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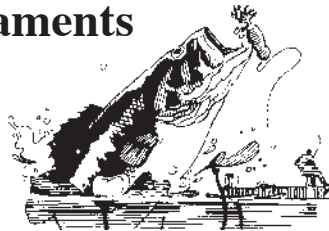
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“The spring season is the time of year when the woods and fields of West Virginia are full of new life,” said Paul Johansen, acting chief for the DNR Wildlife Resources Section (WRS). “Picking up young wildlife or getting too close and disturbing the family unit greatly decreases the chance of survival for many of these offspring. If you are involved in outdoor recreation activities, do your part to ensure the survival of these newborns by remembering the motto – ‘look but do not touch or disturb.’”

Adults raising offspring use a lot of energy, so they must leave their young as they search for food. This could take a few hours or all day. These mothers are constantly aware of any threats from predators and humans, and when it is safe, they will come back to check on their young.

“Each year our staff receives several calls from well-meaning individuals who stumble onto these secluded hiding places and think this young animal has been abandoned,

but that is not the case,” Johansen said. “We receive more calls about abandoned white-tailed deer fawns than any other wildlife. Unfortunately, many people often mistake a bedded fawn, with no mother in sight, as abandoned.”

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Rick Morgan, from Bruceton Mills, hooked large yellow perch.



Eric Lane used a rooster tail and ended up landing a 17” crappie.

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Humans are poor substitute parents for wild animals, according to Johansen. Young wild animals have special diets, and they need to learn their survival skills from the adults, something that humans cannot duplicate. By observing wildlife at a safe distance with binoculars, you can learn how wild animals care for their young in a natural environment without compromising the animals’ safety.

Another reason for not handling wild animals is the risk of contracting a disease or parasite that these animals could pass on to their unsuspected helper. Handling and feeding these young animals can expose the handler to a host of infectious diseases and parasites which can lead to serious health conditions or even death.

“Each year we receive reports where a person has handled a wild animal and then was advised to seek medical attention because the



Brian Robinson, from Grafton, caught a 24” rainbow trout.

animal may have infected them or another family member with an infectious disease,” Johansen said. “The probability of becoming ill after handling these animals is low; however, due to the serious nature of these potential illnesses and the risk to public health as a result of this practice, it is highly unacceptable.”

The public also should remember that state laws and regulations prohibit possession of wild animals without a permit, punishable by fines and even jail time.

“DNR wants the citizens and visitors of the Mountain State to enjoy our state’s natural resources and its beautiful and exciting wildlife, but for your health and safety as well as that of the animals, please keep West Virginia Wild and Wonderful – leave these newborns in their natural home,” Johansen said.

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For more information about or to register for Fly Fishing Weekend at Cass Scenic Railroad State Park, call 304-456-4300 or email cassrailroad@wv.gov.

About the Instructors

C. Biff Healy

An avid fly fisherman, fly tier and

rod builder, Biff has pursued trout for more than 40 years and is an instructor of the art and a member of Trout Unlimited, Cumberland Valley Chapter. Healy is a graduate of West Virginia University and Butler County Community College. He worked as a seasonal naturalist at Holly River State Park after his retirement as a law enforcement officer from Pennsylvania.

Jim Rainey

In his “second career,” Jim Rainey continue to the next page



Bo Matthews, from Vienna, caught a citation freshwater drum.

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ey has been executive director of the Outdoor Writers Association of America (OWAA) and executive director of the International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF). He is an IFFF Certified Fly Casting Instructor. Jim is a 33-year member of Trout Unlimited (TU) and has served on the boards of three TU chapters. Jim is a 25-year retired army veteran who spent the past 20 years working in the nonprofit world as a fundraiser and association executive.

Jeff Steltzer

Retired after 40 years of steel-mak-

ing, coal mining and benefaction, Steltzer has 50+ years of fly fishing experience. He's a small stream specialist and master of the bow and arrow cast. Jeff is a graduate of Colgate University.

