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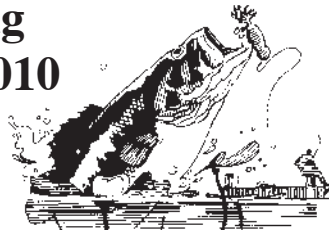
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Johnny Morris (left) CEO of Bass Pro Shops invited his top 10 dealers to a fishing trip in British Columbia. Phil Daniel, owner of Great Outdoors Marine in Huntington, (right) landed the big fish of the trip - a 70 pound king salmon.

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SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. – “Special antlerless deer seasons for archery and muzzleloader hunters will open on private land in select counties in September,” according to West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Director Frank Jezioro. “These seasons provide an excellent opportunity to hunt deer earlier in the year when weather conditions are generally milder.”

The early archery season opens Sept. 13 and closes Sept. 18 in select counties. Hunters wishing to participate in this season must purchase a Class RB or Class RRB stamp before going afield. The stamp allows a hunter to take one antlerless deer during this early special archery season.

The early muzzleloader season opens Sept. 20 and closes Sept. 25 in select counties. Hunters must

purchase a Class RM or RRM stamp before hunting. This stamp allows a hunter to take one antlerless deer during this early special muzzleloader season.

If a hunter does not fill a tag during either season, the appropriate stamp can be used during the regular archery or muzzleloader season. Landowners hunting on their own land or holders of the DT license are not required to purchase a stamp.

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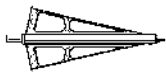
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peratures commonly experienced during September,” said Jezioro. “Be sure that, prior to going afield, you are prepared to get your deer cooled down and processed in a timely manner,” said Jezioro.

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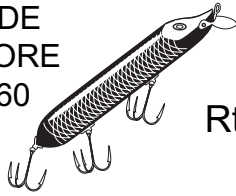
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"The event's planning committee has made several innovative changes over the past few years to create more hands-on opportunities for youngsters and their families to participate in hunting, fishing and other outdoor-related recreational activities," according to Frank Jezioro, Director of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources. For many, this opportunity represents the first time they have participated in such activities."

"I want to commend officials at

CONSOL Energy Inc. who generously donated \$10,000 to promote and enhance the Outdoor Youth Challenge as part of the National Hunting and Fishing Day Celebration," Jezioro said. CONSOL is also donating a gun signed by Gen. Chuck Yeager and Gov. Joe Manchin. The gun will be auctioned off at the Governor's One Shot White-tail Hunt in December with the proceeds going to the Outdoor Youth Challenge.

For more information concerning the Outdoor Youth Challenge or the National Hunting and Fishing Day Celebration, contact your nearest DNR District Office or visit the West Virginia Division of Natu-

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This year, the grand prizes will include four lifetime hunting and fishing licenses, two to be given away each day. For those youths who compete in the five scored competitive events, a Junior Con-

servation Camp Scholarship (junior group ages 11-14) and a state Conservation Camp Scholarship (senior group ages 15-18) will be awarded each day. Many other quality prizes dealing with hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities also will be given away each day.



Bubby Masters landed a catfish. Photo courtesy of Backwater Bait in Newport, Ohio.

Canada Goose Season Open

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. – West Virginia's 2010 - 2011 waterfowl seasons will begin statewide on Sept. 1, 2010, with the opening of the early Canada goose season according to Curtis I. Taylor, Chief of the Wildlife Resources Section of the Division of Natural Resources. The early season will end on Sept.18. Shooting hours are one-half 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

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“Canada geese are found throughout West Virginia, but the largest concentrations are in the major river valleys where agriculture and suburban landscapes provide an abundance of open land,” Taylor said. “A recently harvested crop field near water would be an ideal and obvious place to hunt. However, hunters should not overlook those out-of-the-way spots such as an isolated pasture or strip bench with a small pond.”

Hunters also should seek out opportunities near towns, golf courses and similar areas that may like to see local goose populations re-

duced. Regular scouting, not only before the season but also during the season, is important because geese are very mobile and will move to isolated areas to avoid hunting pressure.

Because most goose hunting opportunities are found on private lands, it is important for hunters to maintain a good relationship with landowners. Some wildlife management areas also offer goose hunting and hunters should contact the appropriate DNR district office with questions about specific areas.

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.report-band.gov.



