

Fishing

by

"The Crappie Catcher"



'LOG JAM FORMING IN ICEBERG CANYON'

Thundershowers with torrential downpours in the Colorado River have washed tons of trash and driftwood down the river and a log jam is forming in the Grand Wash-Iceberg Canyon area. However, it is still possible to get through into Grand Wash, and there are plenty of fish in that area. Crappie are plentiful, along with cats, and some bass. None are oversized but the tremendous number of food fish in Grand Wash should accelerate their growth and make prospects very good for Winter fishing.

Fisherman who go into the Arizona end of Lake Mead must be extremely careful of the driftwood, and of the sand bars between Iceberg Canyon and Grand Wash. The water is half mud and it is impossible to see below the surface. It is best to have someone sit on the bow of the boat with a pole or boat hook to sound the depth as well as to push aside the large pieces of drift.

Do not try to go to the right side of the island between the river mouth and the canyon. Go slowly and keep to the left as you come out of the Canyon on the way into Grand Wash. Follow along left shore but stay clear of the points, particularly the one between shore and the island. Go to the left of island.

It is a major part of Nature's functions to provide fish, as well as all other forms of animal life, with instincts designed to preserve the species. Consequently, when fish spawn in lakes, they move into shallow water where there is plenty of brush to protect the hatch from being devoured by other fish.

Until such time as it takes to hatch the eggs and for the new hatch to make it to the protective cover of thick weeds and bushes, the adult fish school up to protect their spawn from predators. They will hit just about anything that invades their breeding grounds.

The Crappie Catcher has three tips on how to get your bait, or lure, into the fish without getting fouled by the protective weeds and other potential snags. In all three methods it is important to use very light line of 8 pound test as the absolute maximum. When heavier line is used, you cannot cast the light bait into the fish.

Always anchor up-wind or up-current from the spawning fish.

Tip #1 is to use very light weedless lures or weedless hooks if you are using live bait. Pinch one small split shot lead on your line, about a foot above your hook. Try to pick an open path of water if you can, and cast through the opening into the fish. The moment your line hits the water, start your retrieve. If you hesitate too long, your lure is likely to settle into a fork in the brush and foul your line. Retrieve slowly with a very light jerky motion, hesitating for a split second, lifting the rod tip with a very light but quick wrist motion. Pause a second after each such jerk, then wind very slowly for 2 or 3 complete revolutions and jerk lightly again. The fish are motivated by instinct to strike. You may not hook your fish on every strike, but you can improve your batting average by sharpening your reflexes to hook your fish the moment he strikes.

Tip #2. Use a floating weight 12 inches above your hook. A floating weight, is a clear plastic bubble into which you can add water to increase the weight. Cast through the most likely clearing and let your bait settle. It can't sink more than the distance between the hook and the floating weight. Take up your slack and wait. If you do not get a strike within a minute, give your rod a very gentle lift to barely make the float move. Take up your slack again, and repeat until you get a strike. The moment the fish strikes, start lifting your rod just enough to keep the line tight. When the rod tip bends down, then set the hook.

Tip #3. Using either live bait or floating lure, like a Popper, and absolutely no weight on the line, float your lure on a piece of wood, or cardboard (or anything you have which floats) right at your boat. Let the wind or current

"Got It All Together"



TO SAN DIEGO-Valley High School cheerleaders will be leading yells for the Chargers football team in San Diego this Saturday (August 28) thanks to a first-place rating in the National Cheerleaders' Association "Camp of Champs" held recently in LaJolla, California. From left, Lise Hubert, Suzanne Cutler, Dena Nickel, Lisa Rouse, and Debra Lamb. Miss Rouse was first runner-up for Miss Cheerleader at the La Jolla camp and has been chosen Miss Cheerleader for Las Vegas.

carry the floated lure into the fish. When the float is where you want it, gently jerk your lure off the float.

VA Question And Answer

Q--The savings and loan institution which gave me my GI home loan notified me recently that the interest rate on my balance would be raised because of the rising cost of money. Is this legal?

A--No. Veterans Administration regulations do not permit interest rates to be increased above the contract rate agreed upon at the time the loan was made.

Q--In 1967, while in service, I injured a leg while on approved leave, and lost it above the knee. Even though the accident was adjudged in line of duty, I was denied the \$2,800 grant toward the cost of a car. Why?

A--The automobile grant is available to veterans of World War II and the Korean Conflict discharged under other than dishonorable conditions, even if the disability is not incurred in performance of duty. For veterans with qualifying disabilities incurred after Jan. 31, 1955, however, the disability must have resulted directly from performance of active duty, unless application for the grant is filed before release from active duty.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

In an all-out effort to attract all interested persons, a Boy Scout Sub-Station will be located in the new Housing Authority Community Services Center, located at Highland and Washington. At this Center you will be able to obtain information as to where you and your son can join in this tremendous character building organization.

A very special thanks to Mr. George Sherman who recently returned to Las Vegas and wasted no time getting back on the band wagon. Mr. Sherman is presently working very hard on our Annual School Nite for Scouting.

In an effort to accommodate all boys of scout age, an orientation session will take place at every elementary school in the Las Vegas area. Don't forget this night--OCTOBER 6TH!!

Police-Community Relations News

The Las Vegas Community Relations Unit would like to direct this series of helpful hints to the women readers, especially those women who are single and are living alone.

"Miss Jane Morris" is a very nice name. But it doesn't belong on your door or apartment house mailbox. "J. Morris" will tell the postman-and your friends--all they need to know. And for all a potential rapist might know, "J. Morris" could be a 250 pound professional boxer!

We would like to add also that if we can be of help to you, please call the Las Vegas Police Department at phone #385-1122, Extension #71 and ask for SGT. W. C. JACKSON, DETECTIVE CRAIG or GRAY.

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