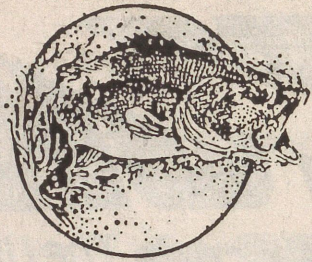


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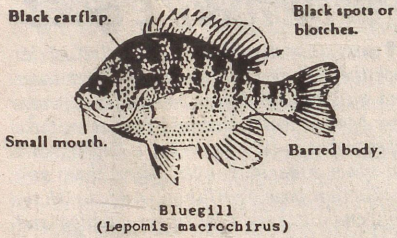


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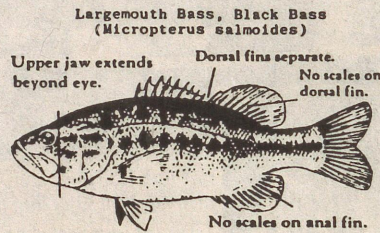
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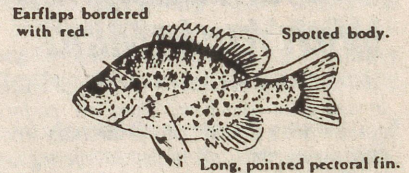
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Largemouth Bass, Black Bass
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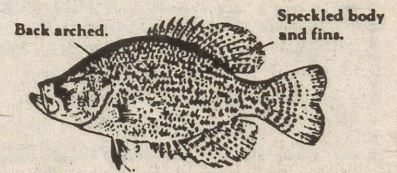


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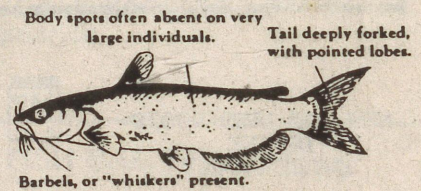
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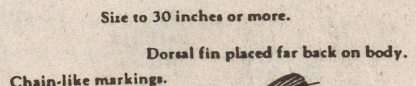
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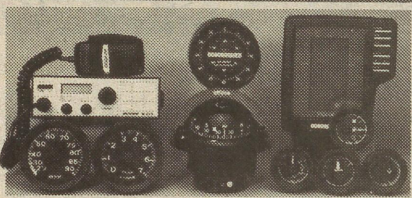


Tear-like markings below eyes.

Chain Pickerel
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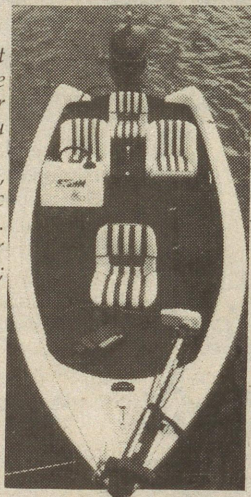
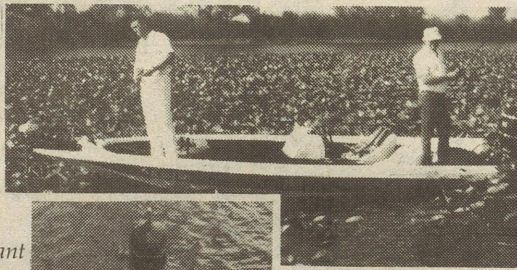
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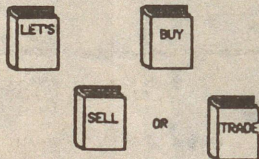
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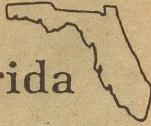
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Longest Point in Lake N-S 40 Miles
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FLORIDA FISHING TIPS

A general guideline to Florida fishing for the beginner or the expert, who might find that one extra tidbit of information to make his fishing day a better one.

Bass: The Florida largemouth bass, the pride of many sport fishermen, is usually ready and willing to accommodate any angler who enjoys the sport. Although the spring months provide the largest size bass taken (up to over 15 pounds), there are bass available for the catching year-round. Probably the best live bait available is the shiner (golden shiner), fished under a float or free-lined with a hook size up to 5/0. Most guides using this method advise that a bass should be allowed to run with the shiner until the angler is sure the fish has a firm grip on his prey; then a stiff rod and solid line, generally 20 lb. test or heavier combination, is required to drive the barb into the bass's jaw.

Artificial lure advocates report the plastic worm fished with a slip sinker on the bottom (Texas Rig), or through heavy cover, is the best offering. This is followed closely by seedless spoon and skirt combinations, again indense cover or the now popular "crank baits" for open waters. Early morning and late evening provide action for surface-lure fishermen.

According to Commission fishery biologists, who have done extensive research into the black bass, a Florida bass will eat anything it can catch and swallow. Their diet is mostly fish, particularly shad when available, but also includes such items as salamanders, bugs, worms, snakes, crawfish, mice, ducklings, frogs and many other substances. Experienced Florida bass fishermen claim a bass can be antagonized into striking, even when not actively feeding, by the use of noisy lures which apparently irritate the largemouth. There is a daily bag limit of ten bass, with no size limitation. There is no closed season on any game fish in Florida's fresh waters.

Panfish: This category includes the group known as "bream" (pronounced "brim") which are the shellcracker, bluegill, speckled perch or crappie, and any other fish bearing a resemblance to the sunfish family. Fishermen chasing the bream are entitled to a daily bag limit of 50 panfish in the aggregate.

Live bait anglers do best with a bobber and small hook, using worms, grubs, crickets or minnows.

The Missouri minnow, a hardy baitfish, is the choice of speckled perch fishermen during the speck's main spawning period in the spring. The speck is taken year-round by many residents, and a dockside chat can often put you in the right place at the right time. Specks up to four pounds have been taken from Florida waters.

Light spinning tackle and small spinners provide great action for many bream fishermen, and the fly rodder with a few popping bugs and rubber-bodied spiders can enjoy a day tangling with the scrappy bluegills and might even find a healthy bass attacking his lure. Beetle spins are tops on light spinning tackle.

Catfish: The target of commercial fishermen in general, and sport fishermen who enjoy good eating, is the Florida catfish, primarily channels, white, and brown bullheads. These species will hit certain moving artificial lures and live shiners, but the angler who wants a good catfish dinner would do well to fish worms or chicken livers on the bottom, or try some of the commercially prepared catfish baits. Most fish camp operators can advise the out-of-towners on locations and baits for the catfish, as well as the directions, tackle and information needed to provide a good fishing trip.

Basic Tackle Suggestions: For the bream fisherman, cane poles, small hooks and sensitive bobbers will provide good action. Light spinning tackle, line test 4 to 8 pounds, with small spinners, or a bobber and bait rig, will provide novice or expert with a good day's fishing for the little scrappers (little, meaning a size range from 6 ounces up to 3 or 4 pounds).

Bass anglers who are used to light-tackle sport will encounter a heavy cover of sawgrass and other water plants which often prevent the landing of a large bass. While more sport is available with light spinning tackle, often the problem is getting a 3-pound Florida bass out of the weeds, rather than worrying about this size bass breaking your line. Experienced anglers often turn to stiff backboned rods, bait casting reels, and 20-pound test monofilament. Fishermen unfamiliar with the power of the Florida bass are advised to ask an experienced bass angler how often his 20-pound test line has been broken while bass fishing before dropping a plastic worm into the mouth of a 15-pound largemouth.

GAME FISH BAG LIMITS*

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| 10 | Black bass (largemouth, Suwannee, redeye, spotted, and shoal basses individually or in total) |
| 20 | Striped bass, white bass, and sunshine bass (individually or in total), of which no more than six may exceed 24 inches in total length |
| 15 | Chain pickerel |
| 50 | Panfish (for example: bluegill, speckled perch (crappie), shellcracker, warmouth and redfin pickerel individually or in total) |
| 2 | Butterfly peacock bass, only one of which may be longer than 17 inches in total length |
| 0 | Speckled peacock bass, immediately release all speckled peacock bass |

Total Possession Limit For The Above Fish: Two days' bag limit after the first day of fishing. Consequently, it is illegal to transport or possess more than two days' bag limit of fish, per licensed angler, at any time without a commercial license.

PRIME FISHING TIMES

MONTH	LARGEMOUTH BASS	BLACK CRAPPIE	SUNSHINE BASS	BREAM
January	Fair-Good	Excellent	Good	Poor
February	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Poor
March	Excellent	Good	Good	Fair
April	Good	Fair	Fair	Fair-Good
May	Good	Poor	Poor	Good
June	Fair-Good	Poor	Poor	Good
July	Fair-Good	Poor	Poor	Good
August	Fair-Good	Poor	Poor	Good
September	Fair-Good	Poor	Poor-Fair	Good
October	Fair-Good	Poor-Fair	Poor-Fair	Poor-Fair
November	Fair	Fair-Good	Excellent	Poor
December	Fair	Excellent	Excellent	Poor

This chart is the result of studies and surveys of fishing success conducted by our biologists. Of course, weather conditions and other factors can improve or reduce your chances of success at any given time. That is why we suggest that you check with the local fish camps shortly before your trip to determine whether or not the fish are biting.

FLORIDA

STATE RECORD & BIG CATCH LIST

Certified state record fish must be identified by a Commission biologist and weighed on a certified scale. Uncertified state records (indicated below by an asterisk) are believed accurate based on reliable witnesses and other evidence but are not certifiable. The "Big-Catch" program gives recognition to anglers who catch fish that exceed the minimum "qualifying weights" listed below.

These records were accurate as of January 1989.

Species	State Record	Big-Catch Qualifying Weight
Largemouth Bass	17 lbs., 4.25 oz. (20 lbs., 2.00 oz.*)	14 lbs
Redeye Bass	7 lbs., 0.00 oz.	5 lbs.
Spotted Bass	3 lbs., 12.00 oz.	2 lbs., 8 oz.
Suwannee Bass	3 lbs., 14.25 oz.	3 lbs.
Striped Bass	38 lbs., 9.00 oz.	25 lbs.
White Bass	4 lbs., 11.00 oz.	3 lbs., 8 oz.
Sunshine Bass	16 lbs., 5.00 oz.	14 lbs.
Black Crappie	3 lbs., 12.00 oz.*	3 lbs.
Bluegill	2 lbs., 14.00 oz.	2 lbs.
Redbreast Sunfish	2 lbs., 1.25 oz.	1 lb., 8 oz.
Redear Sunfish ¹	4 lbs., 13.75 oz.	3 lbs.
Spotted Sunfish	0 lbs., 13.25 oz.	10 oz.
Warmouth	2 lbs., 7.00 oz.	1 lb., 4 oz.
Chain Pickerel	8 lbs., 0.00 oz.*	6 lbs.
Channel Catfish	44 lbs., 8.00 oz.	30 lbs.
American Shad	4 lbs., 13.25 oz.	3 lbs.
Alligator Gar	122 lbs., 0.00 oz.	70 lbs.