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Mike McCarty hooked a long musky on the New River. Photo courtesy of PC Bait & Tackle in Hinton.

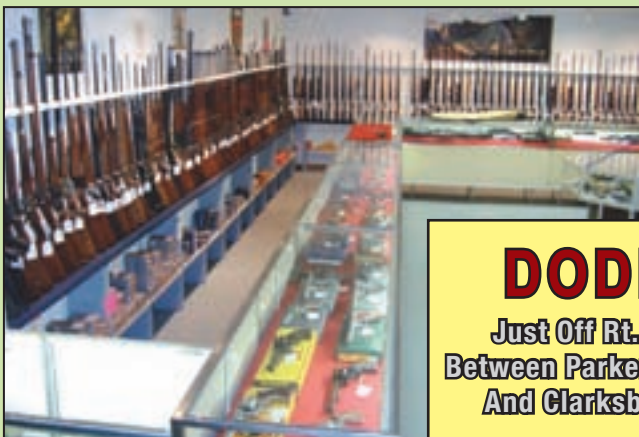
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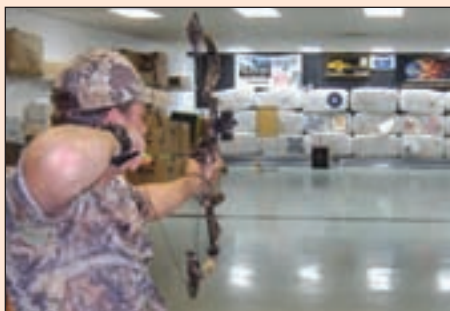
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By Mark A. Garner

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This scenario played out six other times during the early morning hours while the bass were still cruising the shallows looking for a morning snack. Latter on in the day, I resorted to a Carolina rig, and Norman deep crankbait to find my fish, but , given my rather, I'd as soon have a jig pole in my hand while I'm trying to put a limit in the boat.

Over the last several years, I have found that jig fishing is my bread and butter technique when it comes to both recreational fishing, and tournament fishing for bass. The jig is an extremely versatile lure that can be flipped into heavy cover, or swam down a log. It can be hopped across the bottom emulating a fleeing crawfish, or retrieved in short hops to resemble a bluegill.

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urday morning TV fishing shows. Latter on, while I did a stint on the New River, occasionally during the spring I would throw a jig for the huge smallmouth that haunt the rocky banks that line this fantastic river. However, truth be known, it really was not until I spent some time fishing with Steve Harrison back in 2004 that I realized how

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Had it not been for the jig, our days weight would have placed us low on the leader board, however, due to the jig, we finished 4th! From that point on, I decided to learn the subtle techniques associated with jig fishing, and have been doing it since!

In order to become a good jig fisherman, firstly, you have to develop a mindset that matches your fishing. What I mean by mindset is that you have to be able to stay with the jig even when your not getting bit because now you're not fishing for numbers of bites, but rather quality bites.

The learning curve that one needs to develop in becoming a good jig fisherman is not as hard as you may think, or be lead to believe. The essential equipment to become comfortable to fish a jig is a good quality pole, and a reel that you can adjust to allow you to flip a 5/16 ounce jig without the reel free
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spooling. I personally utilize the All Pro APX 76FSHC rod which has an extremely fast tip which allows you to flip a Eakins jig into a pocket with a high degree of accuracy, and a strong blank to enable you to have a solid hook set. As for my reel, I really like the Ardent flipping reel for all type of pitching and flipping. The reel fits my hand perfectly, and with the spool adjustment, I can feather a jig into

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weight. As the fish begin to transition into late spring, and early summer, I will downsize the line to a 14 pound test fluorocarbon line. The 14 pound line is still stout enough to handle the heavy cover, and the fluorocarbon helps with the visibility factors associated with clearer water conditions.

After you have a good setup, now is the time to start fishing a jig! In truth, there is not wrong way to fish a jig! You can pitch it into heavy cover and pop it a few times, or drag it across a rocky bottom emulating a crawfish. At times, when a spinner bait bite is strong, you can swim a jig through cover much
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Brian Galloway, from Mt. Clare, went to Stone Coal Lake for this nice 44" musky. He released the fish after measuring it.

