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Fish Commission tries again

## Fish-For-Free Day set

If at first you succeed, try it again. That might be a paraphrase of an old quotation, but that's exactly what the Pennsylvania Fish Commission is planning to do on June 1, 1985.

Pennsylvania's first Fish-For-Free Day last fall was such an unqualified success that the Commission is going to do it again.

Thousands of anglers turned out to sample the Keystone State's fishing waters and, according to Michael Bickler, Director of the Commission's Office of Information, public response to the Fish Commission's efforts in promoting the nation's inaugural Fish-For-Free Day was very gratifying.

"The letters we received after Fish-For-Free Day showed us that a lot of people had a great time," he said. Some of their comments included:

"My son and I enjoy fishing, but my wife never was fishing until free fishing day. She enjoyed fishing even though she didn't catch any. From now on, she'll buy a license rather than sit in the car while my son and I fish."

"My children always wanted to fish, but I didn't know how to teach them. Fish-For-Free Day introduced my whole family to fishing."

"I took my next-door neighbor fishing on Fish-For-Free Day. I know he'll buy a license next year. We really had a great time!"

"My husband and I hadn't been fishing since the children were small, but our grandchildren wanted to go, so we got the rods down from the attic and decided to give it a try. We had forgotten just how much we enjoyed it. Fishing is really a sport people of all ages can enjoy. You can bet the rods won't go back in the attic again."

According to Bickler, the Commission feels that this year's June 1 date will see even more potential anglers taking advantage of this FREE day.

The June 1 date was chosen because it is the beginning of National Fishing Week and it also is a time of year when the fish are biting (especially panfish) and the prospects of good weather are at their best. With the exception of bass in ponds, lakes and reservoirs, all species of Pennsylvania fish are legal on that day.

Bickler emphasized that all public waters in Pennsylvania will be open to nonlicensed anglers on June 1. However, all other fishing and boating rules and

regulations apply.

Pennsylvania's first Fish-For-Free Day in 1984 was the first of its kind in the nation. Bickler said the nationwide publicity the day received brought requests from many other states wanting to organize similar events.

Pennsylvania's Fish-For-Free Day is more than just a day when a fishing license is not required, however. According to Ralph W. Abele, the Commission's executive director, the Commission has organized special fishing seminars at 41 sites throughout the state. The seminar sites all have certain characteristics in common. They have good parking and shoreline access and provide excellent angling for panfish. Many of the sites are in the state, county or municipal parks and also have picnic facilities.

The Commission, in conjunction with local sportsmen's groups, will conduct hands-on instruction at each of the 41 sites. At many of the sites there will also be demonstrations on filleting and cooking panfish.

As part of the activities at the sites, the Commission will distribute panfish packets containing a bobber and a panfish jig, along with a number of Commission publications on how to catch fish, rules and regulations, and how to clean and cook the fish you catch. Catalogs illustrating the types of equipment and terminal tackle available from a variety of manufacturers will also be included.

The Fish Commission will provide a certain amount of loaner equipment at each site. This has been made possible by donations from national tackle manufacturers such as Garcia, Shimano, Berkley, Zebco and Shakespeare.

The Commission will also have available some refurbished equipment that its waterways conservation officers had confiscated from violators during the past year to help nonanglers get started in this exciting sport.

Whether you are young, old, male or female - experienced angler or novice, Pennsylvania's Fish-For-Free Day has a little something for everyone. June 1 should provide the ideal opportunity to take a member of your family, your neighbor, or just a friend fishing.

Catch the good life! Go fishing!

Rodgers on sports

## The reality of Little League

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Last inning, tie score, bases loaded, two outs, full count. All the pressure of the classic duel between pitcher and hitter.

There is no signal from the catcher, the pitcher's on his own. The batter looks around the park, no signs from any coach — he's on his own, too.



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Out of the corner of their eyes,

they both see their families in the stands and nod as if to say, this is for you. Here it comes, the wind-up, the pitch, it's a ground ball back to the pitcher, he picks it up, throws to first, games over.

Wait!  
The first baseman drops the ball and the runner beats it out, but wait! The runner at third forgets to run, the throw comes home, the catcher misses it, but the runner still isn't there, the catcher throws to the pitcher covering home. The throw is wild, but the runner still won't run. Finally they get the ball home, he's out.

A look down at third and half-way home, there stands the runner, all three feet seven inches tall, half in tears, mostly tearful from confusion. Yes, if you haven't guessed by now — it's a Little League game.

How often these scenes occur, how many memories they supply. Hey! Here comes dad with the life savers and a story of encouragement on his past experiences in the Little League. It touches the heart.

Some of these kids are so small, their uniforms look like parachutes. On some their shirts are big enough that they probably could get away with pants of a different color and nobody would notice. However, I don't think the uniform is nearly big enough to fill with the excitement and exuberance these kids have in their hearts come game time.

The sad part, however, is on the shoulders of the grown-ups.

I witnessed it for the uncountable time again just recently. The coach who puts all his emphasis on winning and the parents who are full of complaints on how little their child is being played. All this does is put

the kid in the middle.

I'm not saying this happens everywhere or all the time, but it does happen too often.

The Little League is a training ground, not just for baseball, but for the basic structure of a child's growth. It's also a place where they gain respect for their elders, along with gaining self respect. Sure, the main thing is learning how to play baseball and everyone likes to win, but don't forget the tangibles. These children are very impressionable at this age and notice every little thing going on around them.

To the coaches: These kids are turned over to you a few hours a week to learn things. They look up to you like a second father. Some of them are less fortunate in God-given abilities this early, but that's why they are there, for your experience and guidance.