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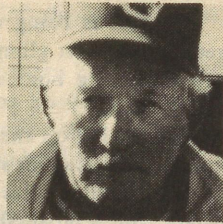
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BASSIN' Tips

By RICHARD NIX



This month we're going to talk about spinner baits. Most everyone knows that the plastic worm catches the most and biggest fish and is the most popular arti bait on Okeechobee and most lakes. It catches more fish because it's used the most. Because everyone know all of that, we're not going to get into plastic's this month.

But what a lot of folks don't know and use are spinnerbaits. First, you don't need \$250 worth of them in your box to catch fish (like I do)!

A fisherman can have ten spinnerbaits, 1/8th oz to 1/2 oz; shortarm, longarm along with a variety of skirts and blades and he can come up with every spinnerbait he needs. The best part is - "They catch fish". You can throw a spinnerbait just about everywhere you throw a worm, Bull rushes, peppergrass, tree tops, hydrilla, ect., and cover three times as much water. It seems the more the wind blows the better the fish like a spinnerbait. A lot of fishermen who look forward to a weekend of fishing might hesitate to put their boat in the water if the wind is blowing 15-20 knots, but if you don't want to cut the grass or go shopping with your wife, take the wind and your spinnerbait rod & box and go fishing.

Now I'm not talking about going out and breaking your boat or beating your brains out in rough water. Fish an area like the peppergrass or hydrilla out of Twin Palms or Marker 94 or 96 between Ritter Island and the East Wall. Catch a drift (let the wind, that you hate, do the work). Maneuver the boat where you can drift 1/2 mile or so with the wind, throw out a sea anchor and leave the trolling motor on the deck, and start fishing. When you've made that drift, crank the big motor and do it again.

You'll probably have to try different skirts and blades until you find the combination the fish want. Take my word, it does make a difference. Just because they wanted 1/4 oz. silver with a blue skirt yesterday, doesn't make it so today. (Example, the last Golden Blend Tournament) Mr. Bill Alley and I drew out together the first day, wind blowing 20 mph, we ran to the north end to throw rattletails and worms. The water had turned the color of old coffee. By the time we beat our way back to Twin Palms at 12:00 p.m., Bill had one fish and I had none. Now the wind is 25-30 mph. We threw out the sea anchor and started drifting the peppergrass. My little spinnerbait had been very successful during practice. At 2:00 p.m. Mr. Alley has 20 lbs. in the boat and I have 2 lbs. I stubbornly stuck with the spinnerbait that worked before. Mine the fish rolled at, his they hammered.

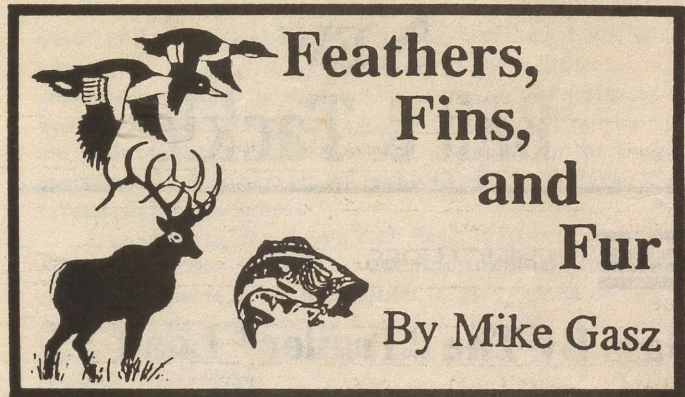
Stubborn might not be the first word that comes to your mind. Lesson; if your partner or buddy is catching on a different blade or skirt color, change in a hurry. Another thing, I throw a lot of 8 lb. and 10 lb. line with worms and crankbaits, but you best have some 20 lb. on when throwing spinnerbaits in hydrilla or peppergrass.

What we've done is get you out of the house on a windy day. You're not cutting grass or painting or shopping at the mall. You're catching a few fish (I hope) and having fun.

Until next month, throw the worm when you can but when you can't, grab a spinnerbait.

By the way, Mr. Alley's spinnerbait earned him \$20,000. Congratulations, Bill!

P.S. There are days you will have to (1) Go shopping (2) Cut the grass (3) Paint. Good fishing - Richard Nix.



I was rubbing my eyes as I sat quietly in our stand over looking an open cow pasture with a cypress head off to the left, one to the right, and heavy woods to our back. As I stared into the dawn a slight movement caught my eyes to the left. The two turkeys slowly worked their way from the cypress head. They were 200 yards away and in no hurry to get anywhere fast. Tapping my half asleep hunting partner without him making a sound was a chore, but he finally gained consciousness and spotted our prey.

Turkey hunting is one of the most challenging forms of hunting. Their keen sight is unsurpassed. Most hunters do not even get an opportunity to see a turkey and to get close enough for a shot is exhilarating.

My partner and I started to set up our strategies as the two birds slowly worked towards our stand. We pin-pointed several areas that the birds were most likely to come into shooting range. It seemed like hours as the two birds picked, stopped, looked, picked, looked, and continued their sluggish journey across the open field sometimes disappearing behind small bushes.

The closer they came the more our hearts beat. The pair stayed within a foot of each other as their animal lives dictated their journey towards us not really knowing that we were watching their every move. They now approached at 60 yards and any movement on our part would ensure their escape. We placed our shot guns in ready as they disappeared behind a small clump of weeds. The tension of waiting coupled with excitement was the greatest of all hunting experiences.

The two birds slowly emerged from behind their protection covering and walked slowly towards us. We were like two frozen statues, hardly breathing and not blinking an eye, the turkeys were now 30 yards away and only a minute or two from their final destiny.

We used hand signals behind the concealed portion of our stand as the birds were now fifteen yards away. As they approached the final tree and cleared themselves of protection, we fired simultaneously and both birds were downed instantly.

The planning, the stalking, and the numerous hours had paid off with an end to an excellent hunting trip.

Spring Gobbler season starts March 17th and runs thru April 22nd. Don't forget your stamp and use safe hunting practices. Good Luck!

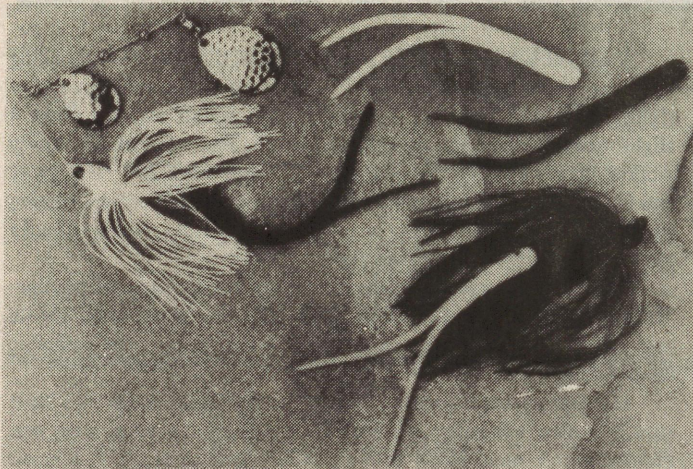
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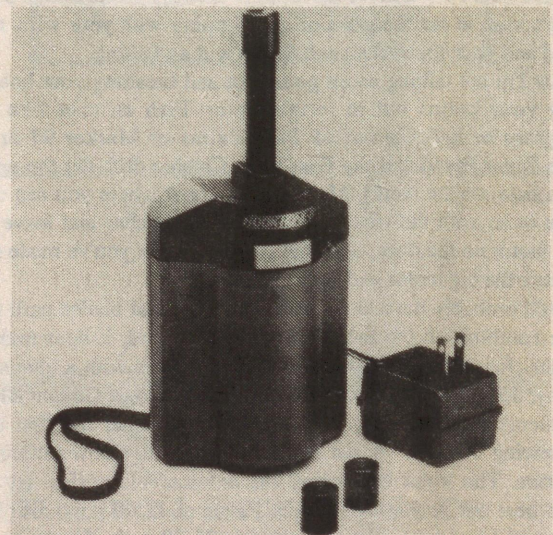
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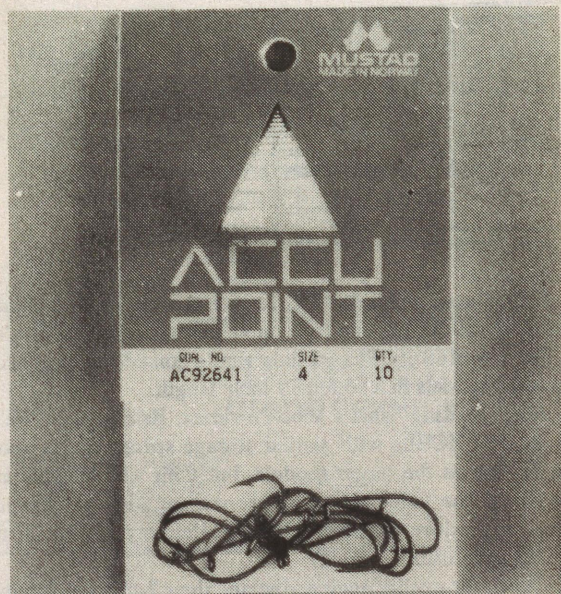
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member's enrollment fee. In 1989, more than \$31,000 in Eagle Certified User Club donations was presented to the Izaak Walton League, a prestigious conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of our waterways and the continuance of sportsmanship and high ethical standards among fishermen and others who enjoy our great outdoors. The monies were earmarked for the League's acid rain and soil erosion control programs, two major threats to our valuable fisheries resources.

A brochure packaged with each Eagle sonar unit explains the extended warranty and other membership bonuses and includes enrollment instructions. In addition to the pride in owning an American made Eagle product, Eagle Certified User Club members can be proud of the big dividends paid by their investment in our country's fishing future.

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After years of developing and testing, Du Pont has manufactured a line that saltwater anglers can trust. "High Impact" utilizes a copolymer formulation and unique manufacturing process to withstand the abrasion large fish impose on a fishing line with their sharp gill plates and fins. Its wet tensile strength is 100,000 pounds per square inch, stronger than any of the leading saltwater lines.

"We didn't want to introduce a new entry for the saltwater market until we knew we had the best line available at a price the average saltwater enthusiast could afford," said Neil Oldridge, Du Pont fishing products group manager. "High Impact" has been tested

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"High Impact" doesn't sacrifice knot strength and efficiency to gain high tensile strength. In hundreds of overhand knot and on-the-water tests supervised by Du Pont researchers, it outperforms Ande by over 40 percent in knot efficiency which results in a 70 percent gain in strength. For example, in tests on 30 pound test line, Ande has an average wet knotted breakload of 18 pounds while "High Impact" breaks at 31 pounds.