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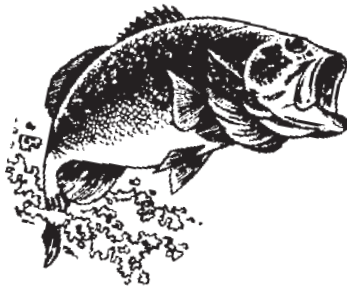
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the same way you would work a blade bait, only your offering the fish something different!, which in pressured waters, will make the difference between getting bit, or hauling water!

In grass, you would want to chose a jig that has a bullet style head so that the jig will not be prone to get tangled as much as an arky style, or round head design, but in a pinch, any style of jig can be effective if

you present it correctly! The best advice I can offer to anyone who wants to upgrade their catch is to start fishing jigs more often! I can speak from experience, the jig will produce the results that you are looking for if you keep it wet... believe me, the bass will find it! Good fishing-MAG

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Ethan Hornbeck brought in a large snapper. Photo courtesy of Crossroads General Store near Newark.

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McClintic Area Closed By Marshal

POINT PLEASANT, W.Va. – Acting upon an ORDER OF CLOSURE issued by the West Virginia State Fire Marshal, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (DNR) has increased the portion of the McClintic WMA currently closed to public access. In addition to the portion of the property known as the “McClintic Wildlife Management Area – Active Storage Area South of Potter Creek Road” in Mason County, an additional portion of the WMA that lies north of the access road to the campgrounds and DNR District Wildlife Office, including Pond #3, has been included in the closure order. The West Virginia State Fire Marshal has ordered this expanded area closed to public access because it constitutes a danger to life or property from the hazards of fire or explosion. This Order shall remain in effect until further notice.

“This brings the total area affected by the closure to 305 acres, including the campgrounds on the WMA,” noted Curtis Taylor, Chief of the DNR’s Wildlife Resources Section. “The remainder of the 3,655-acre wildlife manage-

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ment area will continue to be open for public use; however, a portion of the Potter Creek Road will be closed to the public.”

The closed area includes that portion of McClintic WMA South of Potter Creek Road where the active storage bunkers are located. These bunkers were originally built by the U.S. Army to store munitions during World War II. In 1949, these

lands were decided to the State of West Virginia by the U.S. Army for the purpose of fish and wildlife conservation. The DNR now leases several of these bunkers for storage purposes to private individuals and companies.

One of these leased bunkers on McClintic WMA exploded early in

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Carolyn Foggin hooked a 4 pound, 10 oz. bass. *Photo courtesy of Reese's Store in Deerwalk.*

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the morning on May 17, 2010. Fortunately, no injuries were reported as a result of this explosion. The incident is currently under investigation by the West Virginia State Fire Marshal and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

According to the West Virginia State Fire Marshal, the ORDER OF CLOSURE will remain in effect until the Fire Marshal or other court or ruling body enters a future Order on this matter. For additional information, please contact the DNR's McClintic District Office (304-675-0871) or the West Virginia State Fire Marshal's office (304-558-2191).



Laura Wagner, from Mt. Clair, hooked a 5 pound smallmouth.

Mourning Dove

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Mourning dove season opens Sept. 1, 2010, and for many hunters it marks the beginning of the fall hunting seasons, according to Curtis I. Taylor, chief of the Wildlife Resources Section of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources. The 2010 season will again be split into three segments: Sept. 1 through Oct. 9; Oct. 25 through Nov. 13; and Dec. 22 through Jan. 1, 2011. Shooting hours are from noon to sunset on Sept. 1 and one-half hour before sunrise until sunset for all other days. The daily bag limit is 15 with a possession limit of 30.

Federal regulations require all licensed dove hunters (including lifetime and senior citizens) to register with the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) and carry proof of registration while hunting. HIP registration is free and available from DNR offices and all hunting license outlets. Hunters may not hunt migratory birds with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells unless the shotgun

is "plugged" with a one-piece filler that cannot be removed without disassembling the gun.

Several hundred doves are banded with leg bands each year in West Virginia for monitoring and research purposes. If you harvest a banded bird, you can report it by calling 1-800-327-2263 or online at www.reportband.gov. Hunters may keep the band and will receive a certificate of appreciation that includes the banding information for the bird.

More information on mourning dove season can be found in the 2010-2011 West Virginia Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations which should be available from DNR offices, license agents and the DNR website www.wvdnr.gov in late August.

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Danny Edwards landed a big large-mouth. Photo courtesy of MAD Sporting Goods in Boaz.



