

# Fishing



## INFORMATION

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### "The Crappie Catcher"

# LITTLE FISHING SECRETS

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Only the angler who is aware of the "little things" knows how narrow the margin is between success and failure

WE HAD BEEN HUNTING for a deep hole, a place that would be out of the wind, and we had finally found it. When weather turns nippy on the Texas Gulf coast, sea trout, channel bass and other species hunt the deep places in bays and channels. There they crowd in, seeking warmer water. Competition for food is keen, and usually fishing is exceptional. But Paul Young and I had been casting live shrimps with a single split shot up the line and reeling them across this good-looking spot for half an hour, without success.

However, even lack of action must end sometime, and by a fluke I presently discovered the trick that was to fill the fish basket. Yet it was not the sudden switch to success, but a most curious little circumstance entwined with it that makes the incident memorable and worth telling.

I had a foul-up of line, and when I'd untangled it and started to reel, a nearby angler who was working on a good fish attracted my attention. My shrimp, on a hook tied directly to my monofil line, had meanwhile sunk to the bottom. As I reflexively turned the reel handle while watching the other fisherman, I was, without thinking, turning it in slow motion. I became conscious of the lightest tug, and my attention was instantly switched back to my own rig.

It had to be some midget trash. Tug, tug. I moved the bait another inch. Another, better tug. I reached the tip forward, took up slack and struck. Wow! The rod pitched forward, and wind suddenly moaned across the tightened line like a bow scraped inexpertly upon a fiddle string. After a bit, I had the fish up where Paul could get a net under it. A very nice channel bass.

"I've got it figured now," I said with excitement. "We've got to put it on the bottom and barely move it." Sure enough, by repeating the technique I quickly had another. And another. But Paul, though he did exactly what I was doing, caught none. This went on for some time. We looked at his rig. The only difference at all was a small snap swivel between hook and line.

"Why not take it off?" I said.

"That swivel couldn't possibly make any difference," Paul replied.

## SPORTS



Chuck Harris

### Gala Fashion Show Benefits Boys Club

COVE HOTEL "wheels" BOB CARDINAL and EMMETT SULLIVAN, along with their 'right arm', TOMMY WHITTLE, made a visit to the All American Boys Club, recently, and after seeing what a great job is being done there for all youngsters and what it means to those youngsters, delegated TOMMY to spearhead any type of drive that would, financially or any other manner, benefit the Boys Club.

Upshot of this was TOMMY called in HIS 'left arm', Q. B. BUSH who enlisted the aid of BEATRICE JOHNSON and KATHERINE BASE and they came up with "AN EVENING OF VARIETY" featuring Fashions - Talent - Music which will be presented by the COVE HOTEL, Sunday, July 24, at 7 p.m., produced by Q. B. BUSH and coordinated by BEATRICE JOHNSON and KATHERINE BASE. Tickets for the affair are \$2.50 each and may be purchased at the COVE HOTEL, the BOYS CLUB and the GOLD ROOM (the latter two places are both located in the GOLDEN WEST SHOPPING CENTER.

MARY McGEE and EULIS LALLIS of the GOLD ROOM said they will do their level best to sell as many tickets as is possible sharing the feeling expressed by the sponsors of Sunday's Benefit Show that more people will be inspired to keep the All American Boys Club's doors open. It was also suggested that if more people visited the Club to see the program of activities for our youngsters they, too, no doubt would be inspired to an effort to help the cause.

A good night to visit the Club is Friday night when exhibition boxing matches are staged between the boys as part of the Club's fitness and sportsmanship program.

The Little League KIWANIS CLUB is really playing great baseball... They are now in first place with 10 wins and two losses... One BIG reason for the team's success was exemplified just the other night when the Club beat MAVERICK by a score of 2 to 1. MICHAEL BOSLEY, who plays 3rd base, has been the bread and butter man in many league games came through in the last inning with a clutch single to win the game... THE A. A. BOYS CLUB salutes a great first place team and the hottest little third base

man ever, MICHAEL BOSLEY.

ALL NAVY CHAMPS were beaten by JOHN DAVIS and the NEVADA TEST SITE team 3 to 1 on six hits. NTS had a twin bill that night, and after pitching a winning game to down the NAVY CHAMPS, JOHN insisted he was not tied and wanted to pitch the 2nd game which he did defeating the PROVO ALL STARS of Utah 7 to 6... BUT DAVIS said that was a bad night because he allowed 10 hits in winning the two games... JOHN extended an invitation to CHUCK to come out this week-end to see him pitch against LEAVITT INSURANCE claiming that if he has a good night, they MAY get two hits--Best of Luck, CHAMP JOHN.

#### SIX FIGURE PROS

BOBBY NICHOLS finally won a big one--the \$100,000 MINNESOTA GOLF CLASSIC and NATIVE DIVER made every post a winning one in the Hollywood Gold Cup Handicap increasing the money horse's winnings by a neat \$102,000 purse. NATIVE DIVER is the first to accomplish the feat of winning back to back Hollywood Gold Cup races. He was last year's winner.

#### QUICKIES ON CHAMPS

JIM RYAN of Wichita, Kansas set a world record for the mile--3.51.3 on All-American track meet... U.S. outswims Russians in 6 of 8 events on final day of competition--only world record goes to Russian GIRL... BOB GIBSON, ace right hander of St. Louis Cardinals out indefinitely with nerve injury in right elbow... EMILE GRIFFITH still Middleweight Champ after defeating ARCHER in a thrill-packed fight of power and wits.

A SPECIAL and HEART-FELT "Thanks" from the Boys Club to the SKY CAPS, a great bunch of gentlemen, for buying the first bloc of tickets to "An Evening of Variety", the benefit for the Boys Club--21 tickets at \$2.50 a throw is one greatly appreciated start.

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Nonetheless, he removed it. On the very next cast—tug—tug—he sent the point home into a good one. From there on we were even all the way, and we loaded the stringer right to the top with channel bass, trout and flounder.

I have often pondered that experience, and I have chosen to tell it to launch this article because I'm pretty sure you will feel like saying, as Paul did, "That swivel couldn't possibly make any difference." But right there, hung on that same snap and swivel, is a whole world of fishing lore that the wise angler will do well not to scoff at, but rather to pay close heed to. It is what might be termed the "lore of the little things."

Why did the swivel keep the fish away? I don't know. I proposed to Paul that possibly these fish were for some unknown reason feeding very warily. Something looked wrong to them about the shiny swivel.

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