Because different areas of the country have different species of fish and water color, "High Impact" comes in two colors - clear and pink. It is available in 30-, 50-, 80-, 130- and 150-pound tests and will be spooled in quarter, one, five and nine pound spools.

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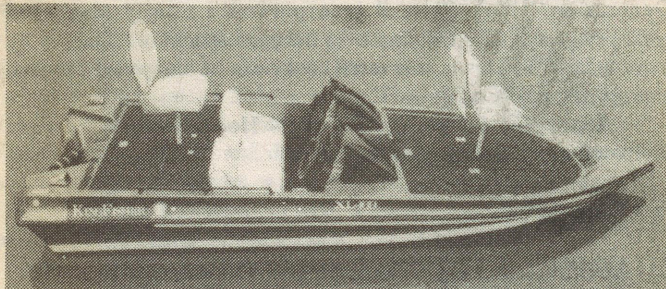
The X-60 replaces the historic X-40 and X-50 units which introduced "supertwist" LCD technology to sport fishing sonars. It offers incredible display detail and the very latest advancements in sonar technology.

The X-60 display is more than 60% wider than the X-40 or X-50, and boasts a vertical pixel count of 200. Best of all, it can be seen from nearly any angle. Step-by-step operating instructions for the unit's many features appear on the CLEARVISION (tm) display at the touch of a button. Features Include: automatic and manual operation, advanced fish symbol I.D., split screen zoom with bottom tracking, GRAYLINE (tm), digital depth indication, multiple alarms, and adjustable depth ranges. A transmitter power output of 3,000 watts, peak-to-peak, provide a maximum depth capability of 1,500 feet.

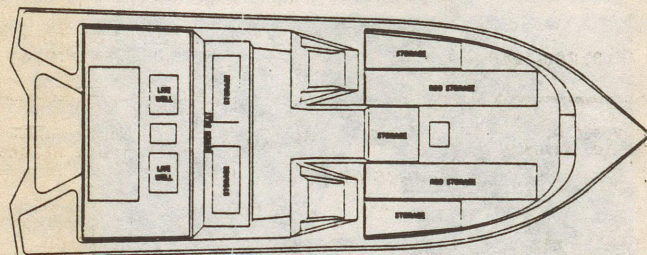
An optional transom-mounted sensor enables digital indications of boat speed, miles travelled, and water surface temperature.

For more information on the X-60 and other American-made Lowrance products, contact Lowrance Electronics Inc., 12000 E. Skelly Drive, Tulsa, OK 74128.

KingFisher Unveils New Line



THE NEW 1990 KINGFISHER 169DC DUAL CONSOLE BASSBOAT



KingFisher boats of Clarksville, Texas has announced three new models in their 169 XCEL line to be unveiled by authorized dealers this fall. The new 169 XCELS include single console, dual console and fish and ski models in a 16 foot, 9 inch length.

According to KingFisher's Vice-President, Brian Dial, "We've designed the 169 XCELS with similar storage space, fishing room and sleek styling as the larger models, but their smaller size and price appeals to the value conscious consumer". KingFisher has gone all out to produce the most advanced Euro-styled boat in the company's 27 year history.

Best known for quality engineering and their 7-ply, 100% hand-laid "Incredible Hull", and these new models are no exception. Every model, including the 169 XCELS, has the same durable hull construction and five year limited hull warranty.

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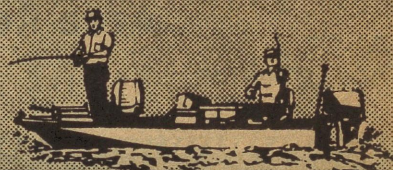
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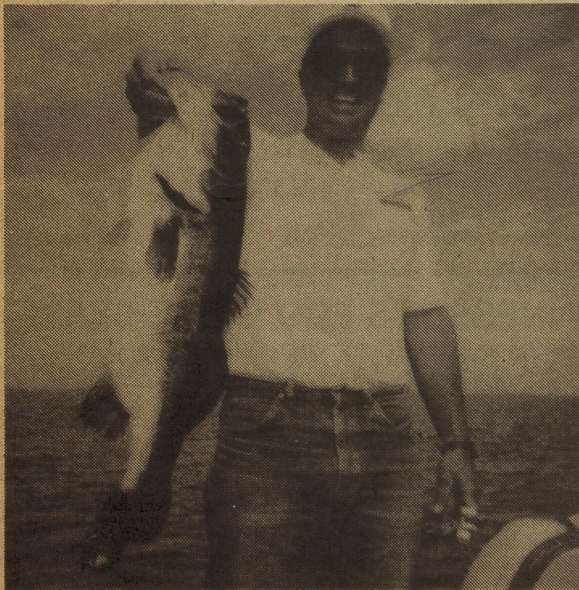
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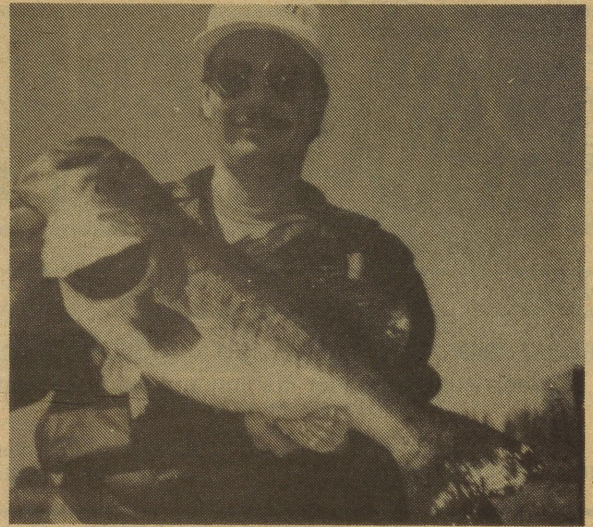
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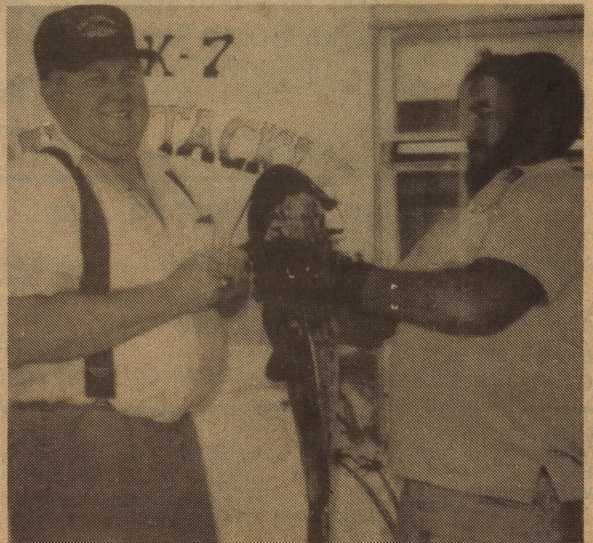
KEN BIEKERT FROM ILL. WITH A 10 POUND 9 OUNCE BASS HE CAUGHT WHILE GUIDED BY LARRY WRIGHT. PHOTO BY NIX'S FISHING HEADQUARTERS IN OKEECHOBEE.



JERRY SULLIAN OF W.P. BEACH RELEASED THIS 7½ POUNDER HE CAUGHT WHILE GUIDED BY GARY STIEFEL. PHOTO BY NIX'S FISHING HEADQUARTERS IN OKEECHOBEE.



MARIE DOUGLAS FROM PITTSBURGH CAUGHT THIS 10 POUNDER ON A SHINER WHILE FISHING HARN-EY POND WITH GUIDE JOE ODELL. PHOTO BY BUCKHEAD RIDGE MARINA



BOB BOHLANDER CAUGHT THIS 15 POUND CHANNEL CATFISH ON A WILD SHINER WHILE GUIDED BY ROYCE OVERBEY. PHOTO BY LOCK 7 BAIT AND TACKLE IN OKEECHOBEE.

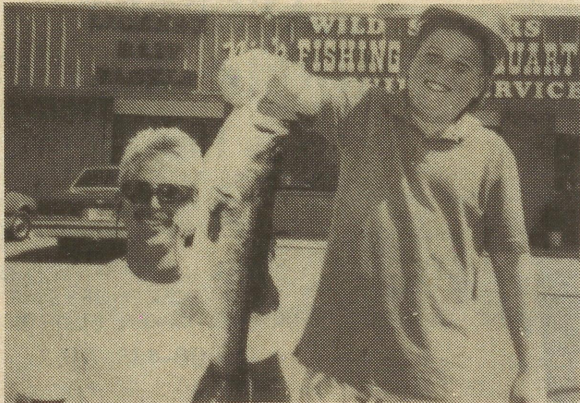
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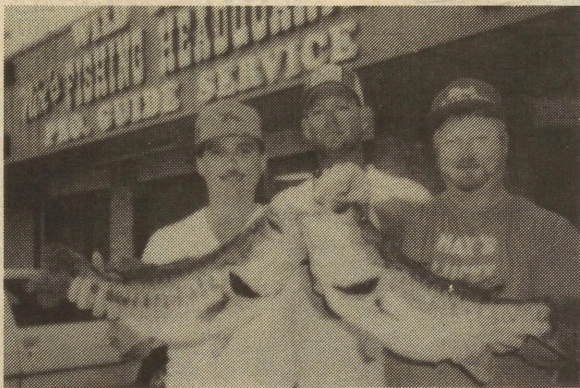
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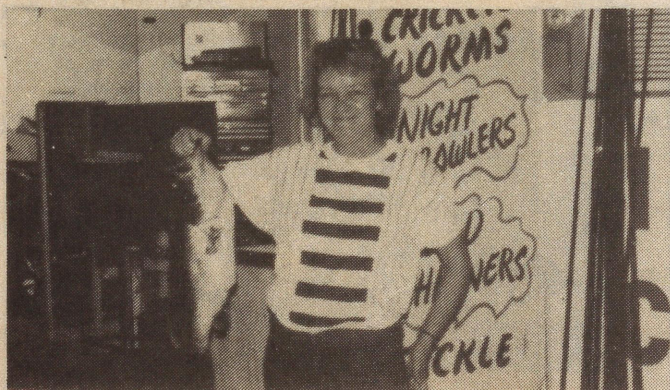
JERIMIAH HARSTON OF KY, IS AWFUL PROUD OF HIS 6 POUNDER CAUGHT ON A SHINER WHILE GUIDED BY JACK EICHE. PHOTO BY LAKE OKEECHOBEE GUIDE ASSOCIATION IN OKEECHOBEE.