Alan Stansbury

Stansbury started fly tying and fishing in elementary school in Pennsylvania and grew up learning to fish the streams of the Cumberland Valley. Fly fishing, fly tying and rod making has been his lifelong passion grade school. He was active in the Forbes Trail TU Chapter and was on the board of directors of the Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited from 2006 to 2009 including serving as chapter vice president. Stansbury has been the coordinator of the CVTU winter fly tying course since 2008. He enjoys fishing primarily in central

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and western Pennsylvania and has also fished in Maine and various locations in Montana and Wyoming. A toolmaker and engineer by education, Alan held various positions with Comsat, United Technologies, E.I. DuPont and Framatome and most recently worked in the factory automation industry. Alan resides in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.



Chuck Price caught a nice Ohio River walleye

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ELKINS, W.Va. – The West Virginia Master Naturalist program will have its sixth annual conference June 12-14, 2015, on the campus of Davis & Elkins College in Elkins. Members from eight active Master Naturalist chapters from across the state will be attending.

“The mission of the Master Naturalist Program is to train interested people in the fundamentals of natural history, nature interpretation and teaching, and to instill in them an appreciation of the importance of responsible environmental stewardship,” said Bernie Howe, secretary of the Division of Natural Resources State Advisory Committee of the Master Naturalist Program.

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website www.mnofwv.org, or contact Vivian Yeager by email Vivian.L.Yeager@wv.gov or phone 304-637-0245 for a paper copy.

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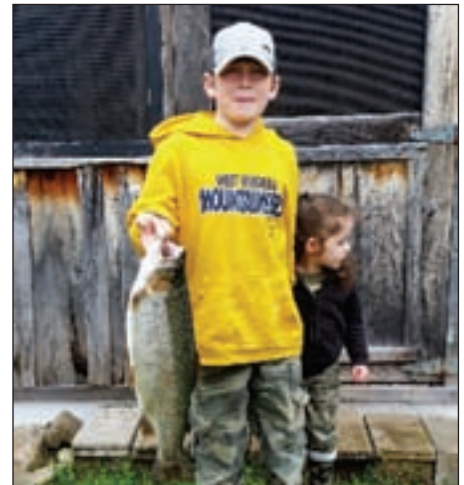
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Electronic Game Checking Started

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. - Beginning in April, for the first time, hunters and trappers will be able to check in their game from their phones or computers. The new system takes effect just in time for the 2015 spring gobbler season, which runs from April 27 through May 23. It also applies to youth hunters during the one-day season April 25.

“Those hunters who still like to talk directly to someone about their hunting experiences can stop by one of the approximately 180 official license agents and check in

their game,” said Division of Natural Resources Director Bob Fala. “However, they no longer have to bring the animal in with them. What doesn’t change is that hunters and trappers still have to follow the time, field tagging and transportation restrictions as listed in the regulations.”

How electronic game check works

To check game in by phone by calling 844-WVCHECK, hunters and trappers will have to know their unique DNR ID number, which is valid for their lifetime. That number will be printed on the top of the license for those who buy a license each year. Lifetime license holders will need to log in to the system at wvhunt.com to obtain their DNR ID number, which has already been assigned to them. Landowners and those who don’t need a license (such as residents under the age of 15, resident hunters who turned

65 before Jan. 1, 2012, and former prisoners of war) can log on to the system and obtain their number. They also can visit a license agent or DNR district office to obtain

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Tex Walton, former gun shop owner in Buckhannon, got a turkey.



Conner McCloy bagged a turkey.

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their number.

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When a hunter or trapper has completed the electronic game check process, they will be assigned a 13-digit number that confirms that the game has been checked in properly. That game check confirmation number must be written down on a field tag or a sheet of paper along with the other information required in the regulations.



Felicia Cronin has the big bass caught in the Bait Shack's 1st tournaments at North Bend Lake. They measure the bass and take pics of their catch. Look for his schedule on page 23.

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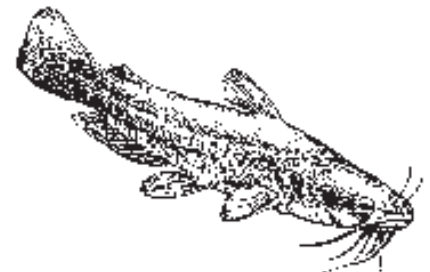
Electronic game checking will benefit hunters and trappers in several ways. Hunters can hunt later in the day without worrying about driving around to find an open check station. This will also save hunters time, gas and wear-and-tear on their vehicles. If a hunter has cellphone coverage in the woods, he or she can check the game in over the phone and immediately dress and chill their game, helping to preserve the freshness of the meat.

