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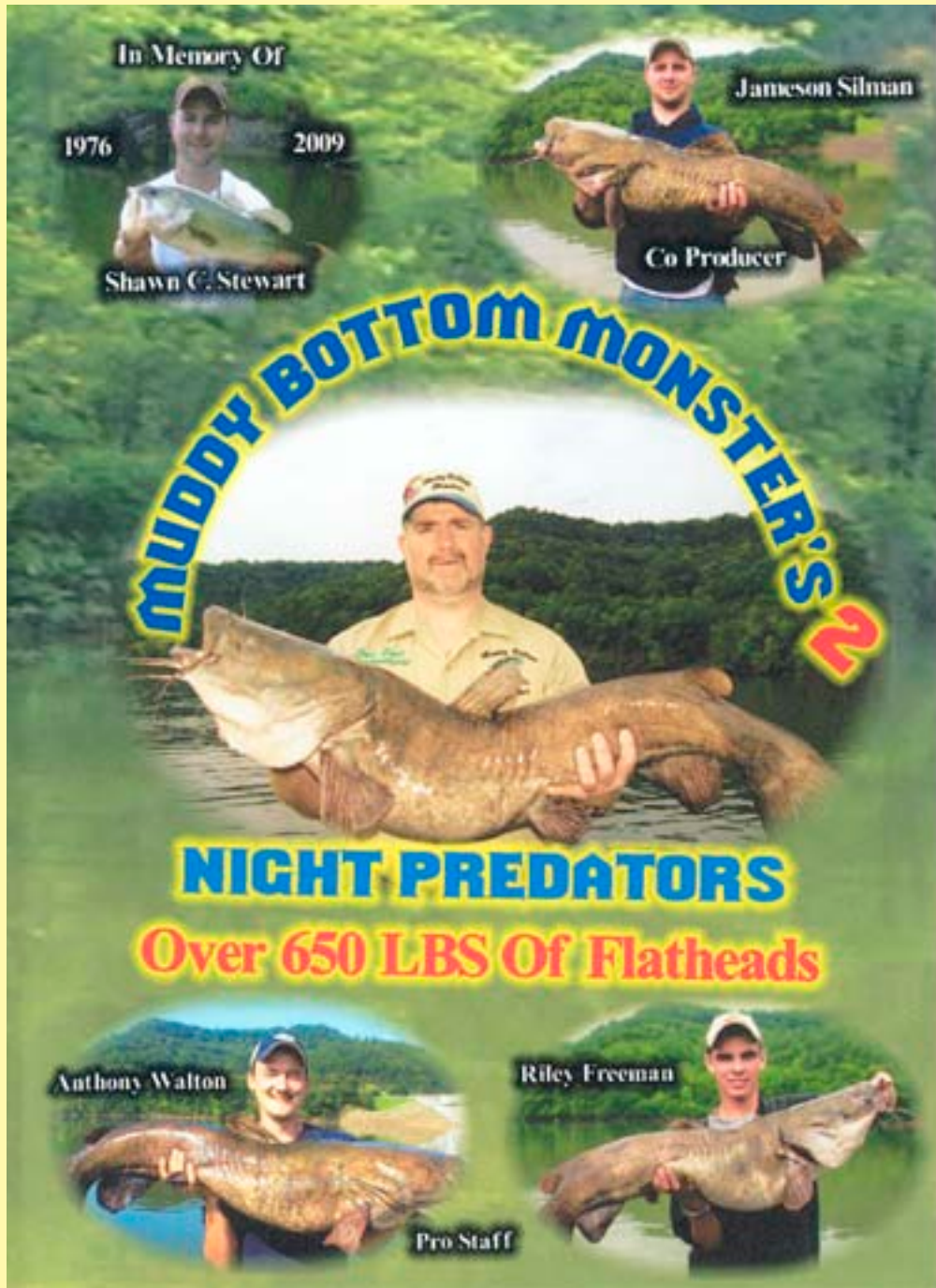
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First Deer

With Monday being the opening day of gun season for antlered deer, I can only imagine the anticipation that all of the deer hunters are experiencing this week and next. You see, here in West Virginia, deer hunting is a time honored tradition that dates back to the time when

By Mark A. Garner

this land was first settled.

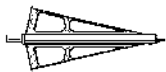
I imagine that back in the days before game commissions, and designated hunting seasons, a persons common sense, or a need to put food on the table determined when the time was right to harvest a deer. But then again, back then, it was not a sport, but rather a way of life for those who inhabited the rugged frontier. Often, a successful hunt was the only thread between going hungry, or feeding himself, and perhaps his family or group.