ERNIE DAVIS & MAX SCHUCK OF KANSAS, SHOWING THEIR 7 3/4 & 8 1/2 POUNDS THEY CAUGHT WHILE GUIDED BY BUTCH BUTLER. PHOTO BY LAKE OKEECHOBEE GUIDE ASSOCIATION IN OKEECHOBEE.



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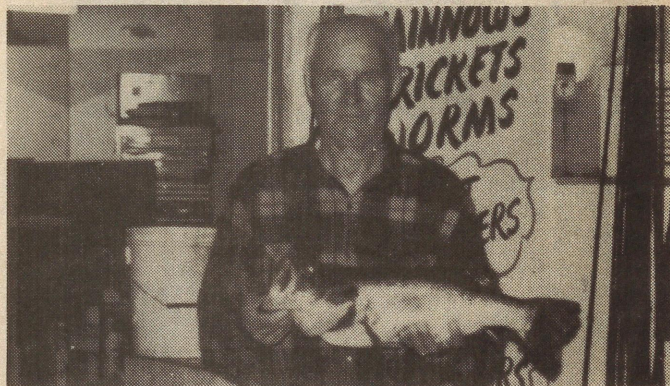
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OLIVER BRINEY, CLIFFORD CANBELL AND HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW WITH A BUNCH OF SPECKS FROM TAYLOR CREEK. PHOTO BY TAYLOR CREEK LODGE IN OKEECHOBEE.



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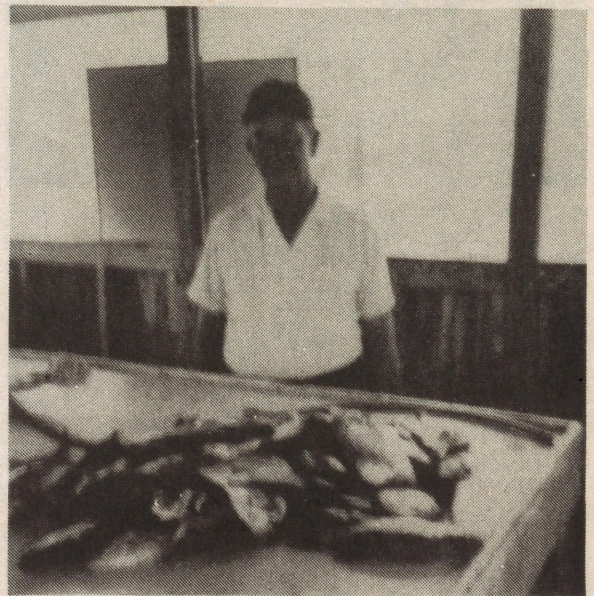
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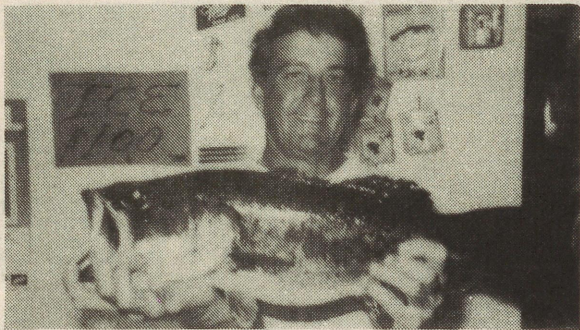


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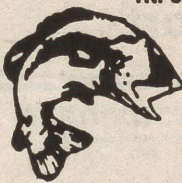
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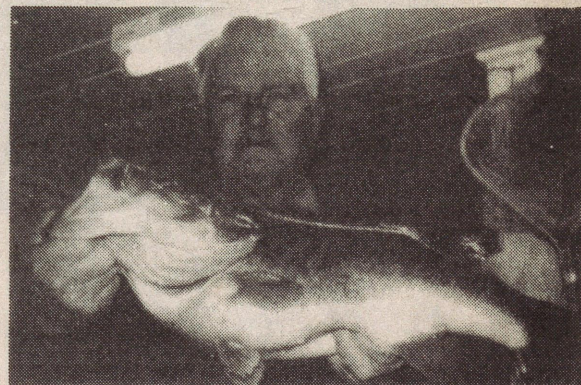
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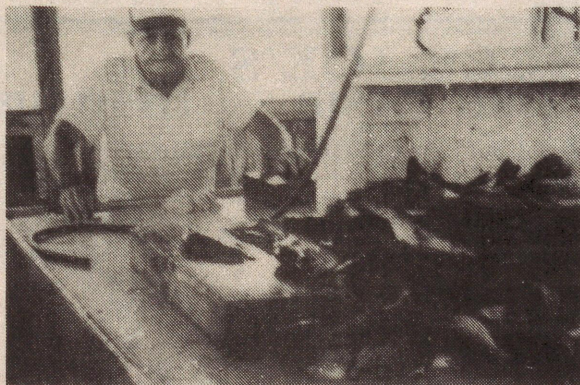
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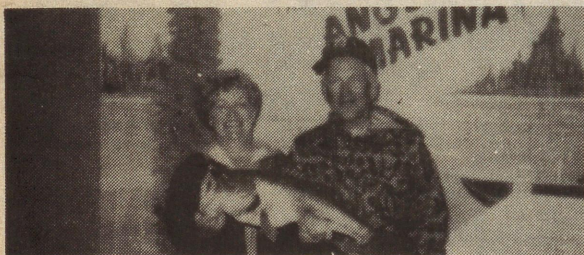
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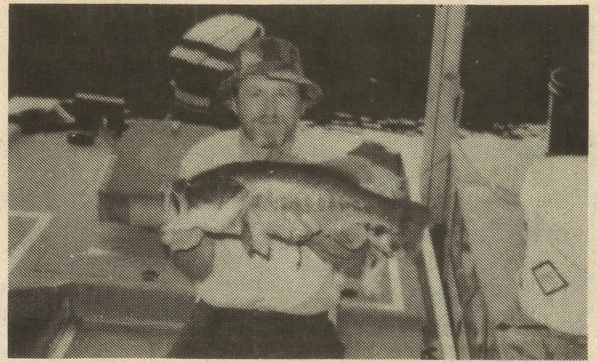
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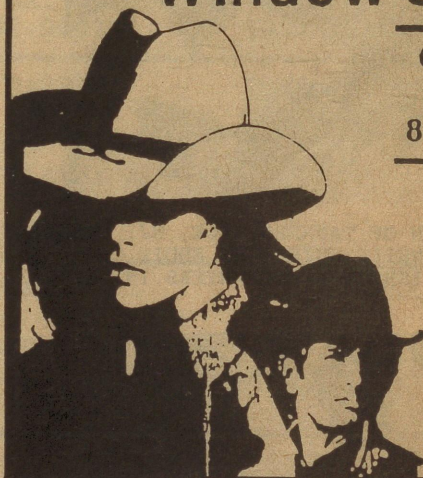
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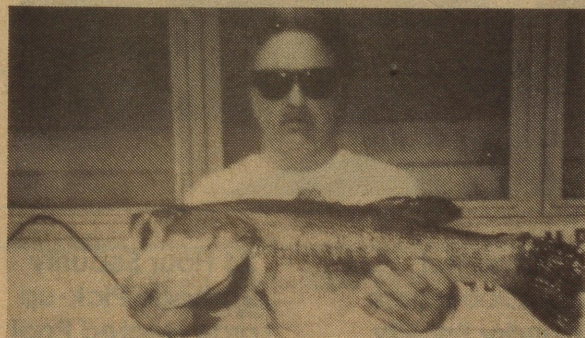
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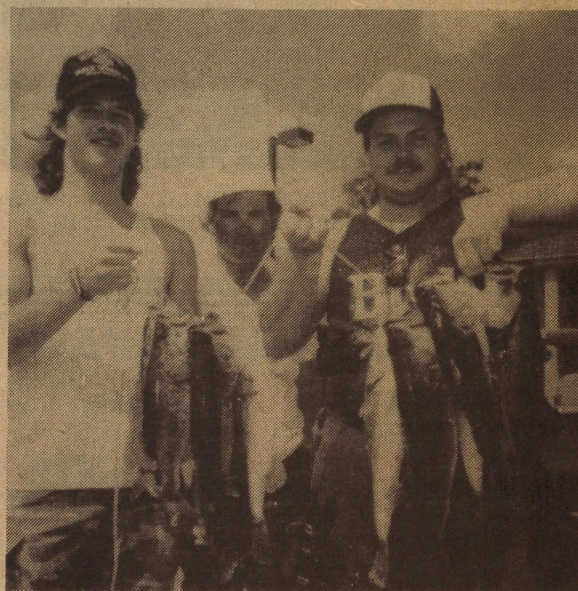


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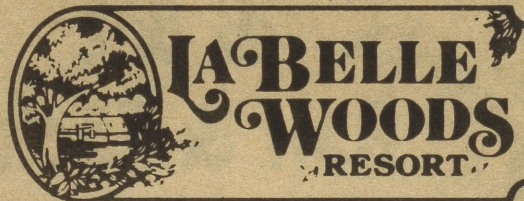
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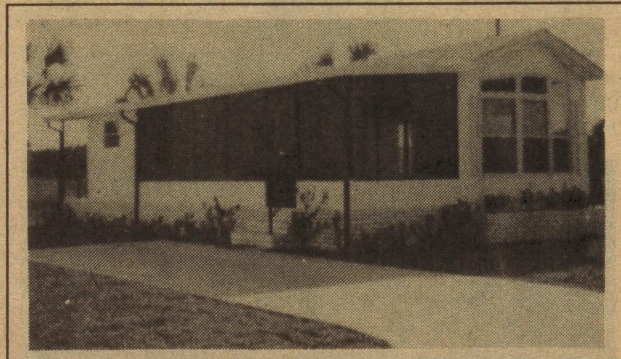
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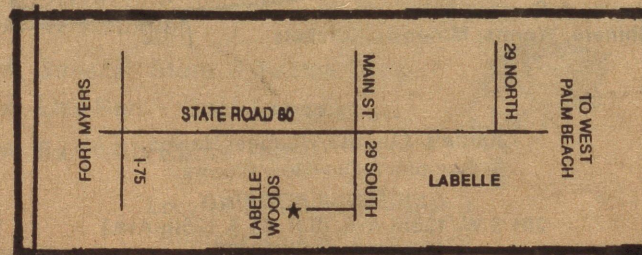


