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Allen Burkett, from Moorefield, broke the channel catfish record last year and has the new weight record with this fish. Allen was fishing on the shore with bluegill cut bait. He landed this 37 1/2 pound channel catfish at South Mill Creek Lake in Grant County. He caught last years record in the same lake.

Have a great fish pic from this year? Look on page 38.

State Record Channel Catfish

Gov. Jim Justice and the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources today announced the record-breaking catch, which weighed in at a massive 37.5 pounds and measured 40.43 inches. Burkett, who caught the fish on July 20 at South Mill Creek Lake in Grant County, set the previous record in June 2022. Burkett was fishing from the shore with bluegill cut-bait.

The previous record channel catfish, also caught by Burkett at South Mill Creek, weighed 36.96 pounds and was 40.59 inches long. Before then, West Virginia's largest channel catfish record

stood for 17 years.

Both of Burkett's record breaking catches were measured by WVDNR District Fishery Biologist Brandon Keplinger.

Editors Note: It's quite possible that this lake was stocked with channel catfish from the DNR many years ago and this second record fish probably grew at the same rate from that stocking.

It seemed to have happened at Mountwood Lake on tiger muskies. Two state records were landed within two weeks in 1994. Both fish were probably stocked at the same time.

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Cindy Sartin landed a 15 lb., 12 oz. walleye at Sutton Lake.



Allen Burkett, from Moorefield, is shown with the state record catfish he landed last year. He is on the cover this month with his new record.

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DNR Gold Rush Giveaway

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.V.A. — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources announced today that 30 lucky anglers have won prizes as part of this year’s West Virginia Gold Rush giveaway.

The Gold Rush, which returned for its sixth year on March 28, included 12 days of stockings at 68 lakes and streams around the state. During the event, the WVDNR stocked 50,000 golden rainbow trout, 100 of which had a numbered tag that could be entered to win a prize.

“As we celebrate another successful year of the West Virginia Gold Rush, I want to congratulate all of the lucky anglers who won in this year’s giveaway and thank everyone who participated in this incredible event,” said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. “Events like the Gold Rush are one of the best ways we can attract new anglers to West Virginia and preserve the cherished outdoor traditions that make our state so special. We look forward to wel-

coming even more individuals to experience the thrill of fishing in West Virginia’s abundant natural wonders in the years to come.”

Anglers who caught a golden rainbow trout with a special tag could win a West Virginia lifetime

fishing license, state park cabin stay, West Virginia State Parks gift card or WVDNR gift bag.

“The success of the Gold Rush over the last six years underscores the value of our state as a premier

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Tyler Armstrong landed a 7 pound, 2 oz. largemouth bass at Stonewall Jackson Lake for big bass in an event on August 13th.

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fishing destination in the United States and demonstrates that our investments in enhancing and preserving our natural resources creates opportunities that benefit everyone who loves our beautiful state,” said West Virginia Department of Commerce Secretary James Bailey. “I want to thank the WVDNR for their hard work promoting our fishing resources and Gov. Justice for casting a grand vision that places our natural resources at the center of a sustainable tourism industry that not only respects the natural beauty of West Virginia but drives economic growth for generations to come.”

A complete list of winners is provided below:

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- Joshua Weasenforth — Moorefield, WV

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- Brandon Mahoney — Mill Creek, WV
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All anglers 15 years and older are required to have a West Virginia fishing license and a valid form of identification while fishing. A trout stamp also is required when fishing for trout.



Ed Posey landed big bass with this almost 6 pound smallmouth bass on the Ohio River.



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Justin Bunner caught a 5 lb., 14 oz. largemouth at Stonewall.



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Stocked Trout Trolling For Suckers

By Brett Beckley

It's 5:00 AM

The spitting sound of a dollar store coffee maker is accompanied by the faint whir of a trickle charger. I stumble into the chairs scattered around the dining table. A pre-packaged bowl of Frosted Mini Wheats smiles in my direction from across the table. It's no bacon and eggs but is welcome all the same. My girlfriend Tori skitters past me to the bathroom. Undoubtedly performing her morning rituals. After a quick sacrifice to the teeth whitening God and a half cup of skin moisturizer later she returns.

"Where are we headed?" she asks.

I can see she already knows the answer as her boat shoes fall beside her feet.

"The Lake." I all too proudly exclaim.

