



Sports



FISHING is FAMILY FUN!



While bass season now remains open year around on Pennsylvania's rivers and streams and on Wallenpaupack, Raystown and Kinzua Lakes, the opening of bass season on the remaining lakes, ponds and reservoirs in the Commonwealth is eagerly awaited by thousands of anglers who prefer to fish for these larger than-life sunfish in their favorite impoundments. The magic hour for these Keystone state anglers is 12:01 a.m., Saturday, June 15. The season will remain open until midnight, April 11, 1986.

According to Ralph W. Abele, executive director of the Pennsylvania Fish Commission, survey crews have reported finding many lunker bass out there just waiting for anglers to try to outsmart them.

The current state record for largemouth bass is 11 pounds, 3 ounces. It was taken in Birch Run Reservoir, Adams County in 1983. The Youghiogheny River in Westmoreland County yielded the state record smallmouth, also in 1983. It weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 23 3/4 inches long. Who knows, perhaps 1985 might be the year those records are broken again. Here are a few tips that may help increase your chances of catching that

lunker.

— When fishing a river, current determines where the fish are located; look for currents outside edges of weed beds.

— When fishing a lake, structure (changes in the lake's bottom terrain) is probably the single most important factor in locating bass. Look for visible structure, whether on shore, close to shore, or in the middle of the lake.

— If you fish a lake where lily pads are prevalent, try fishing a live minnow suspended below a bobber.

— Expect fish in shallow water to be spooky. Try lighter lures, lighter lines and softer touch-downs.

— In deep water, bass are tightly grouped; try using a jig-type lure to reach these fish.

Abele said the majority of the state's bass will be finished spawning by opening day. However, he encouraged fishermen to carefully release any bass they catch if they suspect the fish came off a spawning bed.

"Never take home any more than you can use," said Abele, "even if that means keeping less than the limit." He urged fishermen to "Lose a hook - spare a bass."



Planning trip

The Dallas High School Soccer Club, composed of parents of the team members, is conducting several fund raisers throughout the coming year to help defray the cost of the team's 1986 trip to Scotland. One of the events is a golf tournament to be held at the Irem Temple Country Club in Dallas on Friday, June 21. Many local businesses are generously supporting the Soccer Club in this endeavor by helping to sponsor the golf tournament. Pictured above is Gene Chismer, right, of Kleen-Air Systems Inc. who is presenting a check to Dave Morris, co-chairman of the Soccer Club Golf Tournament. Area golfers are invited to enjoy a day of golf and camaraderie. The \$30 entrance fee will include green fee, golf cart, and a delicious dinner in the Main Dining Room at the Country Club. Highlight of the event will be the opportunity for some lucky golfer to win a 1985 four-door Dodge Omni. It will be awarded to the first golfer who makes a hole-in-one on the 17th hole. The car is being made available through the courtesy of Richardson Dodge Dealership and Earl Samuel Insurance both of Dallas. Thirty additional prizes totaling \$600 will also be awarded and trophies will be presented to the low net and low gross golfers. Sign-in will be at 2 p.m. and the shotgun start will be at 2:30 with the calloway system of scoring being used. Duffers and high handicap golfers are welcome. Call 696-1343 to make your reservation or for more information.

Hawks sponsor softball tourney

The Back Mountain Hawks will sponsor a Women's Slow-pitch, one pitch, softball tournament June 22 and 23. It will be double elimination. It will be held at the Noxen Little League Field.

The fee is \$65.00 plus one new ball. Team trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Individual trophies for first place plus M.V.P.

For more information, call Don or Scott Crispell 298-2348.



BACK MOUNTAIN

BASEBALL

WIND-UP

The Dodgers turned the trick twice during the past week with a 5-2 win over the Orioles and a 1-0 shutout win over the Pirates. In the Oriole game, catcher Neil Keiser singled, doubled and tripled while teammate Jeff Bankovich rapped two singles, Hugo Selenski smashed a homer to help his won cause while mowing down 11 batters to up his record to 2-0. Larry Dymond led the Oriole offensive attack.

With Brett Gauntlett (6-1) on the mound, the Dodgers slid by the Pirates by a run. The only score in the contest came in the first inning when Hugo Selenski doubled then scored on a triple by Neil Keiser. Also slapping hits for the winning Dodgers were Jeff Bankovich, Eoin Ennis, and Eric Pieczynski with a hit apiece. The game did not end until after a super stab by left-fielder Steve Rosenthal of a hit off a pirate bat in the bottom of the sixth that surely would have at least tied the game for the Pirates.

The Yankees went to 13-0 with a 7-0 win over the Reds when Ray Russin fired a one hitter with 13 K's. Russin, going 2 for 3 at the plate, raised his pitching record to a perfect 7-0. Pete Kerdesky rapped two big hits while mates Keith Herstek and Aaron Lupinsky, Dave Fisher, Brian Miller and Ned Palka banged a hit each in the Yankee victory.

In a Yankee win over the Phillies reported last week, we inadvertently failed to mention Lenny Kelley's first home run of the season.