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1	FLORIDA BASS TRAILS (SOUTH TRAIL)	GEORGE & CARROLL JENKINS FLORIDA BASS TRAIL SUITE 297 4411 BEE RIDGE ROAD SARASOTA, FL 34233 (813) 922-6300	OKEETANTIE	MOTEL PIER II (813)763-8003
8	COUNTRY BOY TOURNAMENT TRAIL	COUNTRY BOY TOURNAMENT TRAIL P.O. BOX 1066 TIFTON, GA. 31793 (912) 382-9041	SCOTT DRIVER PARK LAKE OKEECHOBEE	MOTEL PIER II (813)763-8003
8	CLASSIC BASSIN' TOURS	CLASSIC BASSIN' TOURS 279 GATLING COURT W. PALM BEACH, FL. 33415 (407) 689-4248	MOORE HAVEN	ALVIN WARD MEMORIAL RAMP
15	FLORIDA BASS FISHERMAN	HARVEY FORD 2085 S.W. 19TH LANE OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974 (813) 763-1898 (813) 763-9262	OKEETANTIE	NONE
22	MBAA TOURNAMENTS	MILITARY BASS ANGLERS ASSOCIATION P.O. BOX 796908 DALLAS, TX 75379-6908 (214) 380-2656	OKEETANTIE	NONE
29	TERRY TRAILMASTER TOURNAMENT	DON BROCK 201 S.W. 125TH AVE PLANTATION, FL 33325 (305) 475-0248	CLEWISTON	NONE
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6	CLASSIC BASSIN' TOURS	CLASSIC BASSIN' TOURS 279 GATLING COURT W. PALM BEACH, FL. 33415 (407) 689-4248	OKEETANTIE RECREATION AREA	NONE
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19	FISHERS OF MEN	S&S PROMOTIONS, INC. FLORIDA DIVISION 2943 TELKA LYNN DR. TITUSVILLE, FL 32796 1 (800) 825-FISH	CLEWISTON	NONE
20	BASS BUSTERS	S&S PROMOTIONS, INC. FLORIDA DIVISION 2943 TELKA LYNN DR. TITUSVILLE, FL 32796 1 (800) 825-FISH	CLEWISTON	NONE
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BASS CLUBS TOURNAMENT NEWS:

JUPITER BASS CLUB: Our club is undergoing a membership drive. The Jupiter Bass Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 PM at Paisano's Pizza, 924 Northlake Blvd, Lake Park. We fish the following Sunday at the location and times voted on at the meeting. We would welcome any interested parties to come out and join us at the meetings and hopefully fish with us on Sunday.

Our February tournament (Feb 11) was a great success. Ten anglers in four boats brought in 36 fish weighing a total of 70.0 pounds. Woody Wilcox netted a 7.8 pounder to take the lunger award (first time in over a year) while Carl Strum weighed a 6.9 pounder.

The weather was terrible as we were pelted by a hard rain and high winds most of the morning. However, it seemed to have a positive influence on the bass. Our fish were caught in the mouth of the Kissimmee River, Buckhead Ridge 3rd Point, and the Hay fields on shrimp, Junebug worms, and gold Johnson Spoons. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JIM LAWSON: (407) 790-4296 OR (407) 845-8455 AND JACK GARDNER (407) 697-3701.

COLLIER COUNTY BASSMASTERS: The fun tournament on the Caloosahatchee River was filled with a lot of excitement, what with the big boats going up and down the river and with many

species of fish besides bass being caught. Snook, very large bream catfish, jack crevelle, mudfish, pickerel and gar were all caught along with a few bass.

Larry and Johnny Stewart made the long haul to Lake Hippochee and it was worthwhile as they won the tournament with 7 bass that weighed 12.8 pounds. John Brister and son came in second with 5 bass weighing 10.0 pounds even. John also had big bass that weighed 4.1 pounds and was worth \$180.00. Third place went to George Hendricks and Jim Kuhlman with 3 bass that weighed 7.9 pounds. Fourth was Jimmy Bass and his partner with 3 bass that weighed 7.6 pounds, and fifth place was Gerald and Kenny Pickles with 5 bass weighing 5.13 pounds

We are getting closer to the fish-off, so each and every tournament is more and more important. The point standings have a bunch of our bassers close to getting into or out of the top fifteen places, so every point is very important.

Don't forget the meetings are on the 2nd Monday at Woodside bowling lanes on Radio road at 7:30 PM and the tournament is the following Sunday. If you wish to fish the tournament and can't make the meeting, you must get in touch with myself (Jim Ashbacher) or another officer and pay the entry fee so you can be included in the draw at the meeting. We also are still looking for new members, so check with your friends and fishing buddies.

LAKE OKEECHOBEE FISHING REPORT

BY PEGGY BOLAND

NIX'S FISHING HEADQUARTERS: Quinn reported that fishing has been excellent. Worms have been producing quite a few "shellcrackers" from Indian Prairie Canal and Tin House Cove. She also said that quite a few bass were being taken in the morning. Gary guided Bob and Michelle Morrison from Michigan and they landed a 7-1/2 and 9 pounders on shiners. The most productive artificial baits right now are the spinnerbaits, with the main colors being blue/white, blue/chartreuse, and plain chartreuse..

LOCK 7 BAIT & TACKLE: Sue said that the crappie are still doing good on minnows in the river and bass have been hitting shiners at Indian Prairie Canal. The "shellcrackers" are bedding right now but no one will tell her where yet.

KISSIMMEE RIVER FISHING RESORT & MOBILE HOME SALES: Linda and her better half reported that specks have slowed down but, you can still pick them up in 15 to 20 feet of water in the Kissimmee River. The "shellcrackers" are beginning to show some promise also.

JOHN'S PLACE BAIT & TACKLE: John Jr. reported that you can pick up some nice Specks while drifting the mouth of the Kissimmee River using crickets.

MCDEAVITTS GROCERY: Mary reported that Jessie Daley, a winter resident at Gary's Park brought in 89 crappie the other day. They were fishing out in the lake using minnows. Some Bass are being caught in the Rim Canal using Red Shad worms.

J & S FISH CAMP: Tony said Specks are being caught out in the lake and the Rim Canal. He "sezes" he has seen quite a few limits come in just about everyday. Bass are most productive in the Rim Canal using wild shiners, and they are ranging up to 8 pounds.

MR. BAIT & TACKLE: Roy reported that the specks are still being caught, especially around the drop offs in the Rim Canal. "Shellcrackers" are doing good around Indian Prairie Canal and the Twin Palms area using worms. He got himself a 1-1/2 pound that he's going to mount and hang in his tackle shop. Bass fishing is fair at Tin House Cove and Bird Island using topwater lures and shiners. So far the largest big bass he has seen was an 8 pounder.

TAYLOR CREEK LODGE: Keith "sezes" the crappie are still being brought in. He said half the people in the park are bringing in their limit each day and they are using his minnows. Bass have been picking up and a couple of guys at the park brought in 20 bass in 2 hours, catching them on shiners with the largest one being 6 pounds.

BUCKHEAD RIDGE MARINA: Pat reported that the Specks are still going full strength, with the most productive lure being Jigs while fishing in the grass. Tom Frates who guides out of the marina related to me that the bass are most productive in the peppergrass at the crack of dawn using a Limberneck Spinnerbait. When the sun comes up you should switch to a worm, especially the Cluprit Red Shad. Bass fishing with shiners is still good at the west side of the lake, at Coty's Cove and the east side of King's Bar.

JOE'S CAMP: Alan stated that fishing has been slow, but the "shellcrackers" are picking up around the North Shore in the grass using worms. Bass are infrequent right now but they are bringing some in using shiners.

LA MASTERS R.V. & MARINA: Rhen reported that the Crappie are biting very well at the Point of the Reef and the North Side of Bird Island. Myron Demars has been bringing in his limit of 50 every day in five hours using Missouri minnows. Bass fishing is slow because the wind has muddied up the lake where the bass were bedding. "Shellcrackers" are beginning to show up for the first time this year. Mr. Shivey of Alabama has been catching them on red worms at the North Shore and they are bedding below Horse Island. Rhen said the Wildlife Officers said that they are bedding right up in the peppergrass this year.

ALVIN'S BAIT & TACKLE: Ed reported that the "Shellcrackers" have turned on in the late afternoon, and specks are

still doing good. Blue gill are biting on crickets and worms in the Rim Canal and the Caloosahatchee River. Snook are being caught at night behind the bear traps on the Caloosahatchee River. Bass has been improving with the most productive lure being the spinnerbait.

UNCLE JOE'S FISH CAMP: Ed reported that crappie are still doing good at the outer edges of the West wall using minnows. Shellcrackers have been biting inside the West Wall in shallow water. He said to back off the beds about 30 or 40 feet because they are real spooky right now. They are being taken mostly on wiggler worms. Blue gills have been partial to crickets and can be caught on the rock side of the Levee. Bass have been sluggish with most of them only weighing in the 1 to 3 pound class.

ROLAND MARTIN'S MARINA: Jack reported that the boys have been catching a lot of bass. The bass are striking either early in the morning or late in the afternoon, with the most productive lures being spinnerbaits and spoons. Most bass are being caught at the North End of the lake around Bird Island and Horse Island.

JOLLY ROGER MARINA: Dick report Crappie fishing is still very good especially in the Rim Canal along the rocks. He said they are still hungry for minnows, so get out there and get a pan full. Dick said bass fishing is pretty slow right now because the water is pretty dirty. He has seen some small bass come in and they seem to prefer artificial baits.

SLIM'S FISH CAMP: Charlie "sezes" they are really catching the fish out there. Specks are being caught on minnows at the end of the canal by Tree Island. Blue gills are being caught in the Rim Canal under neath the trees using crickets. Bass have been awful fond of spinnerbaits and shiners at South Bay in the peppergrass.

FISHING WITH CURT ROY

Back in the good old days when the lake level was kept up to it's designed level of 16.2 feet, if you asked me where to go to catch some good bass my reply would have been, "just go out to the Monkey Box". Now that we have to live with the low water condition where is a good place to catch old bucket mouth? My recommendation is the closes place to the Monkey Box that has deeper water and good cover. This is over towards the northwest wall around the mouth of McTush Channel, Harney Pond Canal, Fisheating Bay and north pass Dyess Ditch to the Tip of Horse Island. All of these areas are marked on most maps and are easy to find. Simply launch your boat at the Harney Pond Canal ramps or Lamasters Marina in Moore Haven and run out to McTush Channel to the last channel marker before you get to the twin stakes. You will find the fish in and on both sides of this channel. The most productive areas have been around the large pepper grass beds on the north west side. Your best clue for a starting place is look for a bunch of boats bass fishing and join them. On recent guide trips I have been catching lots of nice fish up to 9 pounds and 13 ounces using wild shiners. Spoons have also produced well fished slowly on top with a red skirt or twin tailed worm. If you want to catch lots of fish in the smaller size range locate the bedding bass behind the pepper grass walls and fish a red shad worm slowly with lots of tip shake around the beds. Don't forget to bring your polarized glasses. The best time to go is close to the fullmoon or on it. Tip of the month: Find the beds and fish the adjacent cover towards deeper water. Prior to the moon and a few days afterwards the larger females will be feeding on a pre spawn or post spawn pattern. This is the time and place to put on a big wild shinner and go for the trophy size fish. Early morning 6:30 to 9:30 and late evening 4:00 to 6:00 have been the best times. This is a large area and it will support alot of fishermen so give us guides a break by not anchoring up to close or running the big motor to close to where we are sending shiners out to commit suicide. Good luck and if you catch a biggun call me at 813-543-9144 and tell me about it. Don't forget to keep your trash in the boat and release those fish with roe in them!

