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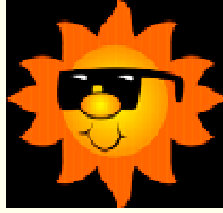


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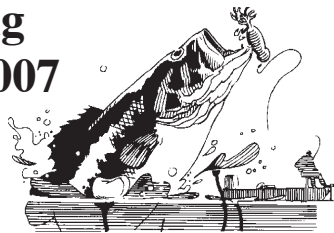
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## Hastings Wins At FLW Event

AUSTIN, Texas“ Faced with the pressure of fishing against pretournament favorite and hometown hero Clark Wendlandt, young gun Aaron Hastings never blinked. With \$125,000 on the line at the season-opening Wal-Mart FLW Tour event on Lake Travis, Hastings fished as though Travis was his home lake, catching 10 bass during the final round that weighed 19 pounds, 9 ounces.

Despite heading into Sunday's competition with a 2-pound lead, Hastings was still the heavy underdog. He had fished one area for the entire tournament while Wendlandt seemingly had numerous options. Furthermore, fellow young guns Bryan Thrift and Craig Dowling were breathing down his neck.

But none of that mattered. What mattered was putting fish in the boat, and Hastings did just that,

catching roughly 15 keepers on the final day. His best five weighed 9 pounds, 10 ounces, which secured his first FLW Tour title and 125 large.

“I'm amped,” he said. “The money is great, but to me it's all about the competition and catching fish. It really doesn't get any better than this.”

The Middletown, Md., pro never altered his pattern - contour breaks under floating docks located in the back of Cypress Creek Marina. The lack of wind Sunday helped him pinpoint his casts. Hastings primarily threw a drop-shot with a 4-inch Aaron's Magic Roboworm on 6-pound Berkley Vanish. Then he threw it again, and again. He knew tournament-winning fish were in the area, it was just a matter

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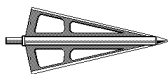
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Dwayne Ruff caught a 39 1/2" musky recently. Photo courtesy of Three Rivers Edge in Hinton.

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of finding where they repositioned. On day four, they were located in 18 to 24 feet of water.

"I fish the same way every day," added Hastings. "I don't feel pressure anymore. I know my ability. I know what's inside of me. I definitely have the nerves for this."

For more proof, Hastings didn't have a single keeper in the boat at 11 a.m. yesterday, but instead of panicking and running to a new spot, he adjusted. He said that was the biggest mental decision of the entire tournament.

"You just have to have faith in your abilities. I never missed a bite all week. You should have seen the look on my cameraman's face when I was lifting fish in the boat with 6-pound line. When I flipped that last fish over the catwalk, I stood up and said, "This is over."

The 2007 season is only Hastings' second year on the FLW Tour. Last year was extremely difficult, but he is no stranger to success, as he was the 2005 Stren Series Northeast Division points champion. Interestingly enough, Hastings beat out



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none other than Wendlandt to claim the points title. In fact, after capturing the points title, Hastings was featured as one of the young pros to watch in a 2006 preview story by FLWOutdoors.com writer Rob Newell. It appears Newell's story was written just a season too early. Thrift rallies for second

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At takeoff Sunday morning, Thrift didn't exactly exude confidence. He was catching fish, but each and every day he was getting fewer and fewer bites. On day four, he caught a dozen keepers, weighing five for 10 pounds, 9 ounces. Thrift's limit, caught with a 1/2-ounce Shooter Lures jig tipped with a small Zoom salty chunk, was the heaviest of the final round.

For his efforts, the Shelby, N.C., native earned \$50,000 with a final weight of 17-15.

"I just haven't been around big fish," said Thrift, who was fishing floating boat docks and pontoon boats. "In my six days of practice, my biggest fish was about 2 1/2 pounds. But this is awesome. I'll take \$50,000. I'm not greedy.

"I am getting married July 21, so this money will definitely not go to waste; it will probably go toward the wedding and a house."

Thrift has already notched 10 top-10 finishes and three victories out of only 28 FLW Outdoors events. This, however, was his first top-10 on the FLW Tour. Expect more to



Brian Galloway got this fox in Harrison County.

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Dowling third

Much like Hastings, Dowling was fishing a marina located in the back of a creek. Dowling caught his fish with a homemade 1/16-ounce finesse jig tipped with a Yamamoto shad-shaped worm. During the opening round, he used a green-

pumpkin worm, but he switched to the smoke variety today. He rigged his tiny jig with 15-pound Power Pro braided line and used an 8-pound Sugoi's leader.