It feels a little taboo to leave my waders hanging on the hook when I'm within a twenty mile radius of what I consider to be the best trout streams in West Virginia. That goes for catching Natives or fish fresh off the stock truck.

You heard that right. I do not discriminate. I FISH FOR STOCKED TROUT.

My list of gripes with these fish could go on for days. They are often slightly misshapen. Their fins are often tattered from bumping against their tank mates or from fin rot. They do not possess the coloration of their native counterpart. The flesh has a white hue due to the feeding of commercial

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diets formulated for growth not diversity. They often outcompete their native/wild counterparts for the best habitat, however, none of these reasons are great enough for me to stop fishing for them. Under all that ugly (still kind of pretty) is a warm fish cake that is yet to take his final lap in peanut oil.

I'm sure the recipe would be content whether the trout be fresh off the truck or fresh out of the

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Matt Montgomery caught a large drum. Sheephead up north...lol



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mountain spring. It just wants fish. Set semantics aside. Whether stocked or not, one isn't a lizard. I call both of them a trout. That said, I feel far less guilt stuffing my face knowing that I didn't just wipe out the native 9" brook trout population in my favorite honey hole. I'll let the wild ones stay that way.

The sun just began to warm up the sky. Still hidden behind the West Virginia hills.

I added some coffee to my cup of cream and headed out the door with my fishing partner close in tow.

The Lake

With my tires nestled in tall grass of the parking lot, I make my way back to the boat launch. Only a few other anglers headlamps dot the lake. The hills have been replaced by clouds as the sun peaks above the horizon still struggling to shine over the lake below. A familiar face illuminated by the shine from a phone screen makes his way in our direction. I

could count on him being there. Essentially the inventory manager of the lake. Watching every boat and bank fisherman that goes past, along with their days catch. Not a boatsman himself, if I'm using the proper nomenclature, but a seasoned bank fisherman none the less. An outstretched hand reveals a picture of four quality brown trout he had caught from the lake the day before.

The rain forecasted for the previous days is finally starting to catch up and pre-wets my leader as I cinch down a White Miller Joe Fly on my spinning rod. It's late May and spring trout stockings are drawing to a close. In just a few short days the DNR will begin stocking channel cats for fair

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weather folk.

I spent the day prior pacing the isles of the local tackle shop trying to find something new. I scanned the selection of spoons and in-line spinners as long as I

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Mark Gray landed a 5 lb. bass at a Stonewall Jackson event.

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could stand. In my hand, I had the same four colors I had picked every other time I visited the tackle store. White, brown, silver or black with a little color mixed in on the accents. My bias towards natural color patterns is highly prominent. Although a phrase like “Match the Hatch” is synonymous with fly fishing, it can quietly creep its way into the mind of a spin fisherman uncertain in their choices. Seemingly, It makes sense to present fish with the closest imitation to their natural forage. I most often prefer my food to be void of any colors that look like yellow or pink highlighter, but I’m not a fish.

I’ve been trying a new tactic at

the tackle shop. I buy several lures I feel will be successful as well as one that I would never normally choose. On this specific day at the tackle shop, I found a Clown pattern Rapala Husky Jerk. I felt the lure was certainly oversized. The chartreuse and silver sides certainly demanded attention. Why in the world would a finicky trout ever eat that? I had heard of guys having some success trolling plugs for big trout but I couldn’t imagine a stocker going out of its way for a meal so foreign to a compressed pellet. I knew it could potentially induce a big bite from a smallmouth that cohabit the same lakes but I didn’t have much confidence in that ei-

ther. Begrudgingly, I flipped it into the shopping buggy beside
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Chris Erskine reeled in a huge catfish.



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the lake, targeting the upper half of a 10ft-15ft deep transition from the shallows to deep water. We meandered around the crooked lake keeping an eye on other fisherman to see if they were having any luck. Their luck the same as ours. None. That made it easy to blame our lack of success on the

fish. I never had much luck for trout in an overcast sky anyways. I just kept reminding myself how nice it was to be out on the water. Any BS to keep my mind off the bite being slow.

We often like to sit "backwards" when trolling. The narrow hull of the mighty Tracker Tadpole is not necessarily conducive to trolling or anglers movement's. That said we make it work. Two rods straight out the back and two pointing out the sides about midway off the gunnels. With the trolling motor positioned on the boats transom, it makes it difficult for the boats "captain" to steer and simultaneously watch his/her rods behind them. This is where the backwards sitting comes in.