Much has changed since those early days, but, then again, some areas of the sport are exactly the same! I can only imagine a early settlers' excitement when he set his open sights on a deer! I'm sure



Young Dylan Washinger, from PA, got his 1st deer - a spike buck.

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he experienced the same emotions as we modern hunters experience when that trophy buck presents a good shot opportunity. And likewise,

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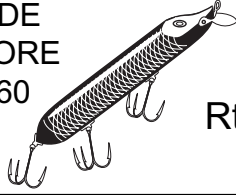
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we often only have to drag the deer a shot ways until we can get to it with a 4 wheeler, or in some cases, drive the pickup right to the deer! Yes, much has changed, but the excitement over hunting the whitetail deer will never change. Over the past thirty years, I have many fond memories that spawned from deer



Kevin Jones got this 128 class buck in McDowell County. *Photo courtesy of Team Buckhorn in Princeton.*

hunting her in the mountain state. The first buck that I ever took with a rifle came when I was 17 years old.

I was sitting on a logs that was right in the edge of a large oak flat that was situated above my uncles Johns farm on Cherry Run. As I was sitting there scanning the woods, I heard gunshots ringing off the hills, which further heightened my anticipation of perhaps, I might get a chance to get my first deer. After several hours of watching squirrels, and chipmunks, I was beginning to think I should move to a different location, when I heard the

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As I strained my ears to hear the sounds, the deer suddenly appeared, and trotted up towards the flat I was watching! The small buck took a few more steps, and I decided that it was time for me to get ready for my shot. As I took a rest on the tree beside me, I slowly cocked my rifle, and settled the front sight on the deers' heart and lung area. I watched the deer for what seemed

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The November sojourn to Lake Russell in Georgia was made by 46 teams from the Ohio Valley. This seven day trip resulted in 1,047 pounds of bass being caught. The main 4 day tournament was won by Terry Prine & Tony Knight with 35.44 pounds. A close second place with 35.08 pounds was made by Dave Woodby & Mike O'Harold. Third place belonged to Frank Douglas & Homer Jones with 34.76 pounds. *Photo courtesy of Wright's Riverside Marine in St. Marys.*

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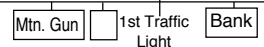
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minutes, then I took the shot! I really do not remember actually pulling the trigger, but I do remember the deer going down, and me running towards the fallen deer. My first buck! I felt a wave of emotion go through me all seemly at the same time! I was elated that I had taken my first buck, but I was also saddened at the fact that I had ended the life of this beautiful animal. I consoled myself in thinking, and believing that as a hunter, I had made a sure shot, and the animal did not suffer.

With that thought, I again admired the animal, and began the task of field dressing my first deer. Before this day, I had only watched this process, but today, I was shouldered with the job, so I rolled up my sleeves, and went to work! After that pleasant job was done, I attached the deer to my dragging rope, and headed towards my uncles farm.

Fortunately, it was mainly a downhill drag, so it just followed my down the hill like pulling a sled. As



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Now some three decades later, and countless deer, I do not believe any continue to the next page

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of the deer that I have taken since meant as much to me as that first deer. Yes, most of the deer were larger deer with bigger racks, but that first deer is special. Good luck to all of the deer hunters out there in the woods this deer season, and for all of those first timers, take a moment, and reflect upon your first hunt, or deer. Believe me, it will last a lifetime. MAG

2009 Total Deer Harvest Report

Preliminary counts of game checking tags indicate West Virginia hunters harvested a total of 154,524 white-tailed deer during the recently completed bucks-only, antlerless, muzzleloader, archery and youth/Class Q deer seasons, according to West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Director Frank Jezioro. This year's total harvest was 5.5 percent below the 2008 deer harvest of 163,603. Hunters killed a total of 63,590 bucks during the firearms deer season, 54,617 antlerless-season deer, 27,558 archery-season deer and 8,759 muzzleloader-season deer during the 2009 deer hunting seasons.

Antlerless Deer Season

The 2009 antlerless deer season, which includes the youth/Class Q deer hunts, was 2.8 percent below 2008 but 4.8 percent above the five-year average of 52,095. "It is important to note that a major component of our agency's deer management strategy is to regulate the harvest of antlerless deer in individual counties to raise or lower the future deer population," said Jezioro. The top 10 counties for antlerless deer harvests are: Lewis (2,565), Jackson (2,509), Preston (2,419), Mason (2,238), Ritchie

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(2,098), Wood (2,068), Harrison (1,946), Monroe (1,731), Braxton (1,654) and Hardy (1,612).

Muzzleloader Deer Season

The 2009 muzzleloader harvest of 8,759 was 150 deer more than the 2008 harvest but 7.4 percent below the five-year average of 9,464. The top 10 counties for muzzleloader deer harvests are: Preston (450), Lewis (408), Jackson (339), Braxton (331), Randolph (299), Mason (290), Wood (282), Grant (267), Harrison (264) and Ritchie (254).

