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Fishing at Burnsville Lake, Bill Boggess, from Vienna, caught and released this large musky. His large fish measured 50 inches. He also caught a 48 inch musky, while trolling, the same day. Try out Burnsville lake for an opportunity to land huge fish like this one. *Photo courtesy of Burnsville Docks on the lakes.*

EDITORS NOTE: This months magazine was delayed to a medical problem. Everything is alright presently.

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Outdoor Youth Challenge

Substantial changes that will allow more participation will be made this year to the format of the very popular Outdoor Youth Challenge, part of West Virginia's Celebration of National Hunting and Fishing Days, scheduled for September 27 and 28 at Stonewall Resort State Park in Lewis County.

"This celebration is one of the best outdoor recreation events held in West Virginia, with hands-on learning and instructional opportunities for youth and the entire family in celebrating West Virginia's wildlife and outdoor heritage," according to Director Frank Jezioro of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources.

In the past, the Outdoor Youth Challenge was a scored competition of events dealing with wildlife, fishing, marksmanship (shooting) and other activities related to

outdoor recreation. There were two age classes (ages 11-14 and ages 15-18) and a grand prize was awarded to the overall winner of the competition in each age class.

Changes in the Outdoor Youth Challenge were initiated as a means of significantly increasing youth participation by removing the competition factor (scoring), unless a youth requests to be scored. Ultimately, it is hoped that many more youths will try the events, just for fun and to have the exposure and experience of trying something new – without the pressure of being tested. However, those youths 11-18 years of age who would like to compete will still be able to do so with five scored competitive events which include casting for accuracy,

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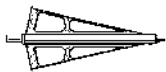
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Two types of registration will be offered for the Outdoor Youth Challenge. The first will be for those youths up to 18 years of age who would like to participate in the Youth Challenge events just for fun and the experience, but do not wish to compete. The second type of registration will be for youths 11-14

and 15-18 years of age who wish to compete in the scored events.

The numerical score for the five scored competitive events will be recorded on the youth's registration card. These youths, in addition to completing the scored events, must also complete at least five of the un-scored Youth Challenge events.

All Outdoor Youth Challenge participants will have a chance to win a grand prize and other secondary prizes at the end of each day. In addition, separate prizes will be awarded to each junior (ages 11-14) and senior (ages 15-18) competition winner each day.

"The Outdoor Youth Challenge is probably the most important single event at West Virginia's Celebration of National Hunting and Fishing Days," Jezioro said. "It encourages our state's youngsters to learn new skills and to gain important knowledge and experience about wildlife, hunting, fishing, firearms safety and outdoor recreation. For some youngsters, this may be the only opportunity they will have to be exposed to these fun and exciting outdoor activities".



Charles Hodge hooked a citation bass. Photo courtesy of Three Rivers Edge in Hinton.

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Controlled Deer Hunt At Stonewall

Applications are being accepted for the controlled deer hunt scheduled for November 17, 18 and 19, 2008, at Stonewall Resort State Park, located in Lewis County near Weston.

Monitoring of the deer population and consequent surveys conducted by wildlife and parks personnel revealed a high deer density on the state park property. The excessive whitetail population is damaging to vegetation, creates environmental imbalance within the park and subjects the herd to increasingly poor browse and health conditions.

Cooperative efforts among the Parks and Recreation, Wildlife, and Law Enforcement sections of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (DNR) and Benchmark Management Company, which operates the park facilities for the state, makes this controlled hunt an acceptable method of wildlife management in a public setting. Hunting contributes to wildlife conservation while maintaining a healthy deer herd population.

"The result will be good and responsible resource management that a controlled deer hunt can produce," according to DNR Director



Mike Ramsey hooked a 26 pound catfish. *Photo courtesy of Catfish Cove in Hurricane.*

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Frank Jezioro. Controlled hunts at Blennerhassett Island Historical State Park have been conducted in recent years with good results.

