

Fishing



"The Crappie Catcher"

INFORMATION

OUR "BOSS" TIPS for catching the big ones in winter months. --

1. Forget all about the plugs and places that paid-off for you during the late Summer and Fall. The bass run deep in Winter.
2. Fish the deep holes (50 feet or deeper) in the general areas where you had your best luck fishing the bars and edges of the lake in warmer weather.
3. Use deep-running lures instead of live bait. Experiment with any deep-running plug in your tackle box, but try a large water-dog bomber first--preferably the type that "swims" backward. Troll it very deep and very slowly. Fasten a 2 or 3-inch strip of pork rind to the trailing hook if you don't get any strikes trolling the naked lure.
4. If you don't have a trolling motor, and your outboard conks out trying to throttle to a real slow trolling speed, then troll with your motor in reverse. The stern of your boat will slow your speed down just right without the problem of your motor stalling.
5. You must troll deep, practically bumping along the bottom. To avoid getting snagged when you are fishing bottoms with many rocks or submerged trash, you should switch from the deep-running plugs and use a level runner, such as a big flat-fish lure. With the flat-fish lure, you will need a sinker to hold your plug down.

HERE IS OUR BEST TIP of all if you can't use the deep runners--tie a small loop in your line about 6 feet from the lure. Use a swivel just above the loop, so as to prevent twisting of your line. The swivel is very important whenever you troll. A twisted line can really give you problems that don't do your disposition or your blood pressure a damn bit of good. A twisted line also causes your lure to foul-up and not perform in a natural movement that is attractive to the wise old lunkers. The lunkers grew up to become big by not being suckers for just any old bait or lure that came their way.

You attach your "sinker" to the loop you made in your line, just below the swivel, and 6 feet above the lure. Take a bunch of old nuts, bolts, pieces of lead, old ball bearings, or even big pebbles. Wrap the weight in a small piece of cloth. Tie up the cloth with heavy-duty cotton thread, such as the kind used for sewing on overcoat buttons. Tie the thread to the loop in your line.

WITH THIS RIG, if your "sinker gets snagged, the cotton thread will break loose and you wind in and tie on another one--you won't lose your plug--you will only lose a little time.

If you don't have luck with one plug, experiment with everything you have in your box. Don't forget to try the pork rind if the lunkers don't hit the naked lure. ALL THE BEST--if you keep exploring for the hot holes, and experimenting with different lures, you will get the REALLY BIG ones and you will get lots of new-found fun in Winter fishing.

SPORTS AFIELD, in its January 1966 issue, announced the qualifying weights of the various species of fish caught in our great ole fishin' hole, Lake Mead, as follows:

- Bass 5 lbs
- Channel Cat 5 lbs
- White Crappie 2 lbs

SPORTS



Remember How Great?

JESSE OWENS, legendary super athlete of the cinder paths, was convicted of evasion of \$68,000 in income taxes in Chicago Federal Court recently. Owens will appear before Federal Judge Joseph Perry February 1st to be sentenced.

Jesse Owens is best remembered as our former Olympic track star who won four Gold Medals in the games held in Berlin in 1936. Owens embarrassed Hitler on his own home grounds when he destroyed the myth of white supremacy which the "Little Corporal" had parlayed into building of the German 3rd Reich.

Fabulous Jesse won the 100-meter dash, the 200, the broad jump and anchored the winning U.S. 400-meter relay team. Owens set a new record in the broad jump which became the oldest in the book until broken by Ralph Boston.

JESSE OWENS performed the most famous legend of track and field on JULY 4, 1935 when he set three new world records and equalled a fourth record at the University of Michigan stadium at Ann Arbor. He equalled the record in the century and established new records in the 220-yard dash, broad jump, and 220-yard low hurdles. The latter event has since been discontinued in AAU competition. When Owens set the new hurdle record, it was only the second time he had ever run the event in competition.

He woke up sick on the morning of his historic performances. What if he had been at his "best" that day?

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No minimum given for Bluegills or Black Crappie but, judging from weight minimum quoted for other states, the figure should be 1 lb for Bluegills and 2 lbs for Black Crappie. Fishermen who catch any of the above fish, weighing more than the listed weights, can, and should enter their trophy in the 1966 Sports Afield Fishing Awards.

A REPLICHA of the official entry form can be found in this issue of the VOICE, and from time to time the entry form shall be reprinted by the Crappie Catcher.

The VOICE will accept all applications for its readers. We will photograph the fish and its proud owner, and then officially weigh and measure the catch, assist in filling the entry blank, and mail it to Sports Afield.

CLIP THE COUPON from the paper and save it until you make your "prize" catch. Bring both the fish and the entry blank to the VOICE.

Let's see how many "BEST in STATE" trophies you readers of the Crappie Catcher will win in 1966! Let's see the names of several of our fishing partners listed in Sports Afield for "record" Bass, Crappie, Channel Cat, Bluegill and Rainbow.

Several of our fishing cronies have brought some real trophy fish out of Lake Mead. Barber Shop Jackson and Big Boysie are reported to use 2-pound Crappie for bait on some of those monster Cats they have displayed about town. Bob "Mex" Bailey caught a Rainbow last month that went 8 pounds, Long-Winded Sydney cuts up 2-pound Crappie to catch those slabs he hauls in up in Ugly Ike's hole. Fat Mamma McLeMore, Miss Rosie and Annie "Catch-a-tub-full" Polk might beat out all the men if they put their luck to work. I'll bet that in the years gone by one of those three fisherwomen, or maybe Ina Mae Ensley, has caught a fish that would have taken the blue ribbon.

FELLOWS, don't let the gals take all the prizes. Get your entries in, and keep them coming!!

More Records For Wilt

WILT "THE STILT" Chamberlain, 7-foot basketball phenom reached a new horizon in becoming the second player in history to score a career total of 20,000 points in the NBA.

BOB PETIT of the St. Louis Hawks is the all-time pro scoring leader with 20,889 points. Petit, now retired as a player, totalled up his record during his 11 years as a pro. Chamberlain, who now trails Bob by merely 861 points, reached the 20,000 mark after only six years. The Dipper, as Wilt prefers to be called, is expected to pass Bob Petit's record before the end of the current season.

Chamberlain has averaged 40 points per game in his 499-game career as a pro. Petit, who played in 792 NBA games, averaged only 26 and a fraction.

The Dipper dipped an even 50 points into the basket in the "76ers" 133-122 win over the "Knicks" Sunday, January 2, 1966 playing before his hometown fans in Philadelphia where he first gained national fame as a high school phenom.

CHAMBERLAIN, whose team trails the perennial champion Boston Celtics by 3 games, says that he now has only one more goal to make his career a success. He wants to play on an NBA championship team.

Doolittle Basketball Tournament Winners



Pictured are winners of The Doolittle Classic held during recent Holiday Season under leadership of Joe Haynes, John Bass, Porter Troutman, Jr., and Wm. L. Evans. Upper Photo: Matt Kelly 6th graders kneeling (l-r), Charles Bailey, Robert Taylor and Larry Cross. Standing (l-r), Sam Smith, Harry Slack, Joey Bryant and Maceo Foster. Lower Photo: Madison 5th graders kneeling (l-r), Robert Lee, Gregory Strickland, Roland Marshall and Michael Yates.

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