Archery Deer Season

The bowhunters' take of 27,558 deer was 12 percent below the 2008 harvest of 31,408 but four percent above the five-year average harvest of 26,465. The top 10 counties for archery deer harvests are:

Randolph (1,077), Preston (1,048), Kanawha (930), Nicholas (840), Wood (833), Jackson (815), Greenbrier (813), Fayette (743), Raleigh (731) and Logan (728).



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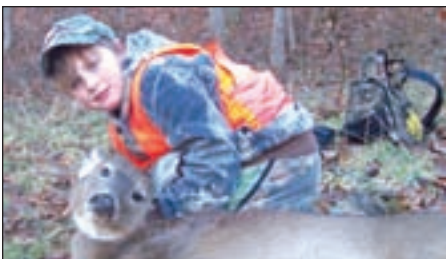
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Matthew Ciapacia shot a doe in the youth hunt.

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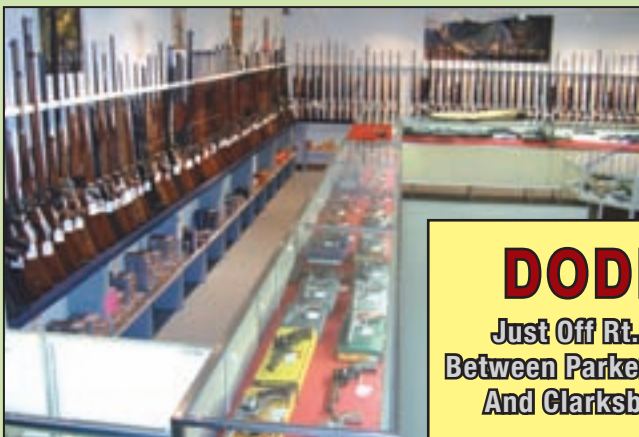
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Jeff Davis & Troy Lowther brought in two Webster County black bear.



Young Logan Kinney's muzzle-loader deer lost their antlers.



Steve Mayle, from Fairmon, used a bow for this 11 point buck.



Matt Huffman went to Ohio for this nice buck. *Photo courtesy of Boone's Bow Shop in Parkersburg.*

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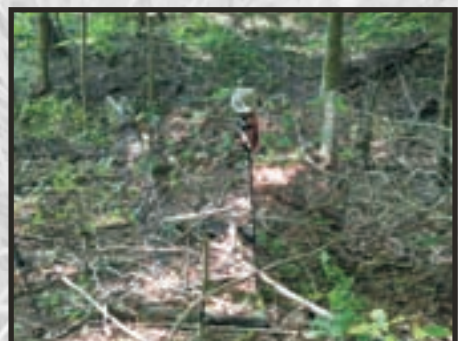
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I also get approximately 100 to 150 emails from all over the globe each week from anglers trying to get a better understanding on baits, equipment, presentations, water conditions, and on and on and on. I hope with this article I may be able to answer some of these questions and give a little better understand-

By Roger Lee Brown
"The Bass Coach"

ing and help limit some of the frustration many anglers seem to have with their questions. I will use actual questions (in their own words) from some of the emails I get along with some of the "Ask a Pro" questions
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Young Isaiah Yeater got his first bow deer.



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tions. I will use actual questions (in their own words) from some of the emails I get along with some of the "Ask a Pro" questions directed to me from several internet sites I write for.

Question#1 – Creighton from Georgia asks:

Hello again Roger, I had another question pop into my head. When fishing tournaments every fish counts. With this, say you hook a fish that you know is going to be a good keeper/upgrade or what you may call it, and you lose him on the way in. How long could it be before that fish may bite again, and if so would it go after same bait, and return to same cover as before? As always thanks for everything Creighton

This is a question that gets asked by many anglers. My answer to this question is yes; sometimes the bass will hit the same bait again right away and sometimes later on the same day. For example, I have worked a certain bait around a piece of structure in clear water and watched a bass come up and hit it, then when setting the hook I somehow missed it and made another cast (with the same bait) and the bass hit the bait a second time and I landed it. There are also times where I would be fishing an area with certain baits and hooked

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Eddie McCloy landed a 7 pound bass. *Photo courtesy of Hess Fish & Tackle in Ritchie County.*



Mr. Burford bagged an 8 point buck. *Photo courtesy of Tri Lakes in Walkersville.*

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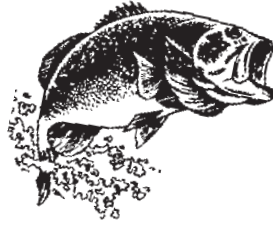


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the bass, but reeling it in the line would snap and I would loose it. Later on the same day I would go back to the same place and catch the same bass with the bait I used earlier still in its mouth. A bass has a very short memory span and will definitely hit twice or even a third time on the same day!