The application and instructions for the Stonewall controlled hunt are posted on the WVDNR Web page, www.wvdnr.gov under Hunting, Stonewall Controlled Hunt.

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A random selection of approximately 50 hunters for each day will be made from applications received. Successful applicants will be notified after October 1. For additional information, contact Stonewall Resort State Park at (304) 269-0524, or District 3 DNR Office at (304) 924-6211.

Application Information

The controlled hunt is open to West Virginia residents and holders of West Virginia Lifetime Licenses. Hunters may apply for a permit to



Chris Warren reeled in a nice hybrid bass. Photo courtesy of River-Side Bait in Hockingport, Ohio.

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gust 29, 2008.

All applicants must designate the type of weapon (firearm or bow) and hunting method (free roaming or fixed stand) to be used. All persons applying as a party must hunt with the same type of weapon (firearm or bow) and use the same method of hunting (free roaming or fixed stand). Hunting parties which include a hunter with a Class Q permit must hunt from the same Class Q stand.

Each hunter must possess a valid West Virginia hunting license (or be legally exempt from purchasing
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West Virginia Division of Natural Resources hunting regulations will apply to this hunt.



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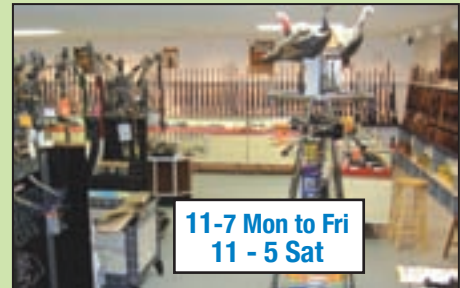


Brandon Smith reeled in a nice largemouth bass.

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Don Salisbury reeled in a 29 1/2 " Lake Erie walleye. Photo courtesy of Ace Home Center in Pennsboro.



Cory Vales brought in a 48.12 pound flathead. Photo courtesy River-Side Bait in Hockingport, Ohio.



Rodney Starcher caught a 45" flat-head catfish. Photo courtesy of Stacher's Sport Shop in Lubeck.

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Young Dylan Jones hooked a 6 1/2 pound largemouth. *Photo courtesy of Ace Home Center in Pennsboro.*



Scott Wicker caught a 30 and 27 1/2 pound catfish. *Photo courtesy of River-Side Bait in Hockingport, Ohio.*

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Kristopher Gross reeled in a 9 pound hybrid bass out of the Ohio River. *Photo courtesy of Starcher's Sport Shop in Lubeck.*



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COLUMBIA, S.C. – As the old saying goes, one man’s trash is another man’s treasure.

No one understands that more than Duracell pro Michael Bennett of Lincoln, Calif., who turned his junk-fishing ways into a bass-producing pattern to win \$1 million dollars in the 2008 Forrest Wood Cup.

All week, the words “junk-fishing” filled the media room in the Colonial Center during post-tournament interviews as pro after pro described their fishing patterns on Lake Murray this week.

Many pros dubbed their patternless catches as “junk-fishing” or “trash-fishing,” terms that refer to going down the bank casting to “junk” such as lay-downs, willow trees, docks, grass, riprap, seawalls or anything else that gets in the way.

In the beginning, Bennett also described his fishing as junk-fishing. He spent day one fishing deep,



Brian Smith, from Pt. Pleasant, was fishing in the Coal River for this huge hybrid bass.



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shallow and everywhere in between to bring in a limit weighing 11 pounds, 15 ounces.

He returned to the water on day two to “junk it up” again, and that’s when he discovered the treasure among the trash. At one point during the day on Friday, he moved shallow and began casting a Snag-Proof frog along docks and grass when he hit a stretch of bank that produced three 3-pound-plus bass.