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Mike Habeb hooked a big carp in his kayak on the South Branch.

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By mid-morning we start getting antsy. My girlfriend managed to land a nice 15" stocked Brookie on a gold Super Duper but other than that we were void of success. A thick blanket of clouds kept the sun from shining. It was time for a switch-up. My trusted in-line spinners were certainly thumping but offered little in terms of flash. Same goes for the spoons. I often opt for gold blades in overcast conditions as I feel they offer a little more visibility as compared to silver in lowlight. On this day it made no difference. I felt the one fish we had caught slipped in on a 5 minute window of sunshine through a missed stitch in the



Alice Warden landed a big large-mouth at Burnsville Lake.



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cloud blanket. We either need to try something different or count our losses and hit the ramp. This was as good of a time as any

to try something new I felt. It certainly couldn't hurt at this point. Rifling through my tackle bag I continue to the next page



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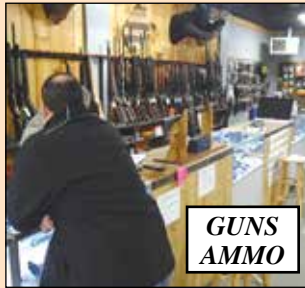
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Josh Murray reeled in a huge walleye at the Belleville Dam.



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turned up boat-side. After a solid net job from my co-angler, we boated the fish and continued on. Trout this size are relatively typical this time of year as the hatcheries prepare to introduce new brood stock to their program and make room by stocking the old ones for anglers to enjoy.

We made a mental note of the approximate location we thought the trout was located. About 40 yards out from the bank just past the reach of any bank fisherman's taunt lines. We made another pass and sure enough another big brown smashed the little jerk bait in what seemed to be the exact

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dug out the Clown pattern husky jerk and tied it on. Setting it just below the surface of the water, I watched as it danced like a drunken aunt at the family Christmas party. The small internal rattle clacked back and forth with every change of direction.

"Here goes nothing" I thought as I whipped it about 25 yards be-

hind the boat. Right where the last swirls from the trolling motor met back with still water.

Not long after; my girlfriend made a guttural sound (sorry Tori). I whipped my head around and to my surprise the rod towing the Husky Jerk was erratically bouncing up and down. After a short fight, a nice 18" brown trout



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same spot. By the time we lined up for another pass we could see nearby bank fisherman shaking their heads in vexation. Another big brown tracked down my lure and paid the price.

At this point, the battery on the trolling motor was starting to run low. Instead of a speed setting of "2" the motor was cranked up to

"5" to compensate for the dying battery. We figured one last lap would suffice for the day or we'd end up being wind blown down to the opposite end of the lake. A paddle I had no desire to make.

About half-way back to the honney hole my jerk bait rod folded over once again. So much so, I felt I had to be snagged on cover

down below. No drag was peeling from the reel, but the rod subtly started to bounce. Lifting the rod high above my head and reeling down, I felt no give in either direction. Then the rod bounced again. Head-shaking certainly. I told my girlfriend it may be a big one. Just then a long red figure appeared just below the water's surface on the end of my line. A big "brooder" as my family has called them for many years. It fought like one too. No drag peeling just a dead weight shaking violently back and forth in an attempt to throw the lure it just inhaled. Kicking off the rear mounted

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trolling motor and trimming it up, I attempted to take any undesired variables out of the equation. My line stayed tight and we slowly started drifting back towards the behemoth. I felt it could throw the hooks at any minute and only frustration would fill its spot on my stringer. We inched closer and closer to the spiraling beast.

I could now see the clown pattern husky jerk perched perpendicular inside the big trouts gullet. A few hooks from either side

were skin hooked on both sides of the trouts mouth. Similar positioning to a mouth bit on a bridled riding horse. After one last head shake, I changed the rod angle and attempted to ski the big trout across the top of the water into the waiting mouth of our 20" net. This was risky as one of the still exposed treble hooks could easi-

ly catch on the slack netting and create enough leverage for the fish to bust off. Trust your girlfriend, trust your wife, trust your husband, trust your dog, but don't trust a trout. Just when everything feels like it's going right it can go wrong. I watched in disbelief as the big red beast found its way into the belly of the rubber coated net, tail still sticking out the top. After a well warranted round of whooping, hollering, and high fives, the 23" Tiger Trout landed in the bottom of the boat. My best to date. Replacing the 21.5" rainbow I had caught with my late grandfather Galen Beckley many years ago. The man who taught me everything I've ever needed to know. A bittersweet ending to a day we won't forget.