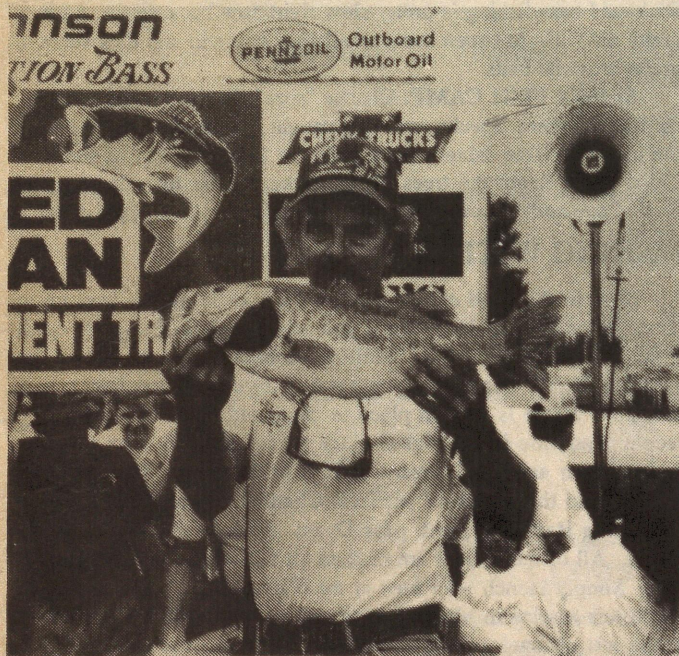
Tripp Wins Red Man's 1st Tournament In Gator Division

BY DENNIS R. BOLAND

The day started out with a beautiful morning, changing to a windy afternoon and then to dodging a few showers at weigh-in time.

For a \$60.00 entry fee and a chance at \$15,337 in total pay back, I don't guess we could complain to much about the weather. The Red Man Tournament trail is know for being the working man's fishing tournament because of its inexpensive entry fee, drawing 354 anglers that participated in the 1-day tournament out of Roland Martins Marina in Clewiston.

A total of 847 bass weighing 1431.81 pounds were caught, with 807 bass being released for another days enjoyment of fishing. This gave the Red Man circuit a 95.27% release ratio for the Catch and Release program.



DICK SCHROCK WITH A NICE 6 POUND 13 OUNCE LUNKER HE CAUGHT ON A CHARLIE'S BLACK GREEN BLUE FLAKE WORM.

As usual Lake Okeechobee proved that she still has an abundance of fish to be caught. David Tripp's 6 bass weighing 18 pounds and 13 ounces was enough to secure him with 1st place honors for the tournament. David said he only caught 9 fish all day while fishing the edges of Hydrilla and Peppergrass beds. He was throwing a 1/4 ounce Chartreuse skirted spinnerbait with a #5 gold blade made by Haygoods Lures. He was mainly drifting out in the lake off Kramear Island over a mixture of Hydrilla and Peppergrass.

Steve Loyd of Clewiston stayed with a pattern he used in the B.A.S.S. Florida Invitation that was also held out of Clewiston to clinch his 2nd place finish. Most of his fish were caught around Pelican Bay and the west side of Ritta, using a Johnson gold spoon with a white skirt fishing sparse Hydrilla. Steve caught 14 bass and was cullen 2 pounders to give him 16 pounds and 15 ounces in the 6 fish he weighted in.



DAVID TRIPP WITH 2 HEFTY BASS THAT CONTRIBUTED TO HIS 18 POUNDS 13 OUNCE STRINGER OF BASS THAT WON HIM 1ST PLACE

Tom Burke won the big bass pot of \$1,000 for his 7 pound 1 ounce bass he caught. Tom also had a limit of bass weighing in at 15 pounds and 14 ounces which was good enough for 4th place. Tom was fishing a mixture of Hydrilla and Peppergrass in the Fisheating Bay area. All of his fish were caught on a 3/8 ounce Limberneck spinnerbait with a Pearl split tail colored skirt and a #5 Hildebrand blade.



TOM BURKE SHOWING OFF HIS 7 POUND 1 OUNCE BASS HE CAUGHT ON A LIMBERNECK SPINNERBAIT.

It was nice to see Jim Burtalenni come to the scales to weigh-in. Jim's handicap of being confined a wheelchair didn't seem to bother him from having a good time fishing. Jim may have only weighed in 5 pounds 10 ounces, but at least he came to the scales with fish.

Good luck on your next tournament Jim, and I hope I spelled your name right.



JIM BURTELESSI MAY BE HANDICAPPED BUT HE STILL ENJOYS THE THRILLS OF TOURNAMENT FISHING.

The following is the top 50 anglers for the tournament with their winnings and points won.

PLACE	ANGLER	HOMETOWN	LB/OZ WEIGHT	WINNINGS	POINTS WON
1ST	DAVID A TRIPP	VERO BEACH, FL	18.13	\$3,223.00	50.00
2ND	STEVEN LOYD	CLEWISTON, FL	16.15	2,056.00	49.00
3RD	TOM VICKERY	JACKSONVILLE, FL	16.07	1,250.00	48.00
4TH	THOMAS BURKE	GAINESVILLE, FL	15.14	1,805.00*	47.00
5TH	JACK HAN	ST CLOUD, FL	15.12	721.00	46.00
6TH	MIKE SURMAN	BOCA RATON, FL	15.11	538.00	45.00
7TH	RICHARD SCHROCK	SARASOTA, FL	14.13	554.00	44.00
8TH	JOHN KILPATRICK	SATSUMA, FL	14.05	471.00	43.00
9TH	ROBERT EID	FT MYERS, FL	14.00	387.00	42.00
10TH	WALT REYNOLDS	WAHSAW, MO	13.09	233.00	41.00
11TH	JOHN MASCHENK	FT MYERS, FL	13.02	222.00	40.00
12TH	JOHNNY TRAVIS	PALM HARBOR, FL	13.00	215.00	39.00
13TH	BILL SCHUBERT	KISSIMMEE, FL	12.14	210.00	38.00
14TH	GARY KEITH	ROCKLEDGE, FL	12.13	205.00	37.00
15TH	RANDY MOSELEY	SUNRISE BCH, MO	12.10	200.00	36.00
16TH	DONALD BROCK	DAVIE, FL	12.05	192.50	34.50
16TH	BILLY COWART	KISSIMMEE, FL	12.05	192.50	34.50
18TH	JOE SABOL	WINTER PARK, FL	11.13	185.00	33.00
19TH	ROGER CRAFTON	BOCA GRANDE, FL	11.11	130.00	32.00
20TH	THOMAS WHITE	ORANGE PARK, FL	11.10	175.00	31.00
21ST	RAY TESTER	SATELLITE BCH, FL	11.09	170.00	30.00
22ND	PAUL SOLOMON	WINTER GARDEN, FL	11.07	165.00	29.00
23RD	EDSIL STEWART	TAMPA, FL	11.06	160.00	28.00
24TH	BILL JOINSTON	SPRINGFIELD, MO	11.02	152.50	26.50
24TH	ROBERT MONTUORO	VERO BCH, FL	11.02	152.50	26.50
26TH	DREW GREGG	DAVIE, FL	10.15	142.50	24.50
26TH	FRED WAGNER	CLEWISTON, FL	10.15	142.50	24.50
28TH	ALLEN WALLS	BOCA RATON, FL	10.12	135.00	23.00
29TH	EDDIE CROSBY	CLEWISTON, FL	10.08	125.00	21.00
29TH	DEWAIN DUBBERLY	HOLLYWOOD, FL	10.08	125.00	21.00
29TH	CRAIG SMITH	OKEECHOBEE, FL	10.08	125.00	21.00
32ND	JOHN O'FARRELL	SEBASTIAN, FL	10.07	114.00	19.00
33RD	RUSS DRINGGER	POMPANO BCH, FL	10.06	109.00	18.00
34TH	CARL BOATHMAN	SATELLITE BCH, FL	10.04	104.00	17.00
35TH	MANUEL SPENCER	PALATKA, FL	10.03	50.00	15.50
35TH	WADE WILLIAMS	GAINESVILLE, FL	10.03	50.00	15.50
37TH	BRUCE CARTER	BELLE GLADE, FL	10.02	13.50	13.50
37TH	TIM WARD	VERO BCH, FL	10.02	13.50	13.50
39TH	JAMES WOOD	LAKE WORTH, FL	9.15	12.00	12.00
40TH	EDWARD BUSSARD	SANFORD, FL	9.12	11.00	11.00
41ST	LARRY CUMMINGS	COOPER CITY, FL	9.11	10.00	10.00
42ND	BARRY CUMMINS	FT PIERCE, FL	9.10	7.50	7.50
42ND	KEITH HAY	GARDEN CITY, HI	9.10	7.50	7.50
42ND	PATRICK KELLY	POMPANO BCH, FL	9.10	7.50	7.50
42ND	JAMES TAUBE	BOCA RATON, FL	9.10	7.50	7.50
46TH	CHUCK JOHNSON	CLERMONT, FL	9.08	4.50	4.50
46TH	ROBERT REDMON	NEWPORT RICHEY, FL	9.08	4.50	4.50
48TH	RICK GIBBS	IUKA, MS	9.07	3.00	3.00
49TH	LARRY PINDER	PT CHARLOTTE, FL	9.05	1.00	1.00
49TH	BILL ROSE	OKEECHOBEE, FL	9.05	1.00	1.00
49TH	CRAIG TAYLOR	ST CLOUD, FL	9.05	1.00	1.00

* INCLUDES BIG BASS WINNINGS.