“And that’s when the light bulb went off,” Bennett explained. “Every one of those bites came from

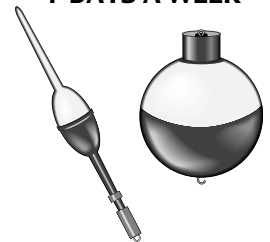
docks where the dock’s shade line intersected with the bank grass – that was the ticket. Those were the right components: where the dock met the edge of the grass in the dock’s shade.”

After finishing a limit on day two at about noon, and knowing he had made the cut, Bennett perhaps made the winning move of the tournament. He quit fishing for about an hour and just drove around the midsection of the lake, looking for the perfect combination of dock

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shade and grass lines for the finals. During that time, he did not fish – he simply drove around marking the likely looking spots.

“After I found several key areas to start on the next morning, I knew I had to get the deep-fishing notion out of my head,” Bennett explained. “So I spent the last couple of hours of day two fishing deeper with drop-shots and shaky heads. I had bites in practice doing that, so I wanted to make sure that pattern was dead. I never had a bite fishing that way on day two, and that’s when the shallow commitment started.”

Bennett’s weight of 15 pounds, 5 ounces on day two put him in the lead going into the final round where the weights started over. And when the new tournament started on day three with just 10 pros, Ben-



These fellows caught a couple of nice hybrid bass. Photo courtesy of Amish Country Store.

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nett started his tournament anew as well, armed with just a pair of frogs and a lot of trolling motor juice.

His primary frog was a Snag-Proof Frog in a color called “Fred,” named after BASS pro Fred Roumbanis, who won an Elite Series event on Murray in May with that very same frog.

“I probably caught 70 to 80 percent of my fish on that frog this week,” Bennett said. “And I fished it on a Fenwick Elite Tech Frogging Stick paired with a Revo 7.1 high-speed reel.”

The other frog was a buzzing type of toad, which only accounted

for a few of his keepers during the week.

“I ran to those areas that I had found on day two – the ones that had the right components, but that I had not fished,” Bennett said. “And that’s where I ended up catching all my fish on day three. The neat part was that it was all new water to me – I had never fished it. But that was a key part to the pattern: It had to be new water. Fishing over water I had already fished in the previous days was pointless.”

Bennett felt that the fish he was catching from those specific ar-

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eas were resident fish, not fish that would replenish any time soon.

The Duracell pro held the lead after day three with 16 pounds, 3 ounces, but by then he had worked himself into a bind.

"I fished every piece of new water I knew of on day three to catch my limit," Bennett explained. "I had nothing else to go to on day four."

But Bennett found a way to milk his pattern even further today.

"Earlier in the week, I had the luxury of fishing big stretches of docks and grass," he explained. "I refused to return to those places, so I had to start fishing much smaller stretches of the right stuff – single docks or pairs of docks."

He caught three bass on the frog pattern Sunday and, late in the afternoon, returned to a piece of rip-rap to catch one of his better fish on a shaky head, rigged with a Berkeley hand-poured finesse worm in oxblood color, just before check-in. That fish, caught on Trilene 100% Fluorocarbon, just happened



Justin Beeler caught a nice channel catfish. Photo courtesy of Starcher's Sport Shop in Lubeck.

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to be his second biggest fish of the day, helping him win the \$1 million first-place prize. His four bass today weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces for a two-day total of 24 pounds, 15 ounces.

After receiving his million-dollar payday, the 24-year-old Bennett was at a loss for words to explain what had just happened to him.

"I can't even explain it," said an exasperated Bennett. "I'm an absolute wreck – I can't even write my own name right now (for autographs) I'm so shook up. It's a dream come true, and the magnitude of this has not even begun to set in yet."

Lefebre second

Kellogg's pro Dave Lefebre of Union City, Pa., finished in what is perhaps the most difficult spot in professional bass fishing – runner-up at the Forrest Wood Cup.

Lefebre rallied today with another limit today, but his solid daily weights from the previous days fell off to 6 pounds, 8 ounces today,

giving him a two-day total of 19 pounds, 12 ounces.