Although the main reason for

the change in the system is to help hunters, electronic game check also will benefit DNR personnel with their wildlife management duties. Biologists will be able to monitor big game kills each day instead of waiting until they have the time to visit hundreds of check stations throughout the state to pick up check tags. Not having to visit the check stations a minimum of three times a year will save the DNR hundreds of hours of personnel time and thousands of dollars in gasoline.

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From a law enforcement perspective, a Natural Resources Police Officer will be able to see if the person they are talking with has checked in their game.

The Electronic Game Check System is designed to be more efficient than the hand-written check tag system and more convenient for all concerned. Similar systems have

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Barbara Vanoy, from Charleston, caught a nice smallmouth bass..

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Big Bass Tricks

By Ish Monroe

“You can’t catch ‘em if they ain’t there.” How many times have you heard that? Plenty, I’m guessing. Take that to heart if you want to hunt big bass. Fishing on the wrong lake or river is a complete waste of time.

If you want a true giant where I live (California), you should be fishing south of Sacramento and in lakes where they stock trout. In South Texas set your sights on the biggest reservoirs with lots and lots of tilapia. On the east side of the state think big water with plenty of gizzard shad swimming around in it.

The South Carolina, Georgia and Florida area has plenty of water and plenty of shiners for them to eat. That’s a pretty good part of the country to fish if you can.

In the cooler regions — small-mouth mostly in and around the Great Lakes — gobies take care of their forage needs. And, in some of the other lakes around there (Min-

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nesota and the surrounding states) the brown bass grow big eating bluegill, crappie and yellow perch. Farther south the smallies grow to record weights with a longer growing season and a solid food supply of gizzard shad, threadfin shad and alewives.

What all of these places have in common is a good forage base, big water and a longer growing season.

Big water matters because it gives the fish room to roam and decreases fishing and predator pressure. The more they can swim around

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Mr Daughterty hooked a large-mouth bass recently.



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and the less pressure they feel the easier they are to catch.

If you are interested in targeting giants, I'd say you should look to the biggest lakes in your area.

The longer growing season is pretty much self-evident. The more months a fish can stay active, feed and grow, the bigger he or she will get before they die of old age. When you think about this factor, don't think south. Think warm. There's a difference.

If you're interested in targeting giants, I'd say you should look to



Keith McCloy caught a nice bass.

the warmest places in your area.

A good forage base is also obvious. You don't get big and fat without lots to eat and neither do bass. Fishing a lake or river with a forage problem makes no sense at all.

Another thing you might want to consider is the source of the forage. Hatchery trout like we have here in California are stupid. They grow up in tanks without predators around them. When they're released they just swim around in open water until they get eaten. That makes a better forage base than natural tilapia, shiners or shad, all of which have a survival instinct and are harder for the bass to catch. That's something that should factor into your hunt.

If you're interested in targeting giants, I'd say you should look to places that have a lot of dumb forage.

My final thought about giant bass waters is to remember that "giant" is as much a term of art as it is science. Depending upon where you live a giant bass might weigh 6 pounds. Maybe there's no such thing as a 10-pounder. The same idea is good for smallmouths and spots, too.

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A Lady emailed me the other day asking about locating catfish so I thought I'd write this little piece and give a few bits of info on how I do it here in Oklahoma when I fished the lakes. A lot of people just try anyplace that looks like it'd hold catfish but this really isn't the way to find good to fair catfish action on

rod & reel. The main reason is here in Oklahoma we have more blues and if ya haven't illegally baited holes then they're most likely not gonna hold in one particular spot ... I like trying around crappie structure looking around it with a trolling motor ... just cruising through with an outboard motor I never see

anything but a few once in a while as the fish usually skeedaddle and move from the path of the boat ... the motor and prop noise is very loud the fish are used to the sound of boat motors but will still get out of the way when they hear one coming straight at them and will usually not be underneath the boat unless they're really deep.