Gary Luff hooked a 3 pound, 10 oz. smallmouth at the Ohio River Team Tournament.



An angler brought in a nice smallmouth bass. Photo courtesy of PC Bait & Tacke in Hinton.

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Darrell Brown landed this 62 pound flathead at Burnsville Lake several years ago. Look for his videos at www.outpostproductionsww.com.



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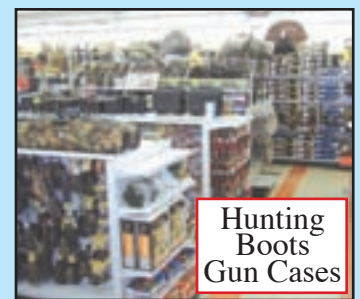
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Bill Robinson was reeling in a crappie and this 8 1/2 pound bass gobbled it up - hooking it. Photo courtesy of Burnsville Docks on the lake.

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Forrest Wood Cup Winner

GAINESVILLE, Ga. – When Kevin Hawk qualified for the Cup back in October 2009, he knew at that moment he wanted to become a full-time professional bass fisherman. With the economy lagging and sponsorships scarce, he picked up his bags and moved from Ramona, Calif., to Buford, Ga. His goal was to win the 2010 Forrest Wood Cup on Lake Lanier and use the money to launch his career. Nine months later he accomplished that mission in front of a capacity Gwinnett Arena crowd.

On a day where none of the other five finalists reached double digits, Hawk turned in an impressive 14-pound, 13-ounce limit. That stringer, the second-heaviest of the event, sprang him from fourth to first. He finished the tournament with a four-day total weight of 50 pounds, 14 ounces. Hawk's comeback victory was impressive, but the back story is even more compelling.

Last fall Hawk thought he blew his chance after finishing 30th on Clear Lake, the last stop in the FLW Series National Guard Western Division. Having done the math in his head, Hawk was convinced he fell just outside of the top 20 and

missed the Cup. On his drive home, pro Justin Lucas called to tell him that he made it by the slimmest of margins – finishing exactly 20th in the year-end standings.

One day later, Hawk had already found a small pool house to rent and his bags were packed. For the next nine months, he practiced diligently from sunup to sundown – becoming a spotted bass disciple. Although Hawk qualified for the Cup as a professional, he fished the 2010 FLW Tour season as a co-angler. And when he wasn't away on Tour, he was probing Lanier's brush – spending approximately four days per week on the water.

All this extra preparation gave Hawk a sizable head start. Coming in, he knew his plan was to fish as many brush piles as humanly feasible in a given day. That number turned out to be approximately 45 to 50.

"My goal was to hit as many spots as possible," he said. "It was a run-and-gun tournament because you usually only get one fish, if that, off each spot."

When Hawk reached one of his many GPS points, he'd line himself up and then intently stare at his

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"If I didn't see any fish, I'd make one drop right in the middle of the brush and then leave. If I saw fish, then I'd make four or five drops and work around the brush. I'd spend no more than five to seven minutes

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Kevin Hawk records FLW win.

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on each spot.”

Nearly all of these spots were located on the south end of the lake in between Browns Bridge and the dam. The piles he fished, which he did not plant, were located on drop-offs in approximately 25 to 30 feet of water.

The 2010 Cup was not a diverse tournament in terms of tackle. Nearly everyone in the field threw some form of a drop-shot and finesse worm. But the key difference for the top finishers was the 6-inch Roboworm. And one color in particular stood out – “morning dawn.” That’s the only color Hawk threw when he was drop-shotting. When he saw suspended fish on his graph, he would use a 1/2-ounce Fish Head Spin with a white Super Fluke Jr. as a body. Today the Fish Head Spin accounted for three of his five keepers. Incidentally, they were his three biggest fish.

“Today they bit the Fish Head Spin really well. And that’s always a great sign because the Fish Head Spin is going to catch you better

quality fish on average than a drop-shot by far.”

For the record, the Fish Head Spin was tied to 10-pound Trilene 100% fluorocarbon line. The drop-shot setup included a 3/8-ounce weight and a 12-inch leader on 7-pound Sunline Sniper.

“Using a heavy weight was key. You’d see the fish on your graph and you’d want to drop it down immediately and that would almost cause a reaction strike. Those fish would nose down on the bait as soon as it went by their face.”