They are not there to be used as pawns in a personal quest for a championship. I know the majority of coaches are hard-working exceptional adults, giving up their personal free time in a good honest effort to be that extra father, but to the few who aren't, straighten up. I know there are far more pressures than people can see or appreciate, but don't use them as an excuse for your actions.

Above all, support the kids — it's their day in the sun. Applaud them, encourage them, laugh if you want to, but do it constructively and diplomatically. Remember — you can catch more flies with honey than a baseball glove.

So let's play ball, enjoy and may the best loved team (which should be all of them) win.

## Locals do well during track meet

Both Dallas and Lake-Lehman High School and numerous runners placed in the top five at the girls' and boys' PIAA District 2 track meets but only those placing first will advance to the state competition, May 24-25, at Shippensburg University.

In the girls meet last Tuesday, Dallas High School's Amy Aston was a double winner, taking first in the 1600m run in 5:14.7 and also in the 3200m run in 11:15.7. The girls competed in Division AA where the Meyers track team copped the team title.

None of the Lake-Lehman girls finished in the top five.

Other girls placing in the top five were Dallas 3200m relay team, second; Leigh Pawling, 3200m run, fourth; Brenda Harvey, 100m hurdles, fifth; Leigh Pawling, 1600m run, fifth; Linda King, 400m run, 61.7; Linda King, 800m run, 2:27.5; Susan Starolis, 200m dash, 27.8; Dallas, 1600m relay, 4:15.5, second; and Brenda Harvey, triple jump, 32-3, fifth.

In the boys meet held Friday, five Lake-Lehman runners finished in the top five in Division AA and six athletes finished in the top five for Dallas in Division AAA. Dave Janiczek, winner, was the lone Knight to come in first in his class, and Mark Liva was the only Mountaineer to finish first in AAA.

Finishing in the top five for the Knights were their 3200 m relay team, 8:28.9, third; Janiczek, 1600m run, 4:30.3, second; 800m run, 1:58.2, first; Knights 1600m relay team, 3:42.2, fifth; Chris Van Gorder, javelin, 49-7, second.

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## STRIKES AND SPARES

With Memorial Day just a few days away, most of the leagues at Bonomo's Sports Center have ended with just one or two scheduled to roll off for their league title.

Some of the leagues have held their end of the year dinners and elected officers for next season, while others plan to hold picnics or barbecues in June.

The Imperiale league held its dinner-dance at the Flamingo Room in West Pittston, Saturday, May 11, for league members and their guests. Music was by Jack Dee. Officers elected for the next year: vice president, Charlot Denmon; secretary, Charlot Denmon; and treasurer, Kay Scavone.

Members of the Ladies Country League closed out the season with a dinner at Countryside Inn. Officers elected for the 1985-86 season were president, Florence Allabaugh; vice-president, Dorothea Gordon; secretary, Charlot Denmon; and treasurer, Kay Scavone. Taking the high average award was Kay Scavone; high series was won by Jayne Haeefe and high game by Resia Carroll. Most improved bowler was Donna Sorber.

In the Imperiale League, Sally Jonson received the high average trophy, Marilyn Neifert the high series trophy with 590, which was matched by Diane Garnett, who took the high game trophy at 245.

The final two weeks of bowling in the Idetown Compact League had the Citations shutting out the Firebirds and dividing 2-2 with the Aries. Pintos took all from Aries and also shut out the Firebirds the week previously. Capris and LaBarons divided equally but the Capris blanked the Camaros. The Camaros took three and one half

points from Corvettes, who also lost four points to the LaBarons.

High scorers for the two weeks were Dean Doty 206 (514), 218; R. Cross 538, 505; V. Evans 172; Mel Morris 515; Charles Williams 501; Jack Berti 209-201 (575), 519; and Sharon Mathers 176 (473). The teams are scheduled to roll off for the league title this week.

SCID men shut out Fino's Pharmacy in the George Shupp League paced by R. Callaghan's 519, K. Orkwis' 514 and R. Hoobs 211. R. Bonomo rolled 228 (538) and K. Youngblood 520 for the druggist five. Steele's Restaurant picked up

## Boaters should use caution

With the start of the "summer boating season" on Commonwealth waterways, the Pennsylvania Fish Commission urges boaters to exercise good boating practices and make 1985 the safest boating season ever.

What are your chances of becoming a boating statistic?

According to Joe Greene of the Commission's Bureau of Waterways, if you are a male, 18 to 30 years of age, from Southeastern Pennsylvania, had a PFD aboard but were not wearing it, and were in a canoe which capsized, your chances are high.

In 1984, there were 21 boating accidents in Pennsylvania, which resulted in 23 fatalities. Nine of these accidents involved power boats—three in boats 16 feet and longer, and six in boats less than 16 feet. Eight accidents involved canoes and four involved rowboats.

Capsizing caused 13 of the 21 accidents, including two which involved low-head dams. Falling overboard was the cause of five

three points from Harris Associates paced by S. Wickard's 221 (580). A. Wendel led the Harris men with 563 and Guido added 513. Gino's Shoe Store earned three points from Katyl TV sparked by T. Doughton's 226 (572) and R. Daubert's 239 (562). C. Kazokas contributed 530. High for the TV men was J. Connor's 224 (570).

In the Bowlerette League N. Moser topped pins for 170 (496) to aid Brent Long in taking three points from the Hoagie Bar. M. Reese added 185. R. Gula rolled 177 for Franklins to lead them to one point from Tom Reese girls.

accidents; one person suffered a heart attack while waterskiing, one was struck by a propeller and one was caused by swamping.

Six of the accident victims were over 59 years of age, 13 were between 18 and 30 and three were less than 18 years of age. One person's age was unknown.

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