The weight deficit Lefebre needed to win the \$1 million was considerable: 5 pounds, 3 ounces. Yet, that

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Haley Garrison, from Waverly, hooked a nice largemouth bass.

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does little to ease the pain.

“On one hand, I’m disappointed,” Lefebre said. “This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity: I was in a position to win a million dollars, and I may never be in that position again. On the other hand, I thought second paid \$50,000, and I just found out it pays \$100,000, so I’m pretty pumped about that.”

As for lost fish that may have cost him the win, Lefebre noted that his day four was not exactly flawless. He did have at least two missed opportunities on what he believes were much better fish.



Denise AStarcher reeled in a nice catfish.. *Photo courtesy of Starcher's Sport Shop in Lubeck.*

“But I don’t want to dwell on that,” Lefebre said. “I did what I came here to do, and that was to catch a limit every day. I figured if I did that, I’d win, and I didn’t. And if I couldn’t win, I wanted Michael to win – he is a good dude.”

As for Lefebre’s pattern, he spent the week up the Little Saluda River fishing a five-mile stretch of river that he had come to learn well over eight days of fishing.

The key to his pattern was fishing small depressions along the bank.

“Most of the bank up there was 2 to 3 feet deep, and anywhere it dipped to 4 or 5 feet along there was key, especially if it had any cover with those depressions,” he explained.

The Kellogg’s pro spent the week with just one bait in his hands: a 6-inch Berkley Powerbait Flippin’ Tail worm in June bug, teamed with a 3/16-ounce Penetrator weight fished on 12-pound-test Gamma fluorocarbon line.

He pitched the Texas-rigged worm to bushes, lay-downs and overhanging branches that coincided

with the small depressions.

He also noted that his hook, a Gamakatsu Sugoi hook made for Yamamoto Custom Baits, played a critical part in his success, calling it the perfect hook for that type of light-line flipping and pitching.

Bolton third

Terry Bolton of Jonesboro, Ark., finished third with a two-day total of 19 pounds, 9 ounces worth \$75,000.

Bolton junk-fished up in the rivers for a majority of the event, relying on several baits for his catches during the week, including a Spro Frog fished on 50-pound-test Berkley Ultracast braid, a Texas-rigged Zoom Trick Worm flipped on 20-pound-test Berkley 100% Fluorocarbon, a Pop-R and an 1/8-ounce Picasso jighead rigged with a Zoom 4-inch Finesse Worm.

“When I was up the river, I focused on willow trees, grass and
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any dark spots in the water,” Bolton said. “When I came down the lake, I fished a few key docks with a shaky head.”

“The Spro Frog produced my two biggest bass during the week – a 4-pounder and a 6-pounder,” he added. “But I actually got saved by the shaky head today. I only had two keepers at 3:15, ran back down the lake and caught three keepers off one dock to finish my limit.”



Kevin Sanders caught a 29 pound flathead. *Photo courtesy of Three Rivers Edge in Hinton.*

Baumgardner fourth Snickers pro Chris Baumgardner of Gastonia, N.C., finished fourth with a two-day total of 16 pounds, 9 ounces worth \$60,000.

For most of the week, Baumgardner relied on Zoom Horny Toads in June-bug and green-pumpkin colors tied to 17-pound-test 100% Fluorocarbon line.

He fished shallow pockets in the midsection of the lake.

The best places were pockets that had small flats in the backs of them with a little shoreline grass,” he described. “Also, the shallow

points between pockets were good. I was mostly targeting cruising and roaming fish, so the best plan for me was to cover water and make a lot of casts.”

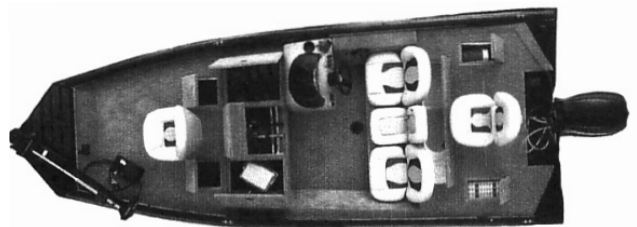
Vida fifth

Berkley Gulp pro Kevin Vida of Clare, Mich., rounded out the top five pros with a two-day total of 15 pounds, 11 ounces worth \$50,000.