Using a trolling motor and current you can go right over large schools of blues without making them bolt. They usually don't pack close together like whales or dolphins but they will be in close proximity. They are aggressive and will attack one of their own if it gets injured or hooked if it's small enough this doesn't happen much but I have hooked smaller fish on rod & reel and other cats will bite the hooked fish excited by the thrashing or some kinda sound they're

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This young fellow enjoyed his catch. *Photo courtesy of Bel Meadows Fishing Preserve near Lost Creek.*



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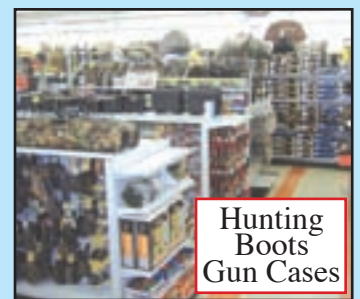


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Larry Little got a nice gobbler.
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Young kids with big trout - how cool!. Photo courtesy of Bel Meadows Fishing Preserve near Lost Creek.



Cainum Cales shot a big turkey.
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Structure is always a good place to start and structure can be anything from abrupt to subtle as blues kind of use structure as a holding area like a place that is darker or dark-



Jeff Kidder caught a 6 1/2 pound trout at Mountwood Lake. *Photo courtesy of Reese's Country Store in Deerwalk.*



Jeremy McCloy hooked an 8 pound, 13 oz. largemouth in Wood County.

est during the day in that particular area. It doesn't seem like they really like being in direct sunlight during the day as I've caught most of my daytime blues on the shaded side of the pilons. Water temp plays an important part of where fish will be also if it's cold the fish can be deep if the water is very hot during mid summer they'll be suspended as the oxygen level will be very low towards the bottom so in mid summer a lot of times the fish won't be able to stay in shadows. I catch a lot of fish during the summer in the daytime knowing that the fish are up and even on top looking for a good source of oxygenated water so that they can breathe and feed in a little better comfort. Streams or water trickling in from a natural spring will hold quite a few fish during the summer months.

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larger fish will scare off and even drive off smaller fish just by being in the area ... the little ones prolly get gone just out of fear of being eaten like some kind of natural instinct maybe or perhaps the larger ones do actually try to feed on their smaller kindred. I've seen people catch a lot of fish on fingerling blues and channels ...

I won't use them as I'm not certain of the legality of it and they don't bite on them very good it seems like but when one is caught



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on a fingerling channel or blue as bait it's usually a pretty big fish. I've also seen near dead blues about 8 to 10 lbs totally skinned alive by other blues ... I say this because of the more rounded mouth prints on the fish's body ... flathead bite would have been a more straight across imprint. This info will help you not sit there and mess with fiddlers all day. If you're fishing from the bank and fiddlers are messing with you and you are just camping there watch when you start getting good fish on the smaller fish won't be biting any more or will at least quit until the larger fish move on through.

If you're in a boat these smaller fish are good indicators because if they're there and biting there are no big ones in the area. Depth locator/fish finders are a handy tool in locating good quantities of fish but if

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smaller fish there and stripping bait off your hooks. If you're camped in an area and just fishing to kill time watch for the fiddlers to stop biting if they do that usually means larger fish have moved into the area and if you're not catching any you'll need to use a different bait ... most likely there's fish in the area hunting for food and probably the best thing to use is live perch smaller ones work well on blues or use live shad or take and cut the

head off a live shad or slit it's body cavity open and hook it through the eyes and cast it out WAY OUT! and then reel it back slowly letting it rest in the area you want to fish ... if there's current you won't need to do that if the water is moving really good. Doing that though imitates a wounded baitfish to a certain degree and will produce a lot of good

fish.

Blues, Channels, & Flathead are mostly nocturnal feeders so knowing this will help you locate fish during the day in winter as well the fish will be deep most likely or on the shaded side of rock bluffs or ledges. At night they'll move out into flats to feed. Flathead winter-
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Larry Kearsy, from Harrisville, caught a 6 pound rainbow trout.