Those that watched Hawk fish this week described him as focused and meticulous to the point where he resembled a robot on the water. Even when he was handed the Cup he remained calm and collected. But inside this stoic individual was a man who had just realized his dream.

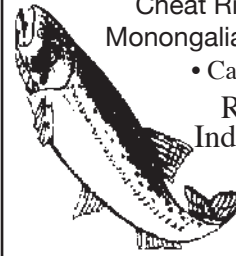
“I’m super-happy. I might not be showing it, but I’m blowing up inside right now. I’m going to take awhile to think about this, reflect and enjoy it. Right now I’m kind of in awe still.”

Hawk, who would have earned \$500,000 for his Forrest Wood Cup victory, was pleasantly surprised when T. Boone Pickens, a new equity partner in FLW Outdoors, personally contributed an additional \$100,000 to the first-place purse. With that, the 31-year-old took home \$600,000 for his victory.

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Kevin Hawk’s winning bait at the FLW tournament.

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broke his line today, Grass Valley, Calif., pro Cody Meyer had his chances. Ultimately he finished the Cup in second place – one spot higher than he did last year on the Three Rivers.

“If everything would have gone right, it could have happened,” Meyer said. “That fish was 5 feet from the net. I got it on the surface, and it broke the line as I reached for the net.”

Using 6-pound Trilene 100% fluorocarbon, a 3/16-ounce weight and a No. 1 ReBarb hook, Meyer fished his drop-shots vertically with either a Jackall Cross Tail Shad or a Roboworm (again in morning-dawn color). Earlier in the week, the Cross Tail Shad was the better bait. But by the weekend, that trend reversed.

“The last two days, they all came on the Roboworm.”

Meyer had a few productive brush piles outside of Six Mile Creek, but most of his water was on the dam side of Lake Lanier Islands and out front of the Three Sister Islands. While Hawk mixed in new water every day, Meyer never had that luxury.

In addition, he had early-morning problems with his electronics Sunday. His transducer failed on the bow, and he had to fish blind until Lowrance responded and quickly resolved the situation.

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but you’re so close. I’m definitely disappointed.”

His consolation prize was a \$100,000 check. He’s also currently second in the FLW Series Western Division standings, meaning his spot in the 2011 Cup is likely a formality.

Nixon third

Chevy pro Larry Nixon has won just about everything professional bass fishing offers – except the Forrest Wood Cup. And for another year, that lone blemish will remain on his impressive angling résumé. This morning Nixon went to his best spot, saw a graph that was full of both baitfish and bass, and promptly caught a 4-pounder on his first cast. But after he caught that chunky spot, he noticed the school had scattered.

“After that, I never caught another fish from that area,” said Nixon. “It is never a good sign to catch a fish on your first cast.”

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While most of the other finalists fished the main lake, Nixon worked creek arms – in particular Six Mile Creek and Young Deer Creek. But he still probed the deep brush on vertical breaks (27 to 30 feet) with a drop-shot. Nixon went

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Mark Jackson hooked several fish. Photo courtesy of Jarrett's Bait in Elizabeth.

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as far back in the creek as he could until it shallowed up. This allowed him to have water to himself, a rarity in a tournament dominated by hopping and rotating.

"I knew I couldn't run to a hundred holes a day like some of them younger guys. But the quality was there in my areas."

His four fish on day four weighed 9 pounds, 12 ounces, giving him a total weight of 47 pounds, 3 ounces. For third place, the Bee Branch, Ark., resident earned \$85,000.

"I'm just disappointed that I had another chance and missed it. Two more of those good ones like today and I'd probably have owned the thing."

The General said he used several worms (including morning dawn) this week, but his biggest fish came on a Berkley Shaky Worm.

2006 Forrest Wood Cup champion fourth

National Guard pro Brent Ehrler finished fourth with a four-day total of 46 pounds, 8 ounces worth \$60,000. Ehrler started the day leading and was seeking to become the first pro to win two Forrest Wood Cups.

But the Redlands, Calif., native knew he was playing with fire. He was only receiving a handful of

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bites each day, but they were usually good ones. For whatever reason, those fish didn't bite Sunday. And the ones that did were considerably smaller. After catching a 14-14 stringer yesterday, he weighed only four today that went 7-5.

"I was really worried around midmorning. I'd been catching a couple key fish by about 9:30 each day, and when I didn't have one at 10 [a.m.], I knew I was in trouble. When I got off the water this afternoon, I was just sick."