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9 Summer Catfishing Tips

Here are the 9 tips to get you started on the path to success for later summer catfishing. Whether you fish for blues, channels, or flatheads there are some good tips to up your game and start putting more fish on the end of your line. To get even more tips to help you catch catfish be sure to check out *Leverage The Heat For Channel Catfish*

Catching channels in the late summer usually offers some excellent action. You can catch a lot of fish in a short time period and catching larger channel catfish is an option as well. The trick to consistency in the heat of the summer is to leverage the heat, the behavior of channel catfish in

the heat of the summer.

These fish will flock to areas with high oxygen levels and also “safe harbor” from the heat. Pay close attention to when and where you catch fish and put the patterns together when you are fishing in the heat.

Finding cooler water, cover or even areas with higher oxygen

concentration can make all of the difference when targeting summer channel catfish.

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Shane Dillon has both hands full of a huge flathead catfish.

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Punch The Channel Catfish

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This makes the late summer a great time for catching channel catfish with prepared baits or what many anglers call “stink bait”. Prepared baits work very well for catching numbers of channel catfish in no time at all.

My preference is “punch” style baits like CJ’s Catfish Punch Bait but there are other good options as well.

Rigging up with a slip bobber

rig or my preference, the Secret Catfish Rig and a #6 treble hook and finesse fishing summer channel catfish haunts provides some quick action to keep you busy in the heat of the summer.

Chum Them Up

With the scent carrying further in warmer water this makes chumming or baiting a hole for catfish very effective. It’s not a technique that usually brings in monster catfish, but for fast action in the hot summer, it’s a great option.

Use some soured wheat, milo, or range cubes and chum a few areas to fish, and one of them will usually produce. Experiment with cover, structure, and locations to learn what works best, and then rinse and repeat.

Baiting a hole or repeatedly throwing chum in an area for an extended period of time is a good option during this time as well. Baiting a hole for channel catfish will produce excellent fishing as

long as you keep baiting.

Fishing baited catfish holes during the end of the summer is a trick used by catfish guides throughout the south to help deal with the challenges of the summer.

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Johnny Richards reeled in a 5 lb., 5 oz. largemouth bass at a tournament at Stonewall Jackson Lake.



Tim Wade caught a 5 lb., 12 oz. largemouth for 2nd big bass at a Stonewall Jackson event. The big bass is pictured below.

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this even more of a challenge.

Anglers that target blue catfish often end up scratching their heads during the dog days of summer but the blue catfish can be caught with some patience involved. Keep in mind with rising water temperatures, dropping water levels, and fish that are often scattered you might have to really spend some time to locate good numbers of blues and when you do, they might move quickly.

Targeting scattered fish can be a challenge, it's not impossible to do but it certainly can be frustrating.

A common approach to targeting fish that are scattered or moving quickly is to drift fish.

If you can locate active feeding fish that are in an area with a good concentration that staying in that area and fishing them will pay off in excellent numbers of blue cats. Using sonar from a boat is the quickest route to locating and catching blue catfish any time of the year, even in the summer. If

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Time The Flathead Catfish

The late summer bite for flathead catfish can be very good. Like all fishing for flathead catfish, it can be slow at times as well with a lot of sitting and waiting. The rewards are great when you do hook one though and the fight more than pays off for the waiting.

Fishing live bait with a variety of catfish rigs at night offers a break from the heat and some excellent flathead catfish action.

Pay close attention to when you catch your flathead catfish and keep good records. Savvy flathead catfish anglers learn that there is usually a "peak" time each night that produces the best action.

Once they key in on that peak time they narrow their fishing

down to that timeframe. Just keep in mind that the fish will change and can even change from one area of a lake or river to another. Get The Blues – Blue Catfish That Is

Blue catfish action can be excellent in some areas of the country in the summer months. The heat and warmer water temperatures have much less impact on blue catfish in rivers than they do in lakes and reservoirs.

In lakes and reservoirs, the blue catfish will often move often and fast chasing schools of threadfin and gizzard shad. These shad schools are often moving quickly and water bodies that have striped bass, hybrid striped bass, and white bass populations can make



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you are fishing from the shore or a boat without sonar then apply the basic fundamentals of locating and catching blue catfish and you will catch fish.