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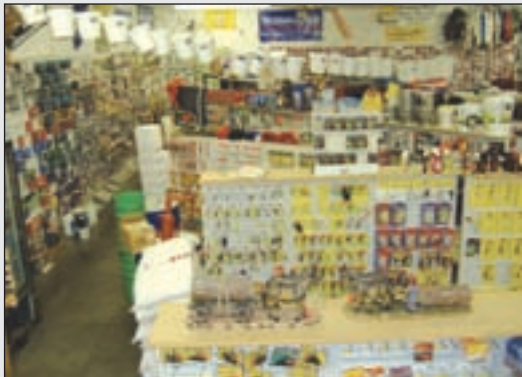


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Roger Hill reeled in a 32 pound catfish. Photo courtesy of Catfish Cove in Hurricane.



Jim Wade caught a huge 63 pound flathead on 30 pound test line. Photo courtesy of Johnny's Ooutdoors in Boaz.

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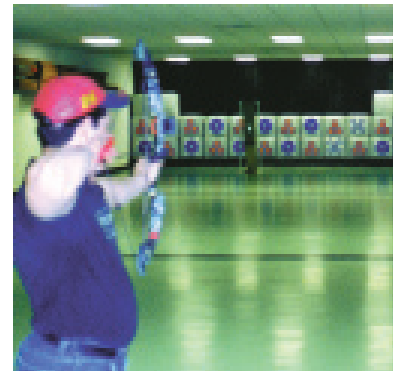
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Harry Pawelczyk, from Elkin, caught a 30" Canadian walleye.



Carl Wigal landed a 25" Ohio River walleye. *Photo courtesy Backwater Bait in Newport, Ohio.*

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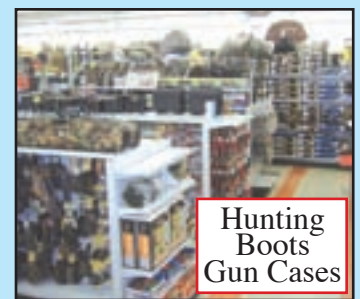
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Invasive Algae Confirmed In WV

The invasive algae known as Didymo has been found in lower Glady Fork north of Alpena, and in Gandy Creek near Whitmer, according to Mike Shingleton, Assistant Chief, West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Section. After a news release in early July announced the presence of Didymo in the Elk River near Webster Springs, DNR received angler reports of other possible occurrences of the invasive algae. DNR

staff collected samples from Glady Fork in the lower stocked section, and also from Gandy Creek in the stocked section of that stream. The samples were sent to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for confirmation. All samples contained Didymo.

Didymo is a common name for *Didymosphenia geminata*, a freshwater diatom species that can form extensive mats on stream beds. The thick mats can cover native algae and aquatic insects, making fishing very difficult. These thick mats appear slimy, but feel more like cotton or wool fabric. The algal mats are also called "rock snot" and can be white, yellow or brown in color. The algae form stalks that attach to rocks. While the algae eventually die and break off, the stalks persist and may impact stream habitats and aquatic organisms for weeks or months.

Didymo can be attached to waders, paddles and boats. Felt-soled boots and waders are likely the worst culprit in the spread of these algae. The porous material stays damp and the algae cells can remain alive in the damp felt bot-

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- Freeze overnight.

Anglers are encouraged to report unusual algal mats that may be Didymo to DNR district offices and the Elkins and Charleston offices. Information is also available on the DNR Web site at <http://www.wvdnr.gov/Fishing/didymo.shtm>.



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Annie Hollen caught an 18" trout in the Buckhannon River.