Ehrler targeted main-lake brush, but he fished shallower than most. His drop-shots were hitting approximately 15 to 25 feet of water. He concentrated in the Aqualand Marina area and the stretch of water from Browns Bridge to the Lake Lanier Islands. Early in the tournament, he covered a lot of water. But the last two days he fished eight to 10 places, three of which he con-

sidered big-fish spots.

"It was weird, my fish were relating to the brush, but not on it. Everyone one of them would be about 15 or 20 feet off the brush."

Ehrler used a Thin Senko (green-pumpkin) and a Roboworm (morning-dawn and plum berry) on his drop-shots. He said that although he wanted to win, he was happy for Hawk, a good friend and travel partner.

"I was bummed with my performance, but I was thrilled to see Kevin do well."

Morrow fifth

Rising from sixth to fifth was Toccoa, Ga., native Troy Morrow, who earned \$50,000 with a cumulative weight of 41 pounds, 13 ounces. Morrow, who qualified for the Cup as the BFL All-American champion, weighed in three bass Sunday that weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

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For most of the tournament, Morrow fished deep with a drop-shot. But each day he'd dedicate approximately a half-hour to throwing a Brian's Bees Prop Bee (No. 2) in the backs of creeks. Earlier in the week, it accounted for a few key largemouths, but it didn't produce each of the last two days.

"I had four blow-ups today, but they never ate it," he said. "They'd just come up and slap it or jump over it."

In addition to the drop-shot, Morrow also did some deep cranking with a Spro Little John DD.

"The drop-shot let me down today. I should have bailed on it earlier. All three of my keepers came on the crankbait. If I would have thrown it all day, I don't know if I could have caught Hawk, but I would have at least scared him."

Morrow's four-month journey, which started the day he won the All-American, ended on a high note.

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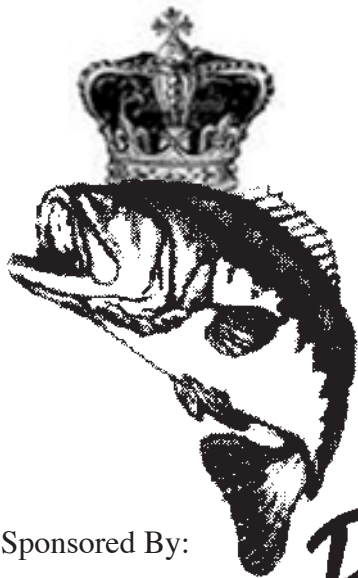
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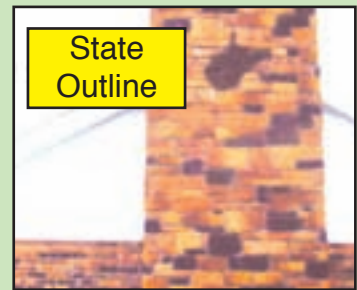
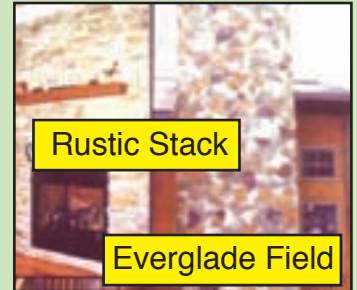
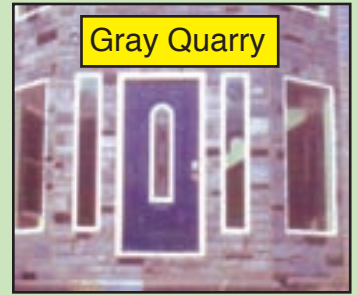
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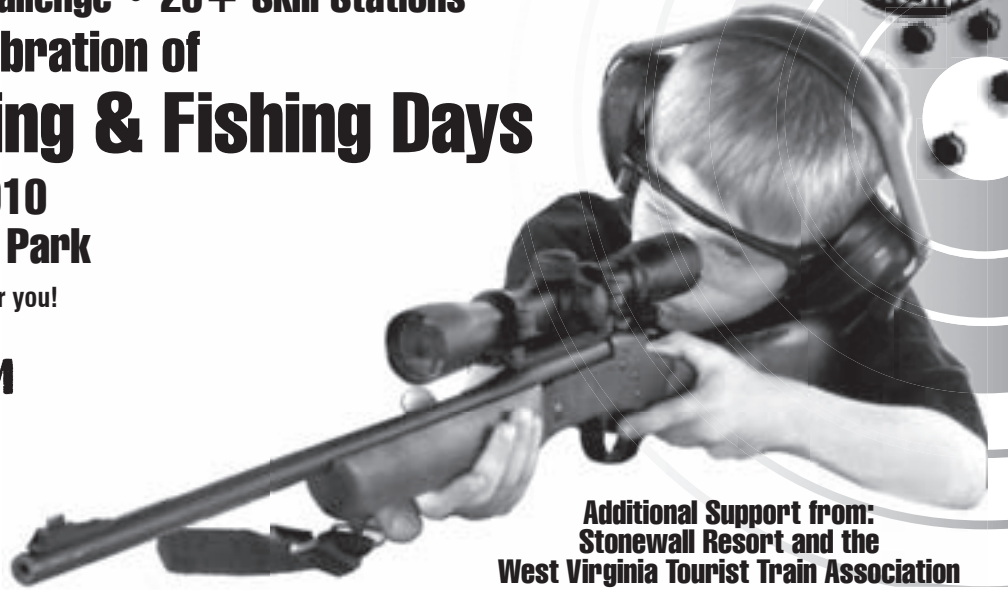
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Jim Posewitz, in his 1994 book “Beyond Fair Chase,” defines an ethical hunter as “A person who knows and respects the animals

