

# Fishing



## "The Crappie Catcher" INFORMATION

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### GENERAL TIPS

- 1 Good sportsmen use the lightest possible tackle. This gives the fish an equal chance and really tests your skill.
- 2 When using live bait, make the bait appetizing to the fish. Select firm, active bait. A few seconds spent in selection pays big dividends.
- 3 Keep your fish cool and clean after they are landed. Part of the pleasure of fishing is in the eating and carefully handled fish can quickly spoil.
- 4 Varnishing your windings once a year will keep up the appearance and keep your guides firm.
- 5 Your cork handle may become smooth with use. Scrub briskly with a household detergent to clean. Sanding the cork to renew it is not recommended as you are just wearing the handle away.
- 6 Strive for erratic and lifelike lure motions. This attracts fish... irritates them into making a strike.
- 7 Once you take a fish in a lake or stream, try that spot again; whatever food attracted the first fish is likely to be attractive to the next.
- 8 Fish prefer shaded areas to bright sunshine. Best catches are taken in shady areas.
- 9 Sound carries better in water than air; use soft shoes when lake fishing from a boat to minimize sound.
- 10 Use BALANCED tackle. Use a rod, reel and line made for each other. The RODDY catalogue specifies balanced tackle sets for every rod by recommending reels, line and lure weights. Don't use oversize components in your tackle kit; reputable manufacturers like RODDY suggest pleasure bringing balanced tackle.

### HOOKING NATURAL BAITS

**The NOSE HOOK** for sardines produces good action, uses the natural indent in the sardine's nose for the hook, up. The bait should be easily and gently hooked. The sardine's swimming action is unaffected.



**TAIL HOOK** is used where surface swimming of the live bait is desired.



**GILL HOOK** is best for fly-fishing in calm water. This offers the fish your bait in its most natural form.



**JAW HOOK** is the best all around hooking for trolling in moderate to heavy water. It keeps the fish's mouth closed and prevents drowning which could happen with NOSE HOOK (above). Hook goes to bottom of jaw and out through the center of nose. Bait's mouth should be firmly closed.



## SPORTS

# Chuck Harris

Exercising an Editor's arbitrary privilege, the Keynoter is pre-empting Chuck Harris this week who, for some reason known only to himself, elected to ignore current noteworthy sports events on the national, regional, and even local scene--the local event of national, and even international interest, being, of course, Golf-dom's glamour spectacular of the year, the Tournament of Champions, presently underway at the Desert Inn Golf Course.

Despite the great interest and excitement the Tournament of Champions generates yearly among golf buffs, it must be confessed that the theft of Chuck's column space was not to write about the colorful Tournament and of all the golfing aces now in our midst, but to herald the opening of the Baseball season. To be more specific, and infinitely more accurate, to take opportunity to provide a few printed kind words about the Los Angeles Dodgers.

This baseball fan frankly takes exception to

all the snide and petty remarks and comments written locally about the Baseball Champions of the World. And how about all these local seers and prognosticators who loftily, and authoritatively opine the Dodgers will wind up in fifth, or sixth, or even seventh place in the National League Standings at season's end--or glibly offer the sacrilegious prediction that Drysdale won't win 15 games nor Koufax 20. They should live so long to realize fruition of such pitiful wishful thinking.

As this is being written, the Dodgers have just won their opening game against the Astros by a score of 3 to 2. So we're off to another great year piling up enough one run victories to keep the Championship Flag flaunting audaciously over Dodger Stadium. So Suffer, you Dodger Haters. . . We're off to a running and pitching start, and you wait and see who's where in the standings comes October.

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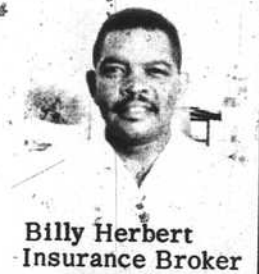
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## Vegans Conquer California



**HAIL THE CHAMPS**--Pictured above is Las Vegas' Championship Basketball Team sponsored by the Doolittle Recreation Center. From left (front): Larry Cross, Robert Taylor, Dana Wilgar, Larris Holmes, Craig McDermott, Ricky Hall, William Smith and Mr. John Bass. . . Back row (from left): Mr. Joe Haynes, Mr. William Evans, Jeff Smerck, Robert Myers, Isaac McMullins, John Williams, Mr. Darl Rose. Not pictured is player James Lewis.

Westiders are, understandably, consumed with community pride at the recent performance of the Doolittle Recreation Center sponsored Basketball team of 12 young athletes who made the trip to 29 Palms, California during the first week of April to participate in the world's largest Basketball Tournament.

This marked the first time an elementary team from Las Vegas had ever entered the Tournament, and was the only team to participate that was not a California group.

THE COMPETITION was keen, but the Las Vegas team emerged victorious bringing the championship title back with them to Vegas. The first game found the Vegas Invincibles going against a strong Riverside team which they thoroughly trounced by an astonishing score of

36-19. The final two teams faced by our conquering heroes were the Fullerton team defeated by a score of 39-21, and the Huntington Beach Club which the Vegans defeated for the Championship in their division with a 34-26 score.

The local community can take justifiable pride in having a Sports Director of Joe Haynes ability and great interest in developing the youngsters. The Doolittle supervisory team of Haynes, Mr. Troutman and Mrs. McDaniels are a dedicated trio working together with one common goal--the development of the youth into responsible citizens of tomorrow.

The public is invited to drop by the Doolittle Recreation Center to see the Trophy our Champions won hands down over fifty participating California teams.