MAJORS

Mahaffey Oil Yankees 13-0
L.A.D. Dodgers 11-1
Rita Busch Salon Pirates 8-5
Franklin's Family Rest. Indians 5-7
R.N. Fitch & Sons Orioles 5-7
Isaacs CYR-GMC Tigers 5-7
Drydene Oil Co. Astros 4-8
Arthur Shelley Inc. Reds 4-9
Daddow Isaacs 672 Giants 3-8
Suburban Propane Phillies 2-8

Scores for the Week: Tigers 20, Reds 5; Dodgers 5, Orioles 2; Phils 9, Astros 8; Astros 7, Phillies 6; Giants 8, Reds 2; Pirates 6, Indians 1; Yankees 8, Tigers 3; Astros 4, Indians 3; Yankees 7, Reds 0; Tigers 4, Giants 3; Dodgers 1, Pirates 0

MINORS

D.A.G. Rentals Dodgers 5-0
John M. Randolph Sr. Giants 4-0
Drs. Watkins & Medura Orioles 4-1
Custom Management Pirates 4-1
Kingston Twp. Lions Tigers 3-3
Cardinals 2-2
Jack's Collision Serv. Indians 2-3
Bk. Mt. Police Assn. Reds 1-4
MacGeorge Auto Yankees 1-4
Mark II Rest. Astros 1-5
Fay Broody Studio Phillies 1-5
Scores for the Week: Phillies 21, Yankees 11; Orioles 12, Pirates 10; Dodgers 14, Tigers 10; Reds 8, Astros 7

In a rare extra inning game, the Reds came through with a hard-fought victory over the Cards. The combined hitting and pitching of Lynn Bednar and Terri Bartleson were the key to the game. Bednar hit her second grand slam home run of the year. Cathy Hughes, Lauren O'Neill, and Kristen Hardisky came through with some timely hits.

SOFTBALL DIVISION I

Bk. Mt. Sporting Goods Dodgers 8-0
Pittston Sewing Center Pirates 5-2
Expos 6-3
Reds 5-3
BJS A's 4-4
College Misericordia White Sox 2-6
Cardinals 2-6
Phillies 0-7

Scores for the Week: Expos 22, Reds 9; Dodgers 18, Phillies 5; Reds 20, Cards 16; Expos 10, White Sox 8

SOFTBALL DIVISION II

American Asphalt Braves 8-0
American Party Favor Yankees 6-1
MAT Leasing Orioles 3-4
Bonner Chevrolet Phillies 2-4
Dallas Lions Indians 3-5
Jim Jon Tomatoes Cardinals 0-8
Scores for the Week: Yankees 9, Phillies 8; Phillies 17, Cardinals 2

Take a Dad fishing

Now here's a bit of a switch on the old idea of "Take A Kid Fishing" - this time it's "Take A Dad Fishing." A group of elementary students, who had done a little fishing, saw a lot of films and did a bit of dreaming - got an idea.

With the help of all the moms and some of the teachers, plus a friendly sportsmen's club with a pond, the kids put together a "Dad's Fishing Derby." There were two rules. First, good old dad could not be a fisherman, but might be turned into one; and second, the youngster to whatever degree possible, had to be the expert.

Dads showed up in a variety of uniforms. One sported a pair of cream-colored slacks, sports shirt, cashmere jacket and white bucks on his feet. Among others, he seemed to be the one to follow.

Moments later, the jacket was tossed to the ground, the tie was ripped off and one shoe had been removed as though Dad were going wading. Actually, a small spinning rod was bent double as a large fish was about to take the last few rounds of line on the spool.

That didn't give dad a chance to remove the other shoe if he was going to follow the fish. Then the traditional "pistol shot" as line and fish parted company and dad's choices went to zero.

Deflated, disconsolate and dirty, Dad sat on the bank with his eight-year-old doing his best to console his senior partner. "We'll get him later, Dad," the boy said - and meant it. And whether Dad did or didn't is a moot point. The happy ending of the lost fish was Dad was hooked on fishing, particularly with his son in the "driver's seat."

The lad above is now 12 and much wiser in the ways of taking a Dad fishing. Here's his list of hints for other kids to follow:

1. Make sure Mom knows that you are going and that the clock doesn't mean much if the fish is biting - at least she can worry intelligently if you are late.

2. Take extra food along - appetites seem to increase directly with the amount of fishing excitement. Oh, also take an extra handkerchief - Dad might lose a big one and he may find it necessary to blow his nose a couple of times to hide his disappointment.

3. Keep the fishing and tackle simple. You can't expect Dad, who has never fished, to match your skill - whatever degree of skill you have developed. A nice gesture would be to supply the bait, but Dad may enjoy collecting it - best to play

this one by ear.

4. Keep things happening but don't work Dad too hard. Dad's attention span is longer than yours, but keep in mind you are the fishing enthusiast and he might not be - at least until he has caught his first fish.

5. Don't give Dad too much advice - just enough. Let Dad make a few mistakes with his casting, let him get a bird's nest from improper reeling. He'll learn with just a bit of help from you, the expert; and his adult image won't be dimmed in the process.

6. Finally, emphasize the total aspects of the whole adventure which go far beyond just catching fish. There are the other forms of wildlife to observe - the scenery, and the weather, assuming nature cooperated in that department. And even if it rains, there is something to be said of a father and son huddling under a common tarp while waiting for a fish that is already wet to bite.

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