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ing holes are hard to find if you don't know where to look but flats are easily caught out of their wintering holes but there's not much sport in this ... I have caught a lot of flathead lately during and just after cold fronts move through. Catching them on fresh cut bait (shad heads). The shad were all still alive when I'd cut their heads off and put them on ... the flatheads were biting really fast on them Oct 3rd, 4th, & 5th. I started fishing for them a little bit and caught a lot of nice ones. Then after the front is pretty much played out they quit biting shad heads go figure. If you're goin after flathead in the winter on rod&reel all I can say is "Good Luck". Areas to target flats vary greatly from cement structure to sand/gravel flats

... my most productive areas are around crappie structure or sand/gravel flats where a lot of bluegill or crappie congregate. The crappie structure is best for daylight flathead fishing as the flats seem to lay up under the crappie structure placed there by crappie fishermen to attract crappie ... I fished these with really good success during the daylight hours by placing a fluttering bluegill directly under the crappie structure by dragging it around the cedar trees. I got hung up a lot but also caught a lot of flats like this.

Important points to remember:

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Flathead Bait I just remembered and didn't know about that you may try if they're in your area is bullheads. They're a little bitty green catfish that don't usually get much bigger than 1# around here but I have seen them get up to about 3# as I've caught some while fishing for largemouth. I caught them on crankbaits ... bass colored medium diving Bomber. The

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This young fellow got a nice turkey. Photo courtesy of Trapper's Den in Cowen.

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thing to catch bullheads on though is worms or chicken liver but they'll eat anything ... usually when there are bullheads in a body of water they pretty much are the main fish there as they populate really fast and are hard to get rid of when they become resident in a pond. Best thing to get rid of them is to throw a couple of flathead in the pond but largemouth bass will wipe the floor with them too. If you put 5 or 6 3# largemouth or bigger in a pond with bullheads they'll clean the pond up in a few years. To fish with them take a pair of wire cutters and remove the spines on them and the flathead will engulf them.

For some reason the flathead and larger blues really go after them. This is not something I've ever tried but seen an illegal commercial fisherman using them catching a ton of blues on them with one of them rod&reel boats.



Hunter Fiest, from Rockport, caught a 30" freshwater eel.

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Blace Hutchins hooked a monster smallmouth. *Photo courtesy of PC Bait & Tackle in Hinton.*

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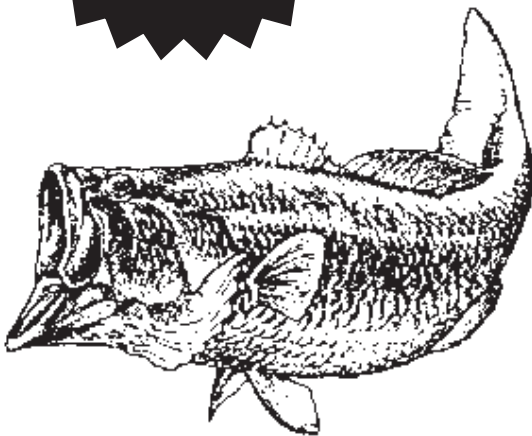
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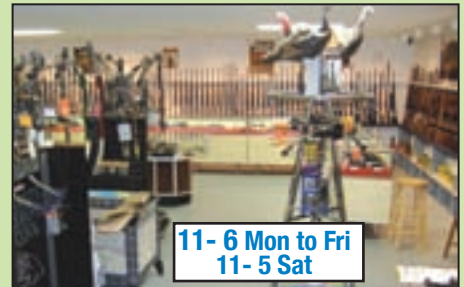
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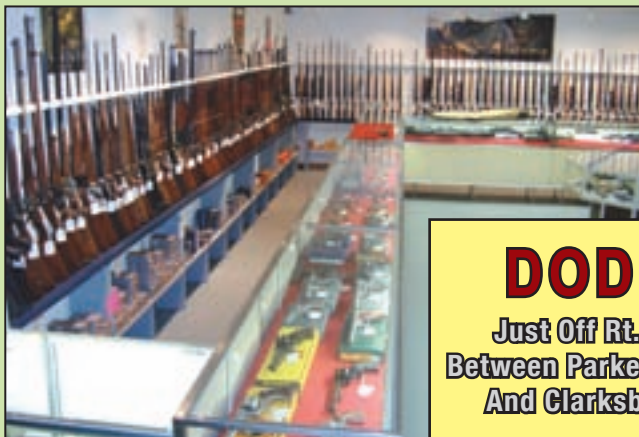
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Ed Bryan and Nelson White, two bass fishing legends, brought in an 18 pound bag - including 3 bass over five pounds - to win at Burnsville Lake