Canada Goose Season Opens

West Virginia's 2008-09 waterfowl seasons will begin statewide on September 1, 2008, with the opening of the early Canada goose season, according to Curtis I. Taylor, Chief of the Division of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Section. The early season will end on September 20. Shooting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise until sunset. All other general waterfowl hunting regulations apply to the September season. Hunters must possess a federal waterfowl stamp and a free Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) registration card in addition to their regular hunting license. HIP registration is free and available from DNR offices and all hunting license outlets.

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Waterfowl hunters are reminded of two important toll free numbers. Federal waterfowl stamps may be purchased with a credit card by calling 1-800-782-6724. Also, hunters who harvest a banded bird may call 1-800-327-2263 to report the bird and find out when and where it was banded. Banded birds may also be reported online at www.reportband.gov and select bird banding lab.



Joey Godwin landed a couple of nice catfish. *Photo courtesy of Burnsville Docks on the Lake.*

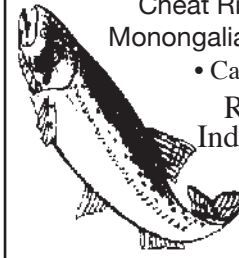
Antlerless Deer Applications

Applications for the 2008 Antlerless Deer Season are now available at all West Virginia hunting and fishing license agents, Division of Natural Resources (DNR) District Offices, Elkins Operations Center and Charleston Headquarters, according to Curtis I. Taylor, Chief of the DNR's Wildlife Resources Section. These applications may also be downloaded from the DNR's Web page at www.wvdnr.gov. These limited permit areas provide antlerless deer hunting opportunities in areas of the state where wildlife biologists have determined that limited numbers of antlerless deer permits are necessary to meet management objectives.

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Hunting is by permit only on a portion of McClintic WMA during the October split of waterfowl season. Hunters are assigned a blind, free of charge, and allowed to bring one guest. An accessible blind is available to the physically challenged waterfowl hunter. Applicants are selected randomly by drawing and will be notified if selected. Hunters may apply by visiting the DNR Web site www.wvdnr.gov under "Hunting" or by printing the following information on a postcard: name; address; telephone number; and the day(s) they desire to hunt. Cards should be addressed to: DUCK BLINDS, Route 1 Box 484, Point Pleasant, WV 25550-9734.

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A big drum was caught at the locks. *Photo courtesy of Amish Country Store in Marmet.*



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George Lambert hooked a 42" musky. Photo courtesy of Three Rivers Edge in Hinton.



Wesley Whitt caught a 5 pound, 2 oz. smallmouth bass. Photo courtesy of Waerfront Sporting Goods in Alderson.

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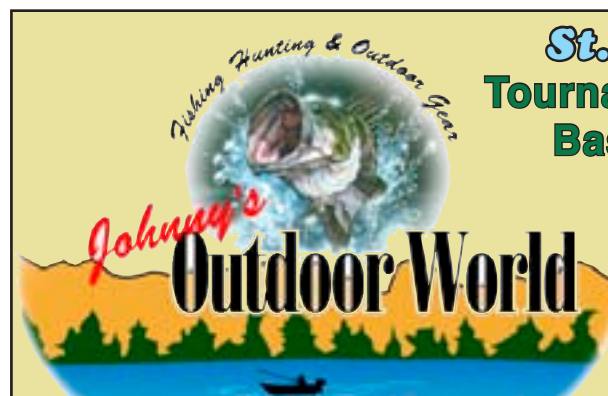


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Clifford Beasley, from Elizabeth, hooked a Hughes River musky.