Mike Fornash, from Lost Creek, used a bow for this 10 point.

Question#2 – Butch from Ohio asks:

I have a problem getting a hook set with a weedless jig the guard seems to be to stiff any solution
THANK YOU

I have had this problem myself for years and finally came up with actually two solutions. First, I found that if you use a wide gap hook on a weedless jig it will help catch more bass. Secondly, I will take a weedless jig right out of the package and take half of the weed guard strands and cut them off as low to the base of the weed guard as possible. This will allow much more flexibility

with the weed guard and will definitely give you a better chance of setting the hook!

Question#3 – Glen from Africa asks:

Coach, I am a missionaries son here in africa and fish some of the local tournaments. I have seen lots of bass caught on a torpedo but am having a hard time catching them any suggestions?

A Torpedo falls into actually two categories, the first one being a “top water bait” and the second being a “prop bait”. There is really no right or wrong way to use (or pres-

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entation) that always seems to work the best for me by; casting the bait, as soon as it hits the water I will give it a very light twitch and just let it set for a moment. After letting it set for a moment I will again give 1 or 2 more light twitch's letting it sit again for about 10 to 15 seconds all the way back to where I'm standing. Whether the fish or active or inactive this seems to work great for me. This works for all types of prop baits and not just the Torpedo!

Question#4 – Julie from Arkansas

Dear Mr. Brown, my husband fishes many tournaments but never makes any money at it. He seems to need everything he sees in the catalogs as well as on the shelves in several different stores. My question to you is, does he really need all that stuff for fishing? We are



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on a tight budget and I feel that he spends way too much with his fishing instead of putting our money where it is needed. Can you give me any suggestions? Thanks, Julie

Wow, this question is probably one of the biggest questions I struggle with from many anglers as well as with family members of

anglers. The bass fishing industry has rapidly grown into a multi billion dollar industry over the past several years and there are more baits and equipment on the market for anglers that a person can actually count. I have helped many anglers who attended my 3-day bass


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Dave & Alex Collins, from Shinnston, trapped a couple of bobcats.



Keith Davis, from Reedy, caught a 6 pound, 7 oz. largemouth.



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fishing school understand what is really needed and what is not really practical to buy depending on their affordability. For example, does an angler need a dozen different rods to fish with using all the different baits? Or, does an angler need the most expensive reels money can buy? Let me suggest to you that I teach "Smart Spending" to my students. To give you an idea of what I mean is that I have put together one box that consists of a top compartment with 3 slide out plastic boxes which I can take anywhere in the United States and within the contents of the box I can catch bass on any body of water at just about any time with what's in the box. As



Neil Gent used a bow for this huge buck. Photo courtesy of UncleSam's in Man.

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far as rods and reels go, it is nice to have several different rods for each technique or application, but I can get by with just 3 different rods for all the different baits that are mostly used by anglers today (I would just have to re-tie a lot, but you can do it.) As far as reels go, it depends on the type(s) of reels you use i.e. baitcaster, spinning, or spincast reels. There are distinct advantages and disadvantages on these different reels, but it's what you can afford and simply getting use to any one of them. Just remember like anything else, you usually get what

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Eric Hardbarger, from VA, caught a musky.



Doug Buck, from Belleville, landed a 5 pound, 2 oz. walleye.

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Question#5 – Bryant from Florida

I have an Abu Garcia ambassador black max-L and I have been messing with the knob and I still backlash a lot any tips

I'm afraid to say that I haven't known any angler (ever) using a baitcaster reel that never backlashes it. The whole secret to using a baitcaster is thumb control along with a little adjustment to the bait that you use. Most baitcaster reels have a plate covering the side of the reel (usually opposite of the handle side) that when taking it off you can see little rollers on the bottom of the spool. I will always take the rollers and move them out one click, this helps slow down the free spooling motion a bit. Next, I will

adjust the magnetic break on the outside of the same plate after putting it back on the reel about 75% on. This will also help slow the free spooling motion of the reel by giving it some resistance. Now, the next step I feel is the most important in preventing backlashes when casting bait. After you tie on the bait, push the thumb bar (releasing the bait) and tighten the knob (break) on the side of the handle as the bait falls. You want to tighten the knob (or break) so that it stops free falling but just tight enough that if you twitch the tip of your rod the bait will only drop a few inches, and that's it! You will find that using a baitcaster will be a lot more fun and you should spend more time fishing with it than trying to pull out them nasty backlashes.

