

Fishing



INFORMATION

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"The Crappie Catcher"

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If you hold a fish by its tail, with one hand, and run your other hand down the back of the fish, towards its head, you will learn an important fishing lesson that you will never forget.

The needle-sharp spines of all of the fish's fins rise to the attack as your hand moves from tail to head. This is a built-in protective device to discourage the enemy's attack from the rear.

NOW, IF YOU reverse the procedure, you will notice that the fins all fold in toward the body as you run your hand from head toward tail. The sharp spines lay harmlessly out of the way and your hand does not get "finned" as it did when you ran your hand toward the head of the fish.

Fish which feed upon smaller fish instinctively swallow their prey head first--never tail first. Remember this when you are fishing with minnows.

Fish may attack your hooked minnow from any angle, but will not attempt to swallow the bait until he has turned the minnow into position to swallow it head-first.

OCCASIONALLY, and particularly when the minnow is hooked in its back, below its dorsal fin, the striking fish may attack the minnow at the side of the hook, and hook itself as it attacks. However, this is the exception. It is not the rule.

The striking fish grasps the minnow in its jaws and squeezes the bait with its first effort. The squeezing of the minnow is designed to paralyze the bait for a moment so as to facilitate turning the minnow into position to be swallowed.

The turning of the minnow is the second effort of the striking fish. The actual swallowing of the minnow is the third and final effort of the striking fish.

When a fish takes your minnow, there are three (3) distinct impacts imparted along your fishing line to the tip of your fishing rod.

When you get the first message that a fish has hit your bait, you should lower the tip of your rod a few inches so as to let your line go slack. The slack in the line tells the fish that the prey (minnow) is paralyzed. The fish will then turn the minnow into position to swallow it. If you have properly slacked your line, ever so slightly, upon the first hit, you will not get the message as the fish turns your minnow because the impact will not carry on the slack line.

THE NEXT IMPACT which will carry up your line to the tip of your rod will be the final effort of the striking fish which at the moment is swallowing the bait. This is when you set the hook, when the fish has started to swallow the minnow.

If you attempt to set the hook on first impact, you will most likely pull the hook out of the minnow which is being held tightly in the jaws of the fish. The fish then has a free meal with no sweat.

If you attempt to set the hook on second impact, you will pull the baited hook away from the fish and the wise old fish will probably pass your bait up for another bait. However, if you slack your line immediately after first hit, you will avoid the temptation to jerk as the fish turns the minnow. You won't feel this action at all. The next pull on the line will be your signal for action--set the hook quickly and firmly and 3 times out of 4, you will have your quarry hooked

SPORTS

Chuck Harris

THE RECENT championship fight between Light Heavyweight Champ, JOE TORRES and challenger EDDIE COTTON will have to be regarded as "THE FIGHT of '66". This will be a long remembered match where two gladiators came to do battle all the way--and that they did --from the opening bell of the first round to the bitter end. From start to finish, they both fought their hearts out...When the verdict of "Winner --and still Champ, JOSE TORRES" was brought in there were expressions of dismay and disagreement among many of the fans--some had come with the pre-conceived certainty that the Champ would have to win it in eight rounds, or else; and there were many who just plain believed that COTTON was the victor and were startled at the decision.

Being an old warrior of the ring, myself (and not just a preliminary adversary, but once considered of championship calibre while fighting under the ring name of BABY SIMS), I can understand the feeling for the under dog that so often unconsciously influences the judgment of fight fans--especially in the case of a veteran fighting his heart out for the title as COTTON did in this match...But you have to remember there were many rounds of the fight and the Champion was fighting his heart out too, and we fans were treated to a rousing fight--such is seldom seen these days.

Highly regarded referee, NATE MORGAN, refereed his first Championship bout, and was superb...He was cool, and unmoved by heckling opinions of others...Judges RON AMES and MIKE PETROVICH also are to be commended for their officiating...We have a great President heading the WBA and I am sure he has always been fair to all involved. He knows what we must remember--that the officials must call a fight the way they see it regardless of other's opinions. In this instance, as is almost always true, the Judges and Referee NATE MORGAN rendered an unbiased and objective decision. They are to be congratulated for doing a difficult job well.

IT WAS ONE heck of a fight and a salute to valiant EDDIE COTTON and his manager, GEORGE CHEMMERS; also to Champion JOSE TORRES and his manager, CAIN YOUNG whom we're sure will give COTTON another shot at the title.

Ringside at the fight were Ruben (of Ruben's Supper Club) and friends, the VOICE's JOHN

WEST and party, Q. B. BUSH, batman of the Cove with his ROBIN, friend HENRY BASS, and EARL McDONALD who is responsible for the fine food served at the COVE's restaurant.

Still anybody's pennant in the National League --GIANTS, PIRATES, and DODGERS seem a dead cinch to run 1-2-3 at this time with the PHILLIES and maybe the CARDINALS having a lot to say as to who will emerge on top.... Your guess is as good as mine, but mine is still the GIANTS--take your own pick...Fabulous WILLIE MAYS' recent 30th home-run for the current season, marked his 535th career homer, and moved him into second place in the major league's all-time home run record. BABE RUTH's record of 714 is unlikely to be matched, or beaten...JIMMY FOXX who had held the second place record with 534 until MAY's banged an eighth inning round-tripper over the rightfield fence before a screaming crowd of 24,178 fans in Candlestick Park, last week, showed true sportsmanship by wiring the GIANTS' great centerfielder his congratulations and making a public statement that "I hope Mays hits 600." For 25 years they thought only left-handers could hit the long ones. They even teach right-handed youngsters to hit left (switch-hit). FOXX reminded that he hit 500 before any other right-hander could hit 400. Continuing on MAYS, FOXX said, "I'm happy that another right-hander can prove he can hit".

Los Angeles golf pro, CHARLES SIFFORD, was one of the five players ending up in an eighth-place tie (with a 287 stroke total) in the recent Thunderbird Open tournament in Clifton, New Jersey. For it, SIFFORD collected one of his largest paychecks for '66 golf season--\$1400.

As this is written, there is no reported change in the condition of the Harlem Globetrotter's dribbling star, MURPHY SUMMONS, who is in a Detroit Hospital where doctors fought desperately to save his life last week following a delicate heart operation to close a stab wound in his heart. SUMMONS was given less than a 50-50 chance to live when he was brought to the hospital after being stabbed in the heart in a tavern brawl...Sad, the story is that the argument was between the basketball Ace's wife and another woman.

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for delivery into your creel.
 If you follow this guide and don't hook your fish nearly every time you get a strike, you are doing something wrong. You are not slacking your line enough or maybe too much. Try various distances for dropping the rod tip after first strike, until you get the right distance.
 IF STILL YOU are not setting the hook consistently, you are not timing the right moment for setting the hook.
 Once you get your timing right, you will "throw steel" into nearly every fish that is foolish enough to hit your bait. You will also land nearly every fish that you hook if you practice this method until your sense of timing becomes automatic.

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