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Randy Echard hooked an 8 pound bass. *Photo courtesy of Johnny's Outdoors in Boaz.*



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Jack Thomas used his Matthews bow to take this gobbler. *Photo courtesy of Cardinal Pawnbrokers in Beckley.*



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Cathy Doss hooked a 32 pound flathead. *Photo courtesy of Catfish Cove in Hurricane.*

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Catchin' Carp and Catfish?: When your fishing for carp or catfish you should take a pretty heavy sinker and put it 12 inches up the string from your hook. When you go to



This big catfish was hooked at the Martmet Locks. *Photo courtesy of the Amish Country Store in Marmet.*

tie a knot tie a Texas knot so the hook will not break off when it gets hit by a fish. The bait I recommend is night crawlers now what you do is pour some vanilla extract on your worms let it soak in for a minute or two then you take a worm and put it on a hook but when you put a worm on leave some of it off the hook so when you throw it in the water it will wiggle under water then after your all ready cast your pole out as far as you can then reel some line in until it is tight then about every 5-10 minutes reel some line in and I guarantee you will catch some fish! One more thing this is the best fishing website I have ever been to! Ryan Connolly, Ohio

Beer Balls: Me and a buddy were out fishing one day and we were drinking a little beer. We saw a couple carp surfacing the water and we decided to try to catch some carp. So I ran in to get some bread to make dough balls. The thing was we didn't have any bread. So as I was looking around in the cupboards for some bread and I found a box of Frosted Flakes. I thought to myself that will work. So I grabbed a big bowl and ran outside. I dumped the box of Frosted Flaked in the bowl and poured some beer in the bowl. I then started to make them in to little dough balls. I threw them on the hook and casted out, and then all the sudden, I started to get a bite. Then I caught a 22 lb carp! Followed by a 17 lber, then a 10!! So ever since,

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I have been using what I call, "Beer Balls". Cole Risner, Ohio

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Anthony Walton reeled in a catfish on a guided trip. *Photo courtesy of Burnsville Docks on the lake.*

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waste the juice from a can of corn. Pour in zer bag and add pipe cleaners. Then when you want to use them wrap around hook. Good luck. R. Wick ham, Ohio

Sticky Chum!: Fill a 5 gallon bucket 3/4 way up with soy beans and half water, add chicken blood\ shad blood. Cover and let set in sun for a month or two, then drill 1/8 inch holes in the lid. Tie a rope to the handle and put it in the water where you are going to fish and let sit for an hour or two. Then go



Josh Thomas used a bow on this 22 1/2" carp. Photo courtesy of Backwater Bait in Newport, Ohio.

fishing. Warning: extremely stinky chum!!! Randy - Topeka, KS

WD-40 Tails: We've been fishing for about 4 years and we have found a great kind of catfish bait. It is WD-40, crawfish tails, and BJ's dough bait. We've used this at many different paylakes and a few of them are Bob's in River, KY, Dads in Red Bush, KY, McCoys in Martin County, KY and Sky Lake in Ironton, OH. We have caught many fish on this bait it works best in the heat of the sun. Brandon and Matt - Paintsville, KY

Carp Tips: When fishing for either carp or catfish try using a hair rig on your hook ,and make sure your bait is tight up to the hook i try to only use boilies as baits they come in different sizes and smells. I use pva bags fill them up with trout pellet or attractor and put my hook length and weight into the bag tie with pva string. So when you cast and the bag hits the bottom tighten up your line what will happen is that the bag will take about 3 minutes to break up leaving a lovely pile of bait with your hook and hair rig in the middle. This is a killer method of fishing.

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Sarah Beasley, from Elizabeth, caught a Hughes River musky.

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Second Tip: Take 2 kg of powder (only from the husk, you can find this in any rice mill), add little flour (Wheat) so that it can get hold good on the hook. There are two way of catching with this. 1st take a triple hook, add lead just above the hook and add one good and long indicator. Put the ball on the lead...the moment the indicator moves you can give a hit. Second is to take a small hook make a ball and throw it to the ground--wait till it pulls, normally you get the big ones with this method.