Baitcaster reels are by far more accurate, easier to use, than spinning and spincast reels and a must for certain types of bass fishing like Flippin' & Pitchin'. I never have had a student that I haven't taught or shown how to use a baitcaster reel while attending my 3-day bass fishing school. You will find that

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most, not all!, but most pros use baitcaster reels for most of their bass fishing techniques. Now, the next times you get a backlash just remember the simple adjustments along with thumb control and you should have much more fun. Then when you do backlash (yes, it will happen but not as often) you can call it a "Professional Override" don't that sound so much nicer than that ugly word BACKLASH?

I will continue other articles with questions and answers as time permits. If you would like to contact me for a speaking engagement, seminar, 3-day bass fishing school (in your area or mine), or just a charter you can call me at (518) 597-4240, or Email me at rlbrown@capital.net or write to me at: "The Bass Coach", 243 Pearl Street, Crown Point, NY 12928 (Lake Champlain Area) or visit my website at www.capital.net/~rlbrown Have a safe and productive fishing year.

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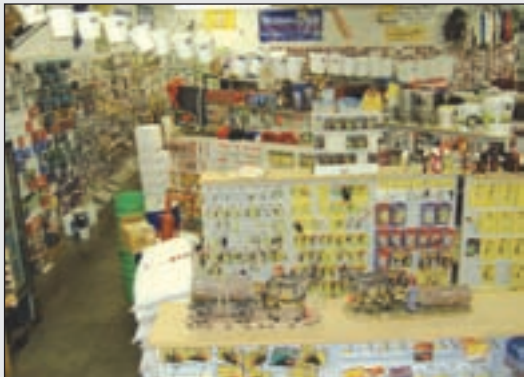
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Elliot Millione, from Fairmont, shot a 32 pound coyote.



Jarrod Sizemore arrowed this Wyoming County 13 point. *Photo courtesy of JBC Archery in Shady Spring.*



Bob Haught shot a Marion County buck.

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Clarence Richardson used a bow for this 20 pound gobbler. Photo courtesy of Team Buckhorn in Princeton.



Brian Gibbs used a bow for this nice buck. Photo courtesy of Boone's Bow Shop in Parkersburg.



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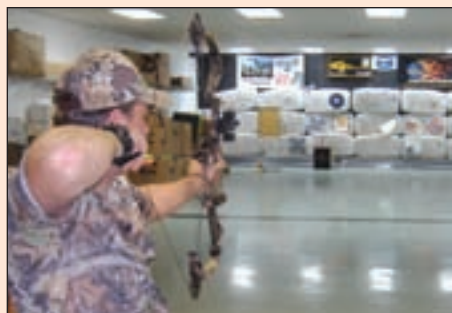
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Kim Bleigh shot a nice 9 point buck. Photo courtesy of Tri Lakes in Walkersville.



Steve Carron got a good buck. Photo courtesy of JBC Archery in Shady Spring.



Martin Hess - 10 point. Photo courtesy of Willie's Sport Shop in Glenville.

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By Carl L. Armour
Ph. D. Fisheries Scientist

off rocks and other bottom objects.

In addition to eating a variety of foods, channel cats have highly developed receptors covering their skin and barbells and these are used to locate food. There is evidence that the fish can detect smells at concentrations of a few parts per million at considerable distances from sources. When an enticing smell arouses a fish's attention it searches for the source similar to a surface-to-air missile seeking an enemy aircraft.

When asked about the preferred bait for catching channel catfish the invariable answer in West Virginia is fresh chicken livers. Many fish are taken on livers, and Mountain



Chuck Frye Used a bow for this buck. Photo courtesy of JBC Archery in Shady Spring.

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acteristic which is a smell that one character characterized as something which repels veteran cadaver dogs.

The baits are paste-like and most have high fat contents. On cool days the fats harden to make it more difficult to apply bait to bait holders, but with use of products including Hot Hands the baits can be warmed up for easier application. Regarding bait holders, there are numerous types on the market including those resembling rubber tubing with round holes cut into them, holders on which bait is deposited, holders which resemble plastic cages and ones designed for baits to be injected into. Similar to most fishing situations, a holder which works best on all days for all water conditions does not exist,

and a fisherman should experiment on trips to determine which one works best on a particular day. For unknown reasons, on some days channel cats even exhibit color preferences for holders.

The recommended rigging for a bait holder for flowing water is to have it on a leader tied to a barrel swivel and to use an egg sinker on the other side of the swivel to reduce resistance when a channel cat bites. Also, it is best to use egg sinkers small as possible for existing water conditions. The recommended approach is to begin with one-half ounce sinkers. In lakes, the preferred approach is to use leaders on holders and to use a bobber while

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Wayne Harvey brought in a coyote.
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Marc Hescht, from Parkersburg, took a 250 pound bear in Fayette.



