

# Contest will reward liars...

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Fishermen like to stretch the truth now and again.

Mostly we lie for the fun of it, like when we're sitting around the camp fire. Other times, a little lying takes the hurt out of a bad day by the lake or stream.

Now there's an even better reason to lie.

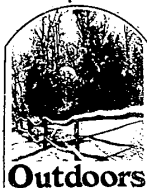
Fisherman from Southfield to Saratoga and from Farmington to Fresno can compete for a boatload of prizes in the 1976 Gladding Fishing Tale Tales Contest.

Liar from every state will get a chance to compete for a week-long trip to Panama and a try at record-size fish off the Cotadora Island Vacation Resort.

The annual contest is sponsored by the trustee of the Gladding International Sport Fishing Museum of South Osele, N.Y. The Panamanian government's tourist bureau and Pan American World Airways are cosponsors.

Entry deadline is Jan. 10 and there are separate categories for both amateur and professional writers.

**WINNERS IN BOTH** categories will be flown to Cotadora Island and a new resort in the Pearl Island Archipelago, where they'll try for black marlin and