I am sure this will work for you... Because I caught many carps with this. Happy fishing.. Salim - Andhra Pradesh, India

Tips for Farms or Pay Lakes: Here's a good tip for fishin' farm pounds or pay lakes. Go to the store and get some Lit'l Smokies. They are loaded with scents and oils that will flow through the water and have the old wiskery guy hunting for your bait. It works great and make sure to keep them in a cooler so they stay fresh. I use a number 2 cicle hook. I recently caught a 18

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pound channel on this lit'l secret. Best of luck to you and get after old wiskers! Justin - Hillsboro, MO

Cat Bait Without the Stink: First fill a five gallon bucket half way full of wheat and add water. Then add flour until it can form a nice ball. You can add anise oil or any other attractants you want. It will catch catfish and carp. I have caught millions with this bait. Good luck fishin' !!!!! (E-mail me to tell me your results at jayherbertmueller@yahoo.com) Jay Herbert - Hugoton, KS

Sweet Tasty Dog Food: O.K., first take some dry dog food and add some milk, garlic, honey, ranch dressing and hot water. Mix it all together and let it soak over night. Use 1-4 pieces of the dog food on a treble hook and fish--a little goes a long way. Robert - Moore, OK

Clean Up the Cats with Soap: I tried this yesterday and I got plenty of 5-6 lbers and 1 1/2 lber. It's very simple. Take a bar of DOVE soap and cut it into pieces about the size of ping pong ball. Then stick a toothpick and dip them in a little

bit of blood and rotten milk. Stick it in the zer one night and when you wake up in the morning put them in the fridge until you go fish-in. GOOD LUCK WITH THEM WHISKERS! Jarrett Jones - Chester, VA

Easy! : I live on a 65 acre lake and usually fish from shore. All ya need to do is take dog food (only round dog food not any other) take as many handfuls as ya like and heave em' out to the area you
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Chris Warren landed a big bass at Marlow's Pay Lakes. Photo courtesy of River-Side Bait in Hockingport, Ohio.

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ishing. Following that, take a 5 gallon bucket filled with blood and rotten wheat. After you have chummed, throw your bait out and let it sink to the bottom, super slowy reel in every 3 seconds, do this until ya start seein' them whis-kers on the top eating the chum. After that just put a fairly large bobber on and set it about 1-2 feet down. Tell me what happened when ya try it out by e-mailing me at: Joy112@comcast.net Jarrett Jones - Chester, VA

Catfish Bait Gone to the Dogs: I have tried just about everything. When one day I decided to use regular dry dogfood, but all I could catch was 5-6 carp. I left my dog-food in my tacklebox, and when I came back two weeks later all I could catch was catfish. So my suggestion is leave dry dogfood in your tacklebox a week or two before you go fishing for catfish. Jim - Granbury, TX

Combo Works in Pay Lakes: Take shrpm oil and mix it with flour until thick. Add a teaspoon of garlic, liver blood and tuna. Mix again and put in the refridgerator. I'm serious



Cody Bailey, from Red House, hooked a big Ohio River catfish.

- it works even in pay lakes! Jason - Henryville, IN

Chocolate Covered Cat Bait: Chocolate covered chicken liver springkled with cinnimon caught a 28 pound catfish in the Rock River. Harlod - Byron, IL

Dipping Hook and Bait: You'll need one jar of chcken base with water and flour. Take the chicken base (as much as you want) and water it down a bit. Then take the flour and pour the flour into the water/chicken mix and knead it into a dough like texture. Use your hands to roll it into balls and put on a hook. You could leave it as a dough or add more water (very little to give it the consistency of peanut butter) put the watered down version into a jar and use hook to dip into mixture.

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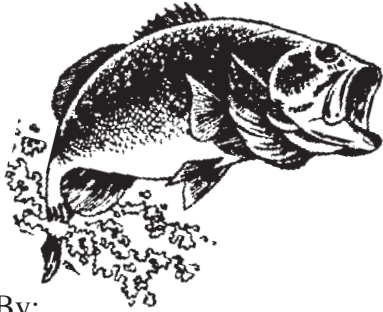
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