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keeping the holders about two feet off the bottom. By keeping them above the bottom, smells from bait form a cone-like pattern channel cats can detect easier.

Regarding stink baits to use, the recommended procedure is to try different ones to find which works best. Through experimentation with baits and holders, gaining knowledge about where and when to fish, and water conditions which provide the best fishing, a fisherman can be in the winner's circle. That means being among the ten

percent who catch ninety percent of the fish. In West Virginia waters it is common for skilled fishermen who use stink baits to catch more "keeper" channel catfish in a day than the average fisherman catches in a life time. Additionally, experienced fishermen know that too many fishing products on the market are designed to catch fishermen, not fish. Therefore, when something is purchased which does not work, toss it aside to find something to aid in getting more channel cats into the ice chest.



Young Haley Bosely, from Little Birch, got a doe.



Stephen Long, from St. Albans, shot an 8 point with an arrow.

Hurrican Lake Resumes Stocking

Hurricane Lake in Putnam County is again being stocked with trout beginning in January, according to Curtis I. Taylor, Chief of the Wildlife Resources Section of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources. The lake will be stocked once in January and again in March.

Hurricane Lake was stocked with trout until 2002, when road construction and lake renovations caused stockings to cease. The lake is in a very populated area, and fishing pressure is expected to be heavy, as it was when previously stocked.

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“Multiple factors contributed to this most recent bear harvest,” said Ryan. “West Virginia has a tremendous bear population that allows for a variety of different hunting opportunities. The poor statewide mast conditions allowed archery hunters to better pattern bear movements as the bruins were looking for concentrated food sources. However, poor mast conditions and a larger than normal December snowfall pushed bears into their winter dens, thereby making them unavailable to gun hunters.”

Hunters took a record 987 bears during the 2009 archery season. This was the first time in history that the archery harvest topped 800, let alone reaching the 900 mark. Biologists predicted that this would be a record bow harvest because of the statewide mast conditions and the

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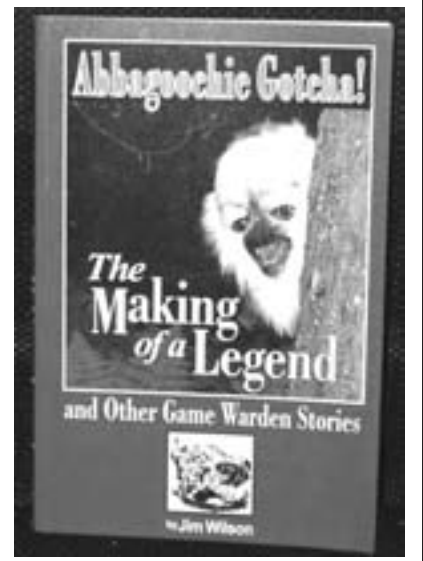
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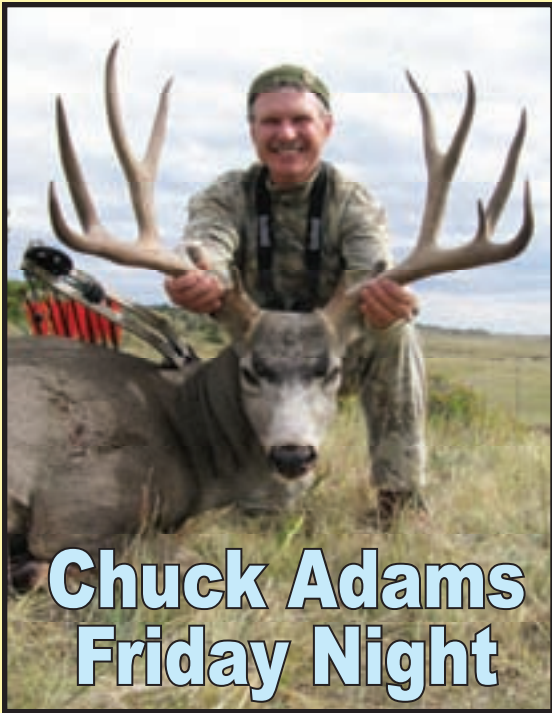


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“As part of our agency’s ongoing CWD monitoring effort, samples were collected from 1,091 hunter-harvested deer brought to game checking stations in Hampshire County and one station near the southern Hampshire County line in Hardy County,” noted Frank Jezioro, Director for the W.Va. Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR).