hunted, follows the law, and behaves in a way that will satisfy what society expects of him or her as a hunter.”

“As modern sportsmen and women, we are descendants of people, who less than 100 years ago, witnessed dwindling wildlife populations due to unregulated hunting and widespread habitat destruction” Posewitz wrote. “They believed the only thing that could continue to the next page



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To this day, many of the state fish and wildlife agencies throughout the country, including West Virginia, rely almost solely on money generated from hunting and fishing license sales and from a federal excise tax placed on hunting and shooting sports equipment, ammunition and fishing equipment (Pittman-Robertson Act and Dingle-Johnson Act) to support their wildlife programs and operations. “Sportsmen and women share a

rich heritage and one that we can all be very proud of, as we have footed the bill for most of the fish and wildlife programs in West Virginia and throughout the nation,” Taylor said.

“As we begin another fall hunting season, let’s make every effort to uphold the proud hunting tradition we have inherited. Conduct yourselves as responsible and ethical hunters, being sound stewards of the land and our wildlife resources. This can be accomplished by obtaining written permission from the landowner, offering the landowner some of your harvested game, lending a helping hand on the farm in which you have permission to hunt, letting them know you appreciate the opportunity to hunt on their land, and by adhering to the hunting regulations. Let’s always remember that how you conduct yourself while afield reflects on us all, so let’s not do anything to jeopardize the hunting tradition.”

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“These special youth hunts provide an excellent opportunity to introduce youngsters to our state’s strong hunting heritage,” said Taylor. “The mild days of early fall are

a great time to be afield with our youth, and provide an excellent opportunity for experienced hunters to mentor our youngsters on the various aspects of hunting such as the safe handling of firearms, hunter ethics and wildlife conservation.”

Youth waterfowl hunters must be 15 years of age or younger on the day of the hunt to participate in the youth waterfowl season (Sept. 25, 2010). Resident youth hunters age 14 and younger are not required to

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species restrictions.

New for 2010, the youth small game season to be held on Oct. 2, 2010 enables youth hunters to take any small game species which have a legal hunting season, excluding migratory game birds. Youth small game hunters must be 17 years of age or younger on the day of the hunt to participate in the youth small game season. All licensing requirements remain in effect for ages 15-17. Resident youth hunters age 14 and younger are not required to have a hunting license. Nonresident youth need to have an XXJ license. All youth must be accompanied by a licensed adult 21 years of age or older. The supervising adult may not hunt or carry a firearm or bow and must remain near enough to the youth to render advice and assistance. The daily bag limits for the youth small game season are the same as the bag limits for the statewide small game seasons.

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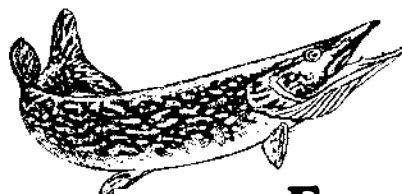
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