories of the season over the two teams with scores of 72-70 and 83-54 respectively.

Outstanding double winners were Bo Kreller mile run at 5:47.4; Scott Shafer, shot put 421" and Javelin 122'0"; Chris Maranski, pole vault 9'0"; and Clark, long jump 16'3/4".

Single winners were, Jurus, triple jump; Yensha, 330 yd. Doefler 220 yd. dash and Powell in the 2 mile run.

Cheerleaders take second

Wearing their newly-designed uniforms, the Dallas High School Varsity Cheerleaders captured second place honors at the Pennsylvania Invitational Cheerleading Competition held in Harrisburg recently. This competition attracts squads throughout the state.

The Dallas squad performed their cheers, chants and exciting new musical routine with exacting precision. Their program which consisted of gymnastics, pyramid building, precision moves and dance was created entirely by the girls. A practice workout before the mirrored walls of Great Beginnings proved especially beneficial, as did the support given the girls by their parents, teachers, friends and classmates.

Being a Dallas high school cheerleader is an awesome responsibility. She must support the athletic teams, be a gymnast, be a dancer, be a teacher, be well disciplined, have better than average grades.

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Mr. Gauthier is a member of:

- ☆ George M. Dallas Lodge 531
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Florence, wife of Wallace Gauthier, is a teacher in the Dallas Township school system, Wallace Gauthier, Jr. is a student at Dallas High. The Gauthiers have resided in the Back Mountain 20 years.

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