Infingers win Guys & Dolls Tournament

Charlie and Nancy Infinger, from Clewiston, Florida, won the first Guys & Dolls Couples Tournament of the 1990 season. The Clewiston couple weighed in a tournament limit of eight (8) bass, from the waters of Lake Okeechobee, that tipped the scales at 15.50 pounds. Charlie and Nancy started using a spinnerbait for the first hour of the day and landed three bass but switched over to plastic worms to round out their catch. Once the sun came up good, they put red shad and critter colored Charlie's worms to work in the West Wall and Bay Bottom areas to make the fish bite. Charlie and Nancy were awarded \$1100.36, and an Eagle Fish-ID LCG along with their winners plaque.

Richard and Mary Parnell, from Casselberry, Florida, took Second Place honors with their eight (8) bass limit that weighted 12.56 pounds. After being blown around in the Monkey Box area for a couple of hours, Richard and Mary moved into the Rim Canal and used plastic worms to catch their fish. All of their fish came from a deep hole about 500 yards from the tournament site at Moore haven. The Parnells were awarded \$550.18, and an Abu Garcia rod and reel and a plaque for their fine finish.

Third Place honors went to Buddy Liles and Carol Gilley from Winter Springs, Florida. they had three bass that weighted 11.56 pounds. Their catch included a 7.46 pound lunger that took the Big Bass honors, for the Guys. Buddy landed the trophy sized fish on a white and chartreuse 1/2 ounce spinnerbait that he was working through a peppergrass patch. One other fish fell prey to the spinnerbait and they landed one on a plastic worm in the Rim Canal. buddy's big bass was worth \$470 and a plaque. They also were awarded \$400.36 and an Abu Garcia rod and reel with their Third Place plaque.

Jeff and Sharon Sims finished a close Fourth with eight (8) bass that weighed 11.34 pounds. The Sims used gold colored Johnson spoons to tempt their bass out of thick hydrilla patches on the North Shore of Lake Okeechobee. Jeff and Sharon took home \$300.74 and their Fourth Place plaque.

Tim VanTassell and Sandra Bostwick finished in Fifth Place with their six (6) bass that weighed 10.74 pounds. The Okeechobee, Florida couple used 1/4 ounce white spinnerbaits, by Lyle Thomas, to coax their fish from the peppergrass on Kings Bar. Tim explained that the wind would not allow them to fish in one spot so they kept drifting, with the wind, over the fishing hole and worked their lures as slowly as possible. Tim and Sandra were presented \$224.47 and their Fifth Place plaque.

Rose Hidle, from Kissimmee, Florida, Took Big Fish honors for the Dolls with her 3.56 pound bass that couldn't resist the pearl and green Rat-L-Trap she worked around the hydrilla. Rose's bass was worth \$470 and a plaque.

One hundred eighty contestants participated in the season opener on Lake Okeechobee February 24th. They caught a total of 153 bass the weighted 224.48 pounds. Only three couple managed to weight in a tournament limit of eight bass.

The next Guys and Dolls tournament is scheduled for March 17, 1990 on the St. Johns River. Crystal Cove Marina, in Palatka, will be the Tournament Headquarters. For additional information or entry forms call Bill or Jane Alford (813) 692-9000.

BILL ALLEY CAPTURES 1ST PLACE IN RED MAN'S GOLDEN BLEND OUT OF CLEWISTON

Written by Jim Wells of Angler's Marina

With 360 anxious fishermen waiting to start practice tuesday morning the Red Man's Golden Blend was underway.

Lake Okeechobee was a perfect lady. The temperature was warm and a light balmy breeze was coming across the lake and you could not have ordered anything more perfect. Lake Okeechobee was in her best form.

Everyone in the tournament was catching fish and having a good time, and enjoying some of Florida's finest weather and fishing, and this went on for both days of practice. I had two of the best days of fishing that I have had in years. I knew it was too good to last and it was.

Wednesday night we had our meeting and we met our next days partner, and everyone was feeling good about our first day of the tournament. We all knew we would have a good day and felt there would be a lot of fish weighed in the next day. Thursday morning broke with a hard wind blowing, but we didn't feel it was bad enough to hurt the fishing and for the first few hours it didn't. But as the morning went on the winds continued to get harder and the fishing became more difficult. On the south end of the lake, with the winds blowing out of the south we started to lose what little water we had. By noon most of us on the south end had to leave, but the anglers fishing on the west side of the lake had the best of it.

At the weigh-in on Thursday, the talk was how the wind had hurt most of us and how tough the fishing had become. The weights except for the first three places were not what everyone had anticipated. The first five places were Bill Alley with 20.0 pounds, Mark Eden 17.13 pounds, David Tripp 17.6 pounds, Billy Bowen 14.8 pounds and Mickey Bruce with 12.12 pounds. Everyone felt Friday could not be any worse, but little did we know.

Friday morning, when we left, the wind was starting to howl. The ones just out of the money were hoping to catch up and the ones close had hoped to catch enough to win or place in the top 10.

About an hour after take off, the wind picked up and Thursday wind was mild compared with this. By 9:00 a.m. the places most of us were fishing were out of water. There were at least a dozen fishermen who had to get out of their boats and pull their boats to water deep enough to float them, some for hundreds of yards.

At about noon a storm blew across the lake and bad winds and rain came. There was no way you could fish the lake during this, and before we knew it the day was over and it was time to come in.

At the weigh-in it rained and rained and most of the anglers looked as though they had been swimming with their clothes on. there was a large crowd at the weigh-in and they stayed all the way through the weigh-in and they were a super crowd.

After the last angler went through the weigh-in and it was all over, Bill Alley claimed 1st place for this years first Golden Blend tournament and won \$19,390.00 Not bad for four days work and fun.

The following are the top money winners for the tournament.

PLACE	ANGLER	HOMETOWN	LB/OZ WEIGHT	WINNINGS
1ST	BILL ALLEY	SEBRING, FL.	27.2	\$19,390.00
2ND	RONNIE WHITAKER	SUNRISE, FL.	24.15	\$9,710.00
3RD	MARK EDEN	PALM BAY, FL.	24.6	\$4,365.00
4TH	MIKE WILLIAMS	FUSCALOOSA, AL.	23.1	\$3,390.00
5TH	ANDY MATUSEVICH	FT. LAUDERDALE, FL.	22.13	\$2,930.00
6TH	ALLEN WALLS	BOCA RATON, FL.	22.3	\$2,440.00
7TH	FRED WAGNER	CLEWISTON, FL.	22.4	\$1,960.00
8TH	ROBERT PASTICK	WEST PORT, MA.	22.2	\$1,470.00
9TH	STEVE LYOD	CLEWISTON, FL.	21.12	\$1,180.00
10TH	JOHN HINGSON	MONTROSE, IL.	21.11	\$1,090.00
11TH	JOHN BITTER	MAITLAND, FL.	20.13	\$990.00
12TH	MELVIN WALKER	MORGANTOWN, N.C.	20.11	\$990.00
13TH	GARY STIEFEL	OKEECHOBEE, FL.	20.3	\$990.00
14TH	JIM WELLS	CLEWISTON, FL.	19.13	\$990.00
15TH	BEN CARROLL	ST. CLOUD, FL.	19.12	\$990.00

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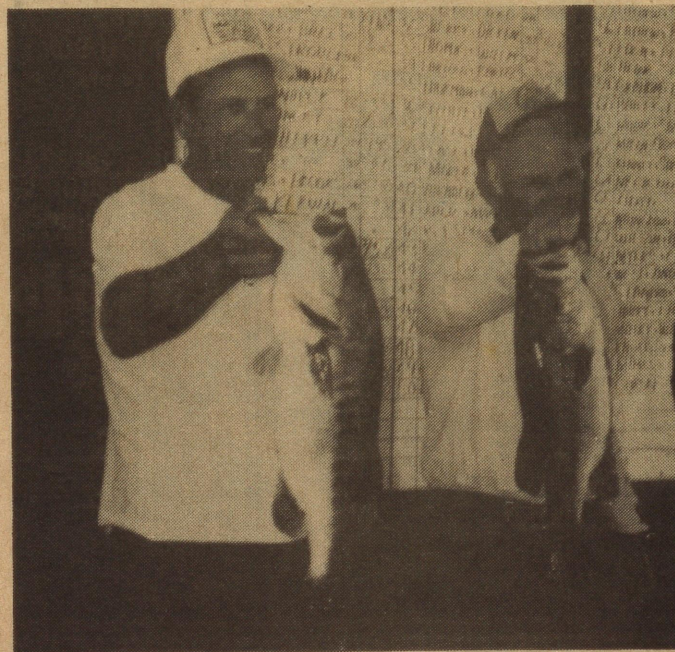
STEVE LYOD & STEVE JR. CAPTURE 1ST PLACE IN FLORIDA BASS TRAILS 5TH TOURNAMENT OUT OF MOORE HAVEN.

By Dennis R. Boland

Florida Bass Trail tournaments returned to Lake Okeechobee at the Alvin Ward Memorial boat ramp in Moore Haven on March 4th with 196 anglers in competition for the top prize of \$2,400.00.

This being the 5th tournament in the seven tournament series for the anglers who are fishing for the grand prize of two fully rigged Ranger bass boats with a Evinrude 150XP motor. Each team is given 10 points for fishing a tournament with the winners receiving 100 points and 2nd place 99 points and so - on down the line. The top 20 anglers that accumulate the most points will qualify for the fish off, which will be held out of River Ranch Resort on June 10, 1990.

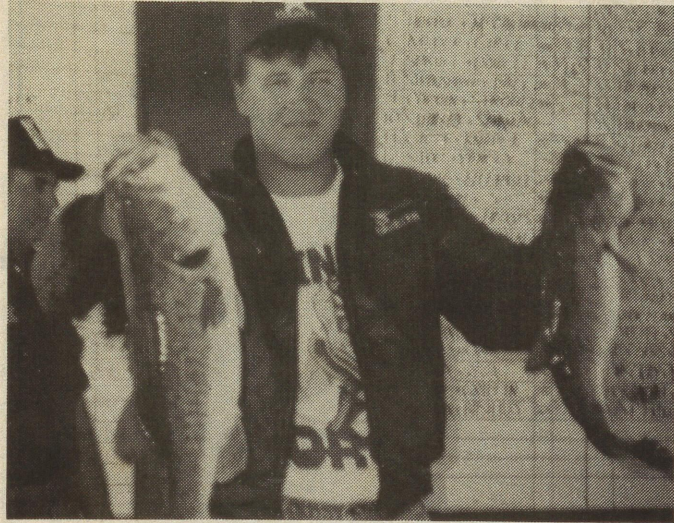
In speaking to most of the Anglers, they all concurred that the bass were very active on Saturday but that little cold front made the difference on Sundays catch. Steve Porter said there was only 1 degrees difference in water temperature from Saturday to Sunday, which didn't hamper the fish he and Jim Fowler had located. Steve and his partner were fishing the hydrilla around Twin Palms using 10 inch Red Shad Gillraker worms, for a limit of bass weighing 21.30 pounds. They caught 14 fish for the day with 60% being caught on worms and 40% caught on Chartreuse colored spinnerbaits, which nailed down 2nd place in the tournament. Steve also took big bass honors with a 7.30 pounder which netted him \$480.00. Steve said that in the last tournament on Kissimmee Jim and himself took 2nd place and had big bass weighing 8 pounds, and hoped he would continue this trend.