Randy Lilly reeled in a New River smallmouth. *Photo courtesy of PC Bait & Tackle in Hinton.*



Glen Tracewell, from Parkersburg, landed a 12 pound Florida bass.



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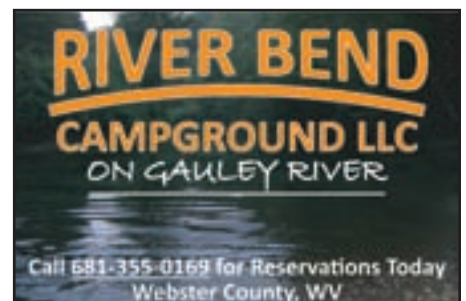
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Barometric Pressure On Fishing

By Mike Iaconelli

First, I want to say thanks to everyone who wished me well during my recovery. Right now I'm at about 85 percent. I should be totally ready to compete come Thursday morning. Actually, it shouldn't cause me any problems during practice on Monday.

For those of you who don't know, I had a blood clot removed that developed after I banged it into the boat on the Sabine River while I was working on my prop. I've fished there twice. The first time I wrecked my boat. The second time I wrecked my knee and calf. I like the place. I don't know why it doesn't like me. OK, here goes this week's column...

Neil Phillips from the Eastman Chemical Company posted a question about barometric pressure in the comments section under last week's column. Yes, I log it in my weather information. That seems to be the most logical place.

Barometric pressure is impor-

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tant. It's also complicated. We all [Elite Series pros] pay attention to it. Some of us are very detail oriented about it. You might be surprised to learn that several of the Elite guys actually have portable gauges in their boats. They watch what's happening all the time they're fishing and adjust their presentations accordingly.

Other guys — I'm in this group and view barometric pressure from a more general perspective. What I mean by that is that we want to know what's happening with it, especially any changes, but we don't necessarily follow those changes minute by minute. I do not have a gauge. I get most of my information from Weather

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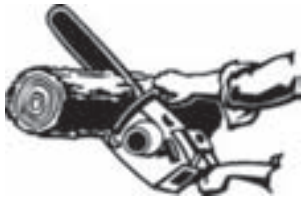
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I'll give you my views on what barometric pressure does to the fish but with the warning that what I say is general. There are a million exceptions.

The best bite will usually come with a falling or low and steady barometer. That's normally when a front is approaching. The fish seem to be the most active. Under these conditions I normally throw reaction type lures and don't worry much if my casts aren't right on target. These are the easy fish. They'll chase a bait.

A much tougher bite usually happens when the barometer is rising or is high and steady. The fish move with this, too, but not always in predictable ways. Sometimes they'll pull back into the cover far-

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Visualize fish on a flat in 4 to 6 feet of water. They might move back under a log or laydown against the shore. They're just as likely, however, to move out over the first break in 10 to 12 feet of water and then suspend.

If I have a choice, I fish the ones back in the cover. They're easier to catch than those that are suspended. Either way, I almost always downsize my baits and fish with more

of a finesse presentation. Precision placement of your lure matters. Take your time. Do it right.

That's what I think. Keep in mind, though, what I said earlier. These are general rules. They don't always hold true. Barometric pressure matters, we just don't know exactly why all the time.

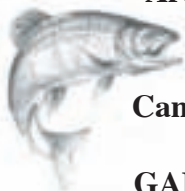
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About the Wise’s Legion of the 1860s

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Hunter Sloan went to Ridenour Lake for a nice bass.



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Young Lillian Beall went to Cedar Creek for a stringer of trout.



Nina Mae Coberly got an Upshur County gobbler.



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