The 16 CWD positive deer included one 4.5 year-old doe, one 2.5 year-old doe, one 1.5 year-old buck, 10 2.5 year-old bucks, and three 3.5 year-old bucks. Thirteen of the latest positive deer were harvested within the Hampshire Coun-

ty CWD Containment Area (i.e., that portion of Hampshire County located North of U.S. Route 50). However, three were located outside the containment area but still within Hampshire County. The area in Hampshire County from which CWD has been detected continues to expand, and the number of infected deer detected this year is 2.5 times more than last year.

CWD has now been detected in a total of 62 deer in Hampshire County (i.e., two road-killed deer, one in 2005 and one in 2008; four deer collected by the WVDNR in 2005; five deer collected by the WVDNR in 2006; one hunter-harvest deer taken during the 2006 deer season; three deer collected by the WVDNR in 2007; six hunter-harvested deer taken during the

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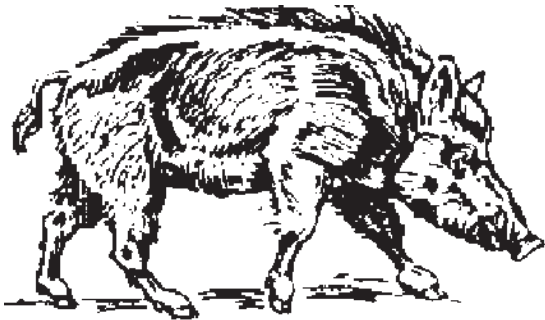
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“The WVDNR will continue to update management actions designed to control the spread of this disease, prevent further introduction of the disease, and possibly eliminate the disease from the state as information from deer testing within West Virginia is gathered and scientists across the country provide more information on how to combat CWD in white-tailed deer,” Jezioro said.

So far, the following disease management actions have been placed into operation by the WVDNR within Hampshire County:

Implemented CWD testing efforts designed to determine the prevalence and distribution of the

disease; Established antlerless deer hunting regulations designed to increase hunter opportunity to harvest fe-

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Jacob Rice, from Friendly, got his first buck - a spike.

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Established deer carcass transport restrictions designed to lower the risk of moving the disease to other locations;

Established regulations designed to prohibit the feeding and baiting of deer within the affected area and reduce the risk of spreading the disease from deer to deer.

“Despite our agency’s best efforts, we continue to struggle with CWD in Hampshire County,” said Jezioro. “I am particularly



Ricky Conner blasted a squirrel that weighed 5 pound, 14 oz. *Photo courtesy of PC Bait & Tackle in Hinton.*

concerned that some individuals are not complying with regulations prohibiting the feeding and baiting of deer within the Hampshire County CWD Containment Area.”

The WVDNR intends to renew its outreach efforts with the public on the critical need for compliance with this regulation. In addition, appropriate enforcement actions will be taken if these problems are



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“As we strive to meet this wildlife disease challenge and implement appropriate management strategies, the continued support and involvement of landowners and hunters will be essential,” Jezioro said. “The WVDNR remains committed to keeping the public informed and involved in these wildlife disease management actions as we go forward.”



Nathan Cambell’s first deer was a 5 point buck. *Photo courtesy of Tri Lakes in Walkersville.*

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Chris Ward bagged a 9 point buck.
Photo courtesy of Bowlistic Archery in Chelyan.

panhandle counties of District 2. The top five counties for fall turkey harvests were Monroe (116), Nicholas (114), Greenbrier (99), Preston (82) and Mason (81).

Wildlife biologists had predicted a similar to slightly higher fall harvest based on good brood counts in the traditional fall counties of the Mountain Region and poor food conditions in other parts of the state. These conditions tend to concentrate birds in large flocks, making them more susceptible to hunters.

“The 2009 fall turkey harvest came in as predicted based upon our field reports and data,” reported Paul Johansen, Assistant Chief in Charge of Game Management. “Less than ideal weather conditions occurred in some portions of the state during the first week of the season, and this may have hampered hunters,” Johansen noted. “However, poor mast conditions served to concentrate birds making them more available to hunters throughout the season.”

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Drawings to be held on Saturday, July 24, 2010 - Gates open on Wednesday, July 21, 2010

\$100.00 Per Ticket - Prizes Valued at \$650,000.00

TIME - PRIZE

- NOON - 2010 Harley Davidson Softail
- 12:05 - \$3,000.00
- 12:10 - Ruger Red Label
- 12:15 - \$2,000.00
- 12:20 - Browning X-Bolt Medallion
- 12:25 - \$2,000.00
- 12:30 - 2010 Pontoon Boat 
- 12:35 - Remington 700 CDL SF
- 12:40 - \$2,500.00
- 12:45 - \$2,000.00
- 12:50 - Winchester 70 Feather Weight
- 12:55 - \$2,000.00