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The result was a five-bass limit weighing 9 pounds, 13 ounces and final-round total of 15 pounds, 5 ounces. He finished the week in third place and earned \$40,000.

"I give a lot of credit to the worm I was using," said the Madison, Ala., pro. "I think the fish saw a lot of finesse worms during the week."

Wendlandt falls to fourth

Wendlandt, a Leander, Texas, pro, gave the raucous Austin-area crowd what they wanted Sunday afternoon. When he reached into his bag for fish No. 2, out came a 4-pound kicker. Most in attendance thought that was just the start of good things to come. Unfortunately, that was Wendlandt's last fish.

The Kellogg's pro's key baits this week were a Storm Wiggle Wart crankbait and a homemade 9/16-ounce jig tipped with a green-pumpkin Gambler cricket, fished around docks.

After his 24th tour-level top-10, Wendlandt's career earnings with FLW Outdoors now surpass \$1.245 million. Consider that Hastings hasn't even fished 24 tour-level events in his entire career.

While he felt the added pressure, Wendlandt certainly wasn't a victim to the home-lake jinx.

"I probably had enough fish on to win the tournament," said the two-time Land O'Lakes Angler of the Year, who broke off two fish Sat-



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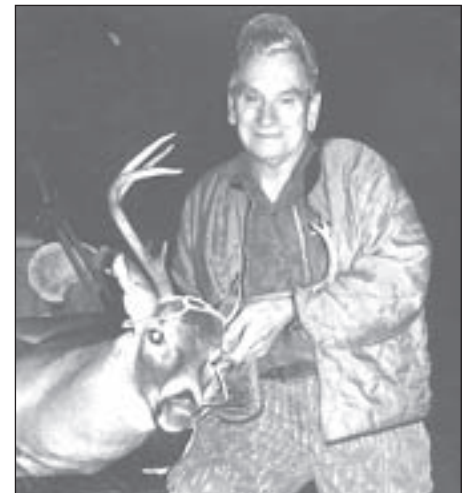
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A nice Upshur County buck. Photo courtesy of Tri-Lakes in Walkersville.



Lonnie Snead used a bow for this nice 8 point. Photo courtesy of Sun Valley Country Store in Athens.

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A pendelton County buck was taken by Jake Conrad, from Brandywine.



Debbie Hill, from Cedar Grove, took her first 8 point.

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A real nice bobcat was trapped by Bryan Coleman. Photo courtesy of Randolph Mulch in Elkins.

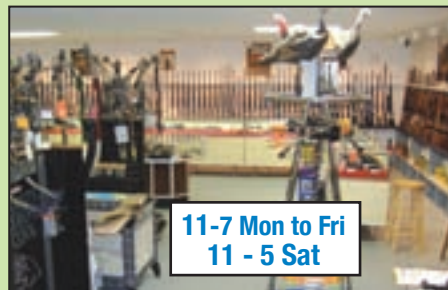


Cassie Amos got her 1st buck in Ohio. Photo courtesy of Backwater Bait in Newport.

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A big brown trout was landed by Justin Godfrey, from Ripley.



Justin Warren brought in a massive buck. Photo courtesy of H & S Sporting Goods in Princeton.



Robert Haught, from Friendly, scored on a large Washington County, Ohio buck.

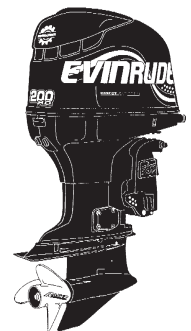
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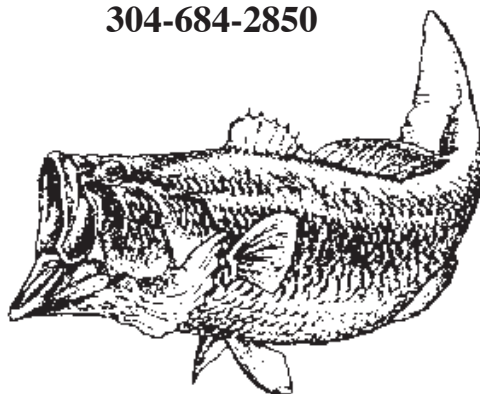
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## Trophy Buck Display Comes To Sport Show In Summersville

Hunters in West Virginia have a fascination for big racked bucks. The chances of bringing home a Pope & Young size buck rely on scouting and sometimes a lot of luck. Jack Comp, owner of the impressive Magnum Whitetail deer display, is one of the most knowledgeable people in the state on big racked deer. This Reedsville, WV taxidermist has gathered, over the past 20 years, a large collection of trophy bucks.