Bait up with fresh-cut shad and you'll almost always catch fish but don't be afraid to mix in some live shad also during the late summer. Just make sure to avoid using frozen shad for bait you'll almost always have more success fishing with fresh shad.

Drift Fish For Scattered Fish

When targeting blue and channel catfish drift fishing can be an effective way of catching fish in the summer months (or any time). Whether you're targeting blues or channels, finding scattered fish or concentrations of fish drift fishing can be a great approach. Drift fishing is also a great way for you to locate and catch blues and channels if you are just getting started or are having trouble finding and catching fish.

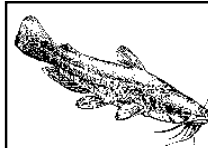
Drifting allows you to cover a lot of water and can increase your potential of locating and catching fish. When you key in on a specific area or depth that is producing then you can continue to focus on

that depth and area while drifting or use your sonar to narrow down the target area and anchor up.

Drifting for channel catfish at night can be very productive in the summer. This was our "go-to" method of catching channel catfish in the summer when I was a kid and we did very well. Like anything else the more you practice, the more time you spend on the water, and the more you learn the more fish you will catch.

Drift fishing for channel catfish also has a tendency to produce larger channel catfish than fishing prepared bait or fishing over baited holes. Set up with your preferred catfish rigs like a slip

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Scott Russ hooked 2 channel catfish in Teter Creek.

sinker rig or santee rig with a 5/0 circle hook and some cut bait or preferred channel catfish bait and start fishing.

When drifting for blues use a 5/0 or 7/0 circle hook and a slip sinker rig or Santee rig. Bait up with fresh-caught shad or your preferred cut bait and it's pretty hard to not catch fish.

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Night Patterns and Success

Night fishing for catfish in the late summer is a great option. Targeting catfish at night not only allows you to target fish on the move and feeding in different areas but allows you to beat the heat and stay comfortable.

Flathead fishing is usually great at night in the summer. The fish will be larger but you'll generally catch fewer fish.

Blue catfish offer the opportunity to catch big fish and numbers of fish as well and usually faster action.

Channel catfish fishing at night can produce larger channel catfish and numbers of fish as well.

No Jug Fishing and No Trotlines

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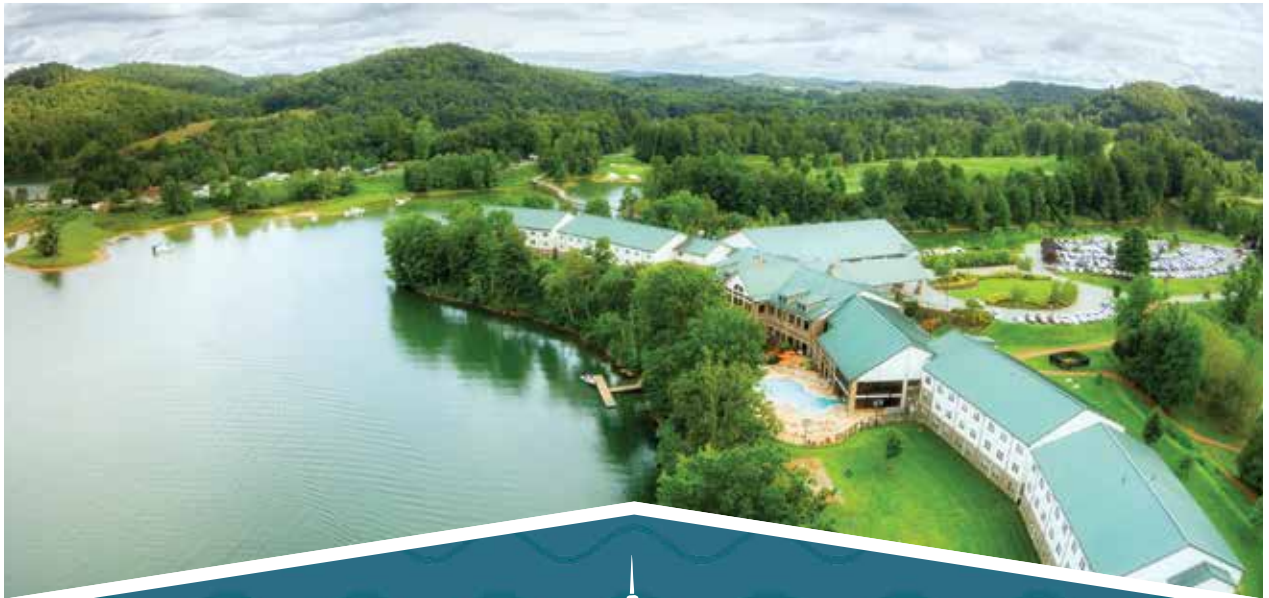
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hem away until water temperatures start to drop.