- 1:00 - 2010 Ford F150 Super Cab 4 x 4
- 1:05 - Weatherby MARK V Sporter
- 1:10 - Ruger Hawkeye
- 1:15 - 2010 Yamaha Rhino
- 1:20 - Browning X-Bolt Medallion
- 1:25 - \$2,000.00
- 1:30 - \$10,000.00
- 1:35 - Weatherby Orion D'Italia I
- 1:40 - Remington 700 CDL
- 1:45 - \$2,000.00
- 1:50 - Ruger Red Label
- 1:55 - \$2,500.00

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- 2:00 - 2010 Jeep Wrangler Rubicon 4 x 4
- 2:05 - Winchester 70 Feather Weight
- 2:10 - \$2,000.00
- 2:15 - \$2,500.00
- 2:20 - Browning X-Bolt Medallion
- 2:25 - \$2,000.00 
- 2:30 - 2010 Camper
- 2:35 - Weatherby MARK V Sporter
- 2:40 - Remington 11-87 Premier Sup
- 2:45 - \$2,000.00
- 2:50 - Thompson Center Encore Shotgun 12 ga
- 2:55 - Ruger #1 B

- 3:00 - 2010 Toyota 4 Runner Limited 4 x 4
- 3:05 - Remington 700 CDL SF
- 3:10 - Weatherby MARK V Sporter
- 3:15 - \$3,000.00
- 3:20 - Winchester 70 Feather Weight
- 3:25 - Remington Seven CDL
- 3:30 - 2010 Bass Boat 
- 3:35 - \$2,500.00
- 3:40 - Ruger Hawkeye
- 3:45 - \$2,000.00
- 3:50 - Ruger Red Label
- 3:55 - Browning X-Bolt Medallion

Great Food & Drinks served from Noon thru 5 PM on Saturday, July 24, 2010, at no charge to Ticket Holder & One Paid Guest.

Visit www.ellenborowv.com for downloadable flyers with complete rules & order forms...and more. Or call to request a flyer by mail. (304) 869-3244

Make checks payable to EVFD and send to:

Ellenboro VFD
P O Box 244
Ellenboro, WV 26346

EARLY BIRD 1:

20 Additional Chances of \$500.00 for 2010 Summer Bash **ORIGINAL** ticket stubs returned to the Ellenboro VFD by Noon on Saturday, March 27, 2010

EARLY BIRD 2:


16 Additional Chances of \$500.00 & 2 Chances of \$1,000.00 for 2010 Summer Bash **ORIGINAL** ticket stubs returned to the Ellenboro VFD by Noon on Saturday, May 29, 2010




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Friday, July 23, 2010 at approx. 7 PM. More Inside!

TIME - PRIZE

- 4:00 - 2010 Ford Taurus SHO AWD
- 4:05 - Remington 700 BDL
- 4:10 - Remington Sendero SFII
- 4:15 - \$2,500.00
- 4:20 - Weatherby Orion D'Italia I
- 4:25 - \$2,000.00
- 4:30 - 2010 Harley Davidson Fatboy
- 4:35 - Ruger Hawkeye
- 4:40 - Tikka T-3 Hunter
- 4:45 - \$2,000.00
- 4:50 - Weatherby MARK V Sporter
- 4:55 - \$2,000.00 

- 5:00 - 2010 Lincoln MKX AWD
- 5:05 - Remington 700 CDL
- 5:10 - Remington 870 12 ga
- 5:15 - \$2,500.00
- 5:20 - Winchester 70 Feather Weight
- 5:25 - \$2,000.00
- 5:30 - 2010 Polaris Ranger
- 5:35 - \$2,000.00
- 5:40 - Remington Seven CDL
- 5:45 - \$2,500.00 
- 5:50 - Ruger Hawkeye
- 5:55 - Remington 700 CDL

- 6:00 - 2010 Corvette
- 6:05 - Browning X-Bolt Medallion
- 6:10 - Weatherby MARK V Sporter
- 6:15 - \$2,500.00
- 6:20 - Remington 700 CDL
- 6:25 - \$2,000.00
- 6:30 - \$5,000.00
- 6:35 - \$3,000.00
- 6:40 - \$3,500.00
- 6:45 - \$4,000.00
- 6:50 - \$3,000.00 Cabelas Gift Certificate
- 6:55 - \$5,000.00 

7:00 - Ten (10) - \$1,000.00 Winners (Match WV Daily 3 - Last 3 Ticket #s)

7:00 - \$100,000.00 (Match WV Daily 4 Exactly)

TICKET #s 0000, 1111, 2222, 3333, 4444, 5555, 6666, 7777, 8888 & 9999 ARE INSTANT WINNERS OF \$1,000.00

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