

Fishing



"The Crappie Catcher" INFORMATION

IN A FISHING SENSE, the "line" you cast is seen rather than heard. And, if you are successful, the fish probably won't even see it.

Check your line, urge the fishing authorities at Mercury outboards, and make certain it's the best for your type fishing.

In clear water, they explain, visibility of a line or tackle connecting the line to a lure may act as a warning to fish that something is wrong about an otherwise attractive offering.

Research has shown that fish are inclined to shy away from lines which are easily observed under crystal clear conditions. When identical lures are attached to transparent monofilament lines and leaders, however, the same fish responded with strikes.

Anything noticeable ahead of the lure is likely to cause the same problem. Snaps, swivels, connecting links, bright wire leaders and keels frequently cause fish to ignore a proven lure or bait.

The most unobtrusive rig is a plug hitched directly to a length of monofilament leader, or, better yet, to a whole monofilament line. While swivels make lure-changing quick and easy, they are best omitted under clear water conditions.

When possible, select lures that are relatively stable and do not revolve as they are retrieved. Troublesome line twist must be avoided. When it does occur, lines can be straightened by occasionally dragging them free behind the boat.

FILE THIS LINE information from the Mercury folks away in your mental tackle box.

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IF YOU'RE a "minnow man" don't scorn the fisherman who snaps an artificial lure on his line. Conversely, a plug caster has little business disparaging we of the "garden tackle" fraternity.

The controversy of live versus artificial bait has raged ever since an early day "canepoler" ran out of crawdads. One popular story is that he ripped a piece of his brightly-colored shirt-tail and baited up, proceeding to astound his fellow anglers. Actually, use of "phoney" bait dates far back into antiquity.

Regardless of when it began, the dispute has split fishermen into two warring factions. Ask the man who dunks a worm or helgramite what he thinks about plug casters and he's likely to flip the lid clean off his bait bucket. The advocate of artificials holds his adversary in about equal contempt.

ACTUALLY, BOTH methods catch fish, but man-made lures enjoy an edge in effectiveness. This was proven when scientists in Illinois conducted a survey to determine which technique caught the most fish. Artificials proved far superior, both in number and in size.

The style of fishing probably accounts for

SPORTS

Chuck Harris

SANDY KOUFAX and DON DRYSDALE, the Los Angeles Dodger's star hurlers, finally signed their '66 contract and reported for what's left of Spring Training in Arizona this week--Players may not have gotten exactly what they wanted, but whatever the amount was--everybody says they're satisfied and the satisfactory settlement is great for baseball. . . So beware, National League, the Champs are back--and Champs, you'd better hurry up and get in shape, because San Francisco's WILLIE MAYS is burning up hits and home runs to every field already. . . That Milwaukee and Atlanta court decision is likely to come just in time to collide head on with the opening of the Baseball season, next week.

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Light Heavyweight Champion, JOSE TORRES and leading contender, WAYNE THORNTON of Fresno, Calif., appear likely to meet in a title bout at Shea's Stadium in New York, Saturday, May 21. . . World Heavyweight Champ, CASIUS CLAY (MUHAMMAD ALI, or what have you) toyed with GEORGE CHUVALO of Canada in their championship clash recently. . . I picked CLAY to end it in the 8th, but the Champ felt

he needed more boxing to stay in shape. . . He had CHUVALO set up in nearly every round, but stayed away and toyed with his opponent as a cat plays with a rat.

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SPORTS FANS--Right across from Sugar Hill, is the best Bar-B-Q in Las Vegas (The Texas Pit Bar-B-Q). . . Stop over the next time you're out--eat GOOD Bar-B-Q and talk with your old sportsman who happens to be the owner, GENE LEWIS--Remember it's the only place in town you can fight Bar-B-Q all night every round and never get T-KO'd or counted out.

Another great Sports enthusiast, ROBERT LEE WALKER, was promoted to Assistant Manager at the Food Fair Store here in the Golden West Shopping Center. . . Go by and show ROBERT your appreciation of his promotion--Who knows, one day he may become the Manager.

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In a pressure-packed sudden death play-off with young TOM WEISKOPF, cool Veteran DOUG SANDERS calmly stroked in a five foot putt to win the \$100,000 Greater Greensboro Open Golf Tournament, last Sunday.

KAPPA ALPHA PSI KATS CLAW ALPHA MEN 46-38



IN THAT HOTLY CONTESTED BASKETBALL GAME at Doolittle Center between the swarming Alpha Men and the "Red Kappa Kats", the Kats came out on the long end by a 46 to 38 count. . . Victorious Kats pictured above from l-r (seated) are: Bill Smith, Joe Haynes, Bobby Franscent, and Herschel Williams--Standing (l-r): Assistant Coach, Curtis Hall, James Pughsley, Jerry Hoggard, George Sherman, and Kermit Booker, Sr., Kappa Kat's Koach.

PHOTO RIGHT shows Kats in their top winning form against the Alphas--Kappa James Pughsley going up for a jump shot despite great blocking effort of Alpha's Major Penn--Other players pictured in the shot are Bill Evars (Alpha), Kappa's Jerry Hoggard, Alpha's Isaac White, and the really big factor in the Kappa victory Joe Haynes.

this wide difference. In casting, a man covers a lot of territory and exposes his lure to many fish. Live bait angling, on the other hand, is much more restrictive, depending mainly on fish movement. But there is no denying the effectiveness of bait.

The wise angler would do well to employ both methods; trying plugs first, then switching to bait if fishing's poor. After all, the final choice is up to the bass, and he's usually a fairly finicky customer.



SATURDAY NIGHT, the Kats take on the Kappa Alpha Psi Red Men of Los Angeles, Calif. The Los Angeles teams boasts a number of stars that promise to ice the game as soon as possible. . . According to Koach Booker, the Kats promise to 'go for broke' and expect to be at the top of the heap when the smoke is cleared. . . This cage match promises to be a real thriller--Better make the scene, Saturday night at Doolittle Center.

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