When water temperatures get really warm the water loses oxygen. Using juglines or trotlines in these situations causes the fish to die quickly on the lines in a low oxygen environment.

It's best to go ahead and put the set lines away until the water temperatures drop.

Learn, Know and Find The Thermocline

The "thermocline 101 version is that when water temperatures rise a layer of water forms at the bottom of lakes and reservoirs that has little to no oxygen. Lakes and reservoirs will separate into three layers based on water temperature and the bottom layer are what I like to call the "dead zone".

The "dead zone" is an area that fish cannot remain in for extended periods of time because of a lack of oxygen. They can and will move in and out of this area but they can't stay there.

It's possible to catch fish in these



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areas but generally not going to be the most productive technique to use or area to fish.

Rule number one of fishing is to trust your sonar (when fishing from a boat). If you see fish in the "dead zone" then, by all means, try to fish it. If you are fishing from a boat with no sonar, don't know how to read sonar, or fishing from the shore then just stay in depths that are above the ther-

mocline, you'll catch more fish.

Use a topographic map that shows depths and contours like the Navionics Hotmaps for iPhone to easily find these areas and rule out areas to fish.

Lakes and reservoirs will have a thermocline when water temperatures heat up. Rivers or areas with moving water will not.

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The IBO World Championships is one of the most prestigious events in the archery community, attracting top-tier athletes and avid archers from around the world. With its rich history, breathtaking landscapes, and exceptional facilities, Cacapon Resort State Park has been selected as the perfect backdrop for this highly anticipated event.

"We are thrilled to welcome the IBO World Championships to Cacapon Resort State Park," said West Virginia Governor Jim Justice. "This event showcases the best archers from around the globe and allows us to highlight our state parks' natural wonders and recreational opportunities. We are confident that Cacapon Resort will provide an exceptional experience for competitors and spectators alike."

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I used the technique recently at the Lake St. Clair Elite, and I

By Mark Menendez

caught nearly 18 pounds a day of Great Lakes smallmouth bass. Too bad my 35-8 wasn't very good in the tournament, but I sure caught a lot of fish on a technique I love.

I first learned about this technique in the late 80s from Rick Clunn as he destroyed the Bassmaster Tour with a spinnerbait, and it has served me well throughout my career. It's such a great technique from early summer to late fall for smallmouth bass, and I've cashed a lot of checks over the years. So, I thought I'd share it with you.

Our job as anglers is to trigger a response from a fish, and there are different kinds. When we are fishing a jig or a worm of some sort, we are trying to illicit a feeding strike. With this technique, we are creating a response strike by speeding the lure past them and giving them very little time to think or consider the lure. It's one technique that gives us more con-

trol over the fish's response than most.

I have built a system for fishing this technique that gives me the ultimate ability to deal with the retrieve, the strike and fighting the fish that do.

It starts with the rod. I use a 7-foot, 6-inch medium-heavy Da-

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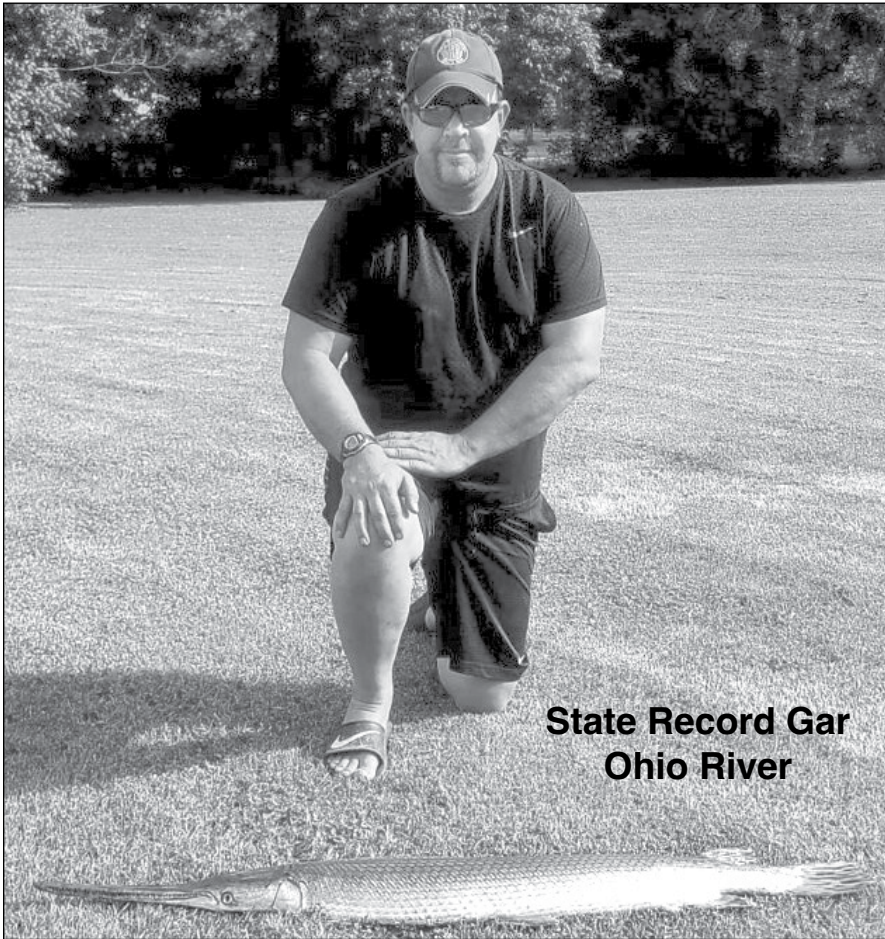
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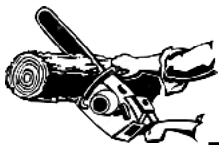
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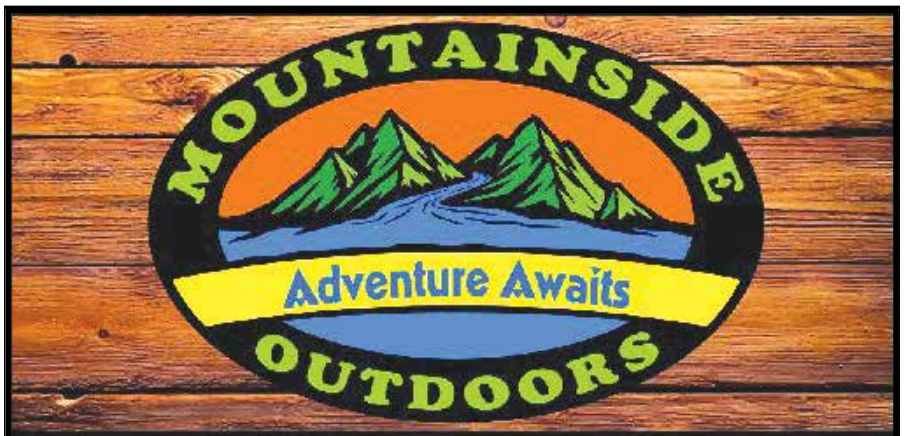
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harder to retrieve at high rates of speed. I will add that using a trailer hook is vital because of the slashing nature of the strikes. I always use a Gamakatsu Trailer Hook, but I rig the hook free swinging with a disk retainer so that the trailer hook can be effective at any angle.

Lure weight and colors are important. I select the weight of my spinnerbait by the water depth I am fishing as well as the distance I need to cast. But it's also important that the lure be heavy enough to not roll to the side when burning it at high rates of speed.

With colors, I choose bright colors in stained water. Sometimes in clear water with smallmouth or if it is ultra clear, I go with translucent shades. The bright color I choose most is Cole Slaw with painted blades, and I use Blue Shad with nickel blades most frequently.

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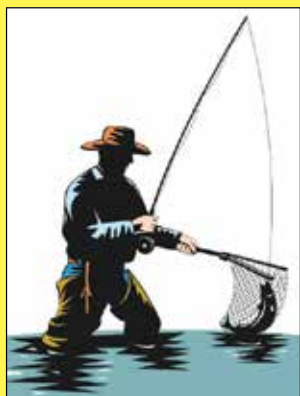
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