STEVE PORTER (L) HOLDING HIS 7.30 POUND BASS THAT TOOK 1ST PLACE FOR BIG BASS AND HIS PARTNER JIM FOWLER WITH ANOTHER FINE BASS WHICH HELPED THEM TO CLINCH 2ND PLACE.

1st place was won by a well known angler known to many around the lake. Steve Lyod was fortunate to have his son Steve Jr. as a partner. I remember years ago when I used to fish tournaments. Steve and I qualified for the classic from our Naples bass club and we were fishing Lake June. On practice day his youngest son Ty was bored because they weren't catching fish. So, while sitting on

the back of the boat Ty just let line out until his worm hit bottom. He let it lay there and just gave it a jiggle, and suddenly he was catching fish while no one else was. So on the day of the classic Steve Sr. used Ty's pattern of catching fish and weighed in over 30 pounds of bass to win the classic. So, like Ty, I'm sure Steve Jr. probably showed his dad how to fish the white Limberneck spinnerbait they were casting that clinched 1st place for them. All kidding aside, father & son caught 15 bass that weighed 21.90 pounds to give them the edge over Steve Porter and Jim Fowler. All but one of their bass were caught fishing hydrilla in the twin Palms area. Steve Jr. showed dad up by catching the biggest bass between them that weighed 5.70 pounds.



STEVE LYOD JR. SHOWING A COUPLE OF NICE BIG "O" BASS THAT HELPED HIM AND HIS FATHER STEVE SR. CLAIM 1ST PLACE.

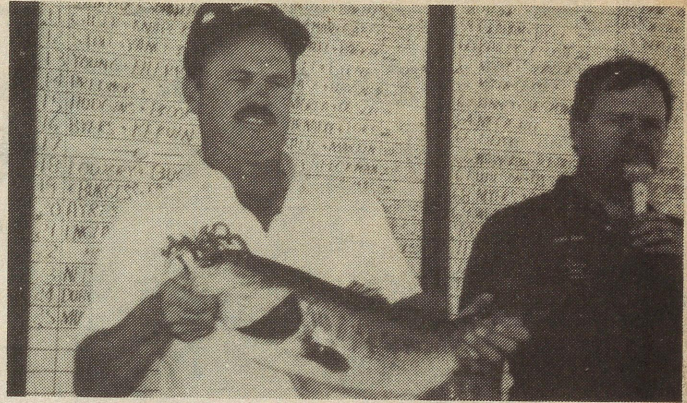


RICK SLOANE HOLDING HIS 6.10 POUND BASS WHICH TIED FOR 2ND PLACE FOR BIG BASS AND WON HIM \$240.00

The Twin Palms area was quite a popular fishing area this day. Fred Wagner and Sonny Pease also fished the same area weighing in 17.40 pounds of bass to claim 4th place in the tournament. The 8 fish they weighed in were all caught on Charlies Black Grape Glitter worms.

Quite a few other decent fish were weighed in. Rich Sloane was throwing his homemade white spinnerbait with gold & silver blades that enticed a 6.10 pound bass to inhale it while fishing the North shore. Gerry Loudermilk also enticed a 6.10 pound bass to take a Charlies Black Grape green Glitter worm while fishing around the mouth of Hamey Pond canal.

Well we hope to see you at the next tournament being held out of Okeetantie on April 1, 1990. This will be the sixth tournament of the 1990 trail.



JERRY LOUDERMILK TIED FOR 2ND PLACE BIG BASS WITH HIS 6.10 POUNDER AND WON \$240.00 ALSO.

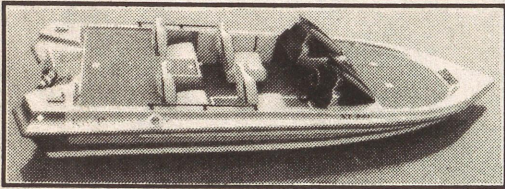
The following teams are the top money winners for the tournament.

PLACE	TEAM	HOMETOWN	FISH CAUGHT	WEIGHT	WINNINGS
1ST	STEVE LYOD SR. STEVE LYOD JR.	CLEWISTON NAPLES	8	21.90	\$2,400.00
2ND	STEVE PORTER JIM FOWLER	OKEECHOBEE OKEECHOBEE	8	21.30	\$1,250.00
3RD	ED HATAWAY MIKE DILLON	STUART ALVA	8	17.50	\$750.00
4TH	FRED WAGNER SONNY PEASE	CLEWISTON CLEWISTON	8	17.00	\$450.00
5TH	WAYNE QUICK JEFF SIMES	PUNTA GORDA PUNTA GORDA	8	16.80	\$300.00
6TH	ED KNORR GERALD LOUDERMILK	BOCA RATON BOCA RATON	6	15.40	\$200.00
7TH	DENNIS THOMPSON SCOTT RICE	PT. CHARLOTTE PUNTA GORDA	7	14.00	\$150.00
8TH	GREG HERNDON RICK SLOANE	PT. ST. LUCIE FT. PIERCE	5	13.90	\$125.00
9TH	BURT CROWELL ANN ADAMS	POMPAHO FT. LAUDERDALE	8	13.80	\$50.00
10TH	JIM BERTOLINI LARRY GIBSON	W. PALM BEACH STUART	8	13.80	\$50.00
LUNKER BASS					
1ST	STEVE PORTER			7.30	\$490.00
2ND	GERRY LOUDERMILK			6.10	\$240.00
3RD	RICK SLOANE			6.10	\$240.00

After five tournaments the following are the top twenty teams' point standings for this years trail.

PLACE	NAME	HOMETOWN	POINT STANDINGS
1ST	DENNIS THOMPSON/SCOTT RICE	PT. CHARLOTTE/PUNTA GORDA	511
2ND	WAYNE QUICK/JEFF SIMES	PUNTA GORDA/PUNTA GORDA	498
3RD	JIMMY McMILLAN/SONNY CAMPBELL	BELLE GLADE/BELLE GLADE	486
4TH	DAVE PAULKNER/JOEL BURGESS	FT. PIERCE/PT. ST. LUCIE	469
5TH	DAVID CRANDALL/MARK KEITH	OKEECHOBEE/PALM CITY	452
6TH	BOB SHERRY/DAVE DICKENS	SARASOTA/SARASOTA	451
7TH	BURT CROWELL/ANN ADAMS	POMPAHO/FT. LAUDERDALE	449
8TH	ROB SWANSON/BOB SHOWBALL	DAVLE/FT LAUDERDALE	443
9TH	DANNY GRAHAM/TIM DYER	LAKE WORTH/BOYNTON BCH	435
10TH	MARK MARTIN/DAVID KALIL	OKEECHOBEE/PALM SPRINGS	430
11TH	DOUG MILLER/RAY ROBERTS	N. LAUDERDALE/MARGATE	420
12TH	CARI, HAIPER/TERRY MCCARTHA	PLANTATION/MARGATE	425
13TH	DAVE MEDER/WARRON GIRLE	BRADENTON/BRADENTON	424
14TH	JOHN HURT/LEE NELSON	PT. ST. LUCIE/FT. PIERCE	419
15TH	ED HATAWAY/MIKE DILLON	STUART/ALVA	415
16TH	ED KNORR/GERALD LOUDERMILK	BOCA RATON/BOCA RATON	412
17TH	STEVE PORTER/JIM FOWLER	OKEECHOBEE/OKEECHOBEE	406
18TH	MARK GOODMAN/JOE GORSKI	FT. MYERS/CAPE CORAL	398
19TH	ROBERT MCCRAY/WILLIAM YOUNG	N. FT. MYERS/LEHIGH	398
19TH	FRED HERRITT/FRED HERRITT JR.	LEHIGH/LEHIGH	396
20TH	RICHARD PREDMORE/EDNA PREDMORE	FT. MYERS/FT. MYERS	392

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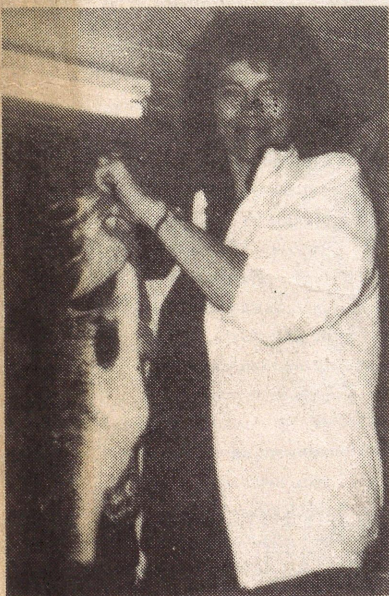
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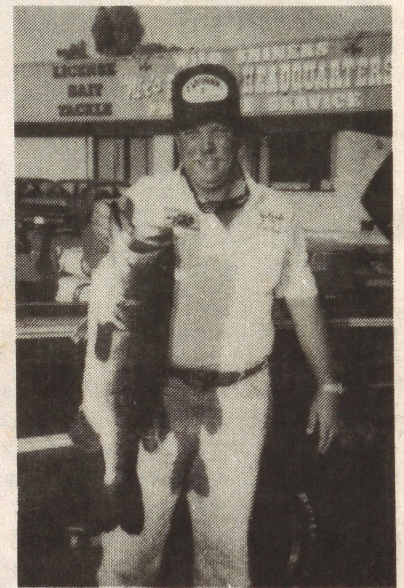
BARBARA SIEGEL FROM BUFFALO, N.Y. CAUGHT THIS 8 POUND 9 OUNCE BASS ON A SHINER WHILE GUIDED BY KENDALL KING. PHOTO BY CALOSSA BAIT & TACKLE IN LAKEPORT.



BOYD BARBER FROM INTECH TOURNAMENT TEAM OF SARASOTA CAUGHT THIS 8 POUND 2 OUNCE BASS ON A SPINNERBAIT. PHOTO BY NIX'S FISHING HEADQUARTERS IN OKEECHOBEE.



RAMONA QUIRK, MARY MORESI, AND DENA MULLER FROM OPELOUSAS, AL. CAUGHT THIS NICE STRINGER OF BASS WHILE GUIDED BY EDDIE CLAY. PHOTO BY NIX'S FISHING HEADQUARTERS IN OKEECHOBEE.



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