Interested deer hunters in West Virginia can see some of his collection first hand at the upcoming WV Outdoor and Travel Show in Summersville, WV. His collection will include the current typical, net 184, and non-typical, net 234, WV record bucks.

“Also on hand will be lots of sheds, freaks and oddities” stated Jack. “The vampire buck from Preston County, an unusual deer with throwback teeth from later times, will be there. The teeth appear to be canine. “Two deer that were locked up and found later on will be included. The two connected deer heads were from very large bucks. The winning buck apparently tore off the other one’s head

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The Magnum Whitetail deer exhibit will be coming to the WV Outdoor and Travel Show in Summersville on March 24 & 25. Look for the big two page ad with details on pages 20 & 21 of this issue. If you like trophy bucks, don't miss the chance to see this excellent display!

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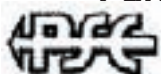
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“From the bottom of the drop tines to the top of the G2’s is almost thirty inches.” Jack said. “It’s one my most commented on trophies.”

Look for the Gott buck, the number four crossbow buck in the world. It came from the Sea World area in Ohio. With a net score of 252, this buck will impress all avid deer hunters.

“Closer to home,” Jack said, “is the Maryland state record typical, a 194 net typical. This 6 x 6 buck came from the Eastern shore area.”

The world record for one inch scorable points, a 52 pointer, is on a pedestal with a full skull mount. It’s the Tennessee state record.

Expect around fourteen bucks at the show. Jack has around thirty



Lenny Reed used a bow for this top notch buck. Photo courtesy of Jason’s Country Store in Mullins.


bucks in his collection. Part of his exhibit was shown at last years WV Outdoor and Travel Show. Some new bucks, not seen last year, will offer dedicated deer hunters a chance to see massive trophy bucks.

If you enjoy deer hunting, don’t miss the WV Outdoor and Travel Show. The show dates are March 24 & 25 at the Summersville Arena on Rt. 19. Hours are 10am to 9:30pm Saturday and 11am to 6am on Sunday. Admission is only \$4 per adult and children under 18 are free. There is an additional \$1 charge for the Magnum Whitetail exhibit. More show information is on this web site:

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George Ray’s first Pope and Young buck was harvested in Wyoming County. This Princeton native enjoyed his hunt for this 10 point.



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Look for the show ad on pages 20 and 21 of this issue. This event is sponsored by this magazine. If you've enjoyed reading this magazine over the past years, show your support and attend this 'Fun for the Family' show.



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“Once again this year, these meetings have been designed to use an ‘Open House’ format,” said DNR Director Frank Jezioro. “This informal meeting style allows people to attend at their convenience during the scheduled meeting times, learn of proposed regulation changes, discuss these proposals with wildlife biologists and conservation officers and comment on the proposed regulations and other wildlife-related issues.”

As in the past, written comments from the public on these proposed hunting, trapping and fishing regulations will also be encouraged. Anyone interested in attending the meetings scheduled in their areas should note the following list of

meeting dates and locations:

- Monday, March 19, 2007
- Fairmont – East Fairmont High School (Commons Area)
  - Martinsburg – James Rumsey Vo-Tech Center
  - Summersville – Summersville High School (Gymnasium)
  - Lewisburg – Brier Inn (Grassy Meadows Room)
  - Milton – West Virginia Pumpkin Park (4-H Building)
- Tuesday, March 20, 2007
- Harrisville – North Bend State Park
  - Glen Dale – John Marshall High School
  - Moorefield – Moorefield Middle School
  - Buckhannon – Buckhannon-Upshur High School
  - Mullins – Twin Falls State Park (Azalea Room)
  - Logan – Chief Logan State Park & Conference Center
  - Parkersburg – Parkersburg Judicial Annex



A red stag cow and elk were taken at the Doouble “DD” ranch in McArthur, Ohio by Dusty Wolverton and Dave Gee. *Photo courtesy of Hobert’s Store in Big Bend.*

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Mike Dennison brought in a real nice buck. Photo courtesy of Hunter's Haven in Elkins.



A good 10 point was felled by Ralph Petry. Photo courtesy of Grandpa's Country Store in Hinton.



An 8 point gun kill was made by Mick Comp shown with Jack Comp. Photo courtesy of Magnum Whitetails in Reedsville.

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# Hatteras Ocean Fishing

By Jim Wilson

**Editor's Note:** This is part two of an article that began in last month's magazine. If you missed the 1st part, you can view it online at our web site: [www.wvasportsman.net](http://www.wvasportsman.net)

"Grab a rod and Natalie will bait you up. Use an underhanded toss and throw out only about 10 to 15 feet. Keep the bait straight out - - it goes left - - you go left and vice-versa. When the fish hits let it run with the drag "on" for about 50 yards. DO NOT set the hook, just hold your pole up and reel. Go over, under or around but NOT thru people. Keep the fish straight out from you and bring to the side. Natalie will gaff your catch and bring aboard. We don't use weights. When you see your bait acting squirrely, get READY - - it sees its predator coming! We use small treble hooks so remember - - do NOT set your hook!"

We grabbed our pre-placed rods and ran to the stern. Natalie baited us up. She put one hook thru the dorsal fins leaving two exposed. The bait fish were 10-12 inches long and weighed about one-half



Fishing at Knawha Falls, Robin Campbell caught a 45" catfish.



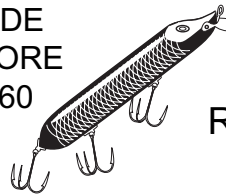
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pound. As we tossed out, the bait fish were going every which way. It was like "walking the dog!" Anglers were going every which way to catch up. It was crazy! Lines were zinging as four or five hooked up. Karl hooked up! I hooked up! We were running around the free-

board railing trying our darndest to keep our fish straight out from our bodies. A couple more hooked up. Captain Stowe was screaming at some of them for setting their hooks (it feels unnatural not to)! But I had learned from my trip

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A nice bow buck was taken by Donnie Zimmerman. Photo courtesy of Grandpa's General Store in Hinton.

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six years ago not to do so, as I got screamed at a lot.

Karl was not gaining much on his fish. I was losing ground on mine. There were only a few without a fish on - - they tried to stay out of way of the "bent-double" rods. Remember, we're using light tackle and the mackerel already gaffed and brought aboard were averaging well over 20 pounds. I was still losing ground. I looked at my reel and noticed I was almost out of line - then PING! - - I was out of line. Karl was very slowly gaining on his. It had already been well over 30 minutes since we hooked

up. Big king mackerel were flopping all over the deck by then. The captain came down from his high perch and helped with the gaffing and re-baiting. Petite Natalie was running around with her gaff trying to keep up with the fish as they lay tethered next to the boat. These are the strongest fish I've every caught on light tackle. There's no quit to them. It was impossible to lift them onto the deck as it was way too high from the water line, so everyone had to wait patiently for the long gaff-hook. More times than not,

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the mackerel would regain their strength if let idling too long and zip back out towards England.

Karl finally got his in and aboard. After nearly a 45 minute fight. It was amongst the biggest caught that day, weighing in at about 40 pounds. The captain said that the one that took all my line was more than likely a big shark. In fact several sharks were hooked that day,  
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but Capt. Stowe would cut our lines when that occurred. Fortunately there were several extra rigs so no one had to wait around and miss the action.

Things slowed down after a while and the captain announced, "Reel in, we're moving on." We motored about 10 minutes and baited up again. This spot would turn out to be the "arm breaker."

Every time we threw out there was a big mackerel waiting. The kings were taking the bait on top water and exploding into the air. This was how they earned their nickname: Silver torpedoes.

For the majority of time in the next two hours, all 11 of us (one guy was seasick and stayed inside) were hooked-up at the same time. It was CHAOTIC on board! People were going left and right, and over and under other fishermen, trying desperately to keep our fish straight out. Capt. Stowe had to come down from top deck to help bring the fish aboard. He would rant and rave at us anytime something wasn't done right. Nobody cared - - we were having too much fun. Natalie was worn out and would curse aloud anytime she missed a gaff.

If someone from above were taking a video of this surreal, crazy action, it would be a classic. Could be  
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Betty Holmes, from Pennsboro, caught this 26 pound catfish out of the Ohio River.

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When a person tried to go over, under or around another person, it was almost impossible not to make physical contact with them. Sometimes hard contact. Nobody complained. Why? We were having too much fun. Big fish were flopping against the deck on all 150 feet of freeboard.

Finally, thank the good Lord, we ran out of baitfish. It wasn't even 1:00 pm. We were worn out and arm weary. Everybody, including the poor sick guy, was ready to wave the white flag and utter "uncle." An unbelievable day. Just before we headed back, Captain Stowe got on the bull horn and said, "I'm sorry for screaming at some of you. But remember I said we would be friends at the end of the day. Are we friends?" We screamed 'Yes' and applauded!

Karl's arms and elbows were already turning black and blue from banging them against the metal railings on the boat. It's a wonder no one fell overboard. I'd hate to think what would have happened if the railing hadn't been there. Some of the sharks we brought along side the boat were in the 200 pound range. Several anglers' lines got broken off on probably bigger



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On the way back in to the dock, I ask Karl, "Do you understand now why I couldn't explain this trip to you?" He answered, "Yeah, how

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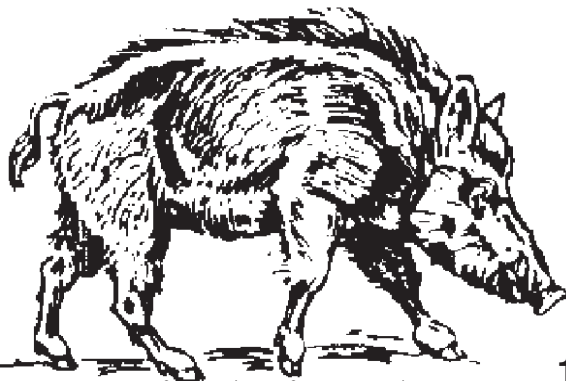
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Jake Boggs brought in a real large coyote. *Photo courtesy of Jarrett's Bait in Elizabeth.*



Colton Phillips bagged a fall turkey. *Photo courtesy of Waterfront Sporting Goods in Alderson.*



Derrick Dillion caught 2 early year smallmouth. *Photo courtesy of Three River's Edge in Hinton.*

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Cody Stuchell took this bear. *Photo courtesy of Magnum Whitetails in Reedsville.*



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Young Nathan McKinney caught a nice smallmouth bass. *Photo courtesy of Three Rivers Edge in Hinton.*



A nice southern bow kill was made by Charles Tinney. *Photo courtesy of Jason's Country Corner in Mullens.*



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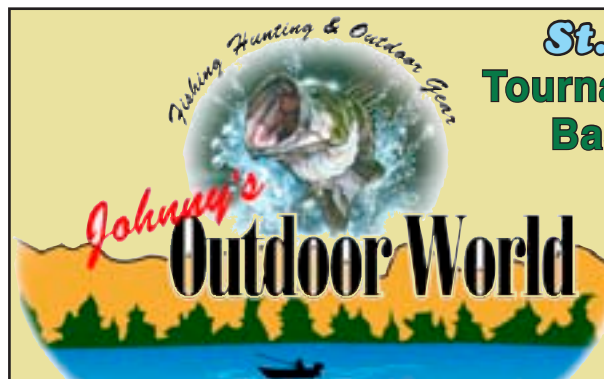
A 34 1/2 pound bobcat was trapped by Johhy Nester. Photo courtesy of Middle Mountain Sporting Goods in Elkins

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Justin Stanley harvested a wide-racked buck. Photo courtesy of Hunter's Haven in Elkins.



Nick Poa hooked 4 3/4 pound New River smallmouth. Photo courtesy of Three Rivers Edge in Hinton.



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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — It's been in Boyd Duckett's mind to join the BASSMASTER Elite Series Tour for some time and this was to be the year he pulled the trigger, but first he had to attend to more important things.

The 46-year old Demopolis, Ala., angler became the eighth Bassmaster Classic rookie to take the title, putting together a monster third and final day (17 pounds, 13 ounces) of competition to best Skeet Reese and Kevin VanDam, two of the most accomplished anglers in the Elite Series.

Duckett also broke the home state jinx for Classic contention. Though he's far from a local — Demopolis is 138 miles from the Lay Lake launching point — he's a veteran on the lake through various team and individual tours.



Doug Belcher got a buck with his bow. *Photo courtesy of Bow-Listic Archery in Chelyan.*

"It's every anglers dream," said Duckett, a chemical tank rental business owner. "I've been working towards fishing the tour for a few years. I'm really tickled about the home state angle. All of us, Timmy (Horton), Russ (Lane) and everyone else talk and we all said how great it'd be."

Duckett, an accomplished river angler, emphasized how important his flipping bite — in decidedly calmer water — was in upping his weight after securing a limit early each morning.

"This whole tournament was about the flipping fish. The longer you keep a flipping stick in your hand the better off you are," Duckett said. "We've got a (full) moon coming up in eight or nine days and those females are moving up." No stranger to the Coosa River impoundment located southeast of Birmingham, Duckett said that while familiarity with the body of water certainly didn't hurt, it wasn't a big factor either.

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Duckett's solution to figuring out  
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Ralph Russell trapped a coyote. *Photo courtesy of White Oak Game Farm in Ellamore.*

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The \$500,000 purse for first place was clinched with that last big bass. Either the fish or the angler, or both, had a flair for the dramatic: it was landed at around 2 p.m., just an hour before check-in time.



Josh Stewart landed a big Burnsville Lake catfish. *Photo courtesy of Burnsville Docks on the lake.*

"I needed it," Duckett said. Skeet Reese knew he had done everything he possibly could to capture his first Classic, but second place hurt just as bad as if he had blown it.

"This was a golden opportunity. I can't say I let it slip away. Boyd just flat out beat me. Second hurts, it really does. You don't get that many opportunities to win a Bassmaster Classic. Unless you're Kevin," said Reese with a smile, referring to two-time Classic champion Kevin VanDam, seated to his left.

Reese endured an excruciatingly slow early morning, but stuck a relatively quick 11 pounds to put him in striking distance as the lunch hour waned. He endured a slow, mush-mouth bite today, saying he never once felt the telltale "thump" on his flipping fish.

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The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources has announced the winners of the 2006 West Virginia Big Buck Contest, according to Gene Thorn, Chairman of the WV Big Buck Contest Review Committee. The contest is cosponsored by the Division of Natural Resources, the Izaak Walton League of West Virginia, and the West Virginia Bowhunters Association to recognize sportsmen who take an extraordinarily big antlered buck in West Virginia. This past year, 227 hunters had their deer antlers scored at one of the six DNR District Offices, Field Offices, or the WV Hunting and Fishing Show in Charleston. Hunters who participated in the 2006 Big Buck Contest took 62 big bucks with gun or bow that met the minimum score

requirements. Participants were required to show a Game Check Tag and sign a Fair Chase Statement, and they were also approved by the WV Big Buck Contest Review Committee.

Eleven bucks killed by gun hunters scored above 140 points typical. In the Typical-Gun category, the winner was Zack Winters from Lesage, WV, with a 10-point buck killed in Cabell County that scored 156 2/8. This year, there was no entry for the Non-Typical Gun category that met the minimum score of 165 points.



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Ethan Robinette, 8 years, shot a 10 point. Photo courtesy of Waterfront Sporting Goods in Alderson.

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County that scored 170 1/8. The Non-Typical Bow category winner was Robert Cooper of Pin-ville, WV, with a huge 16-point buck killed in Wyoming County that scored 201 4/8. Cooper's buck took over the #2 position for Non-Typical Bow kills in the list that ranks the top five buck scores in each category for all time in West Virginia.

The Boone and Crockett Club, or Pope and Young Club, rating systems are used to score bucks, depending upon the method of harvest. The Boone and Crockett Club guidelines are used to score deer harvested with a firearm, and citations are presented for racks scoring at least 140 points typical or 165 points non-typical. Deer harvested with a bow are measured according to Pope and Young Club standards, and they are recognized with a citation for racks scoring at least 125 points typical or 155 points non-typical. The winner in each category will receive a plaque during the 2007 National Hunting and Fishing Day Celebration, held the last weekend of September at Stonewall Jackson State Park. A list of all bucks meeting the minimum qualifications will be published in West Virginia's Big Game Bulletin.

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A 200 pound Ibex was shot at a preserve by Rick Jenkins. *Photo courtesy of Jarrett's Bait in Elizabeth.*



Matt Steele caught a 46 pound Ohio River catfish. *Photo courtesy of Starcher's Sport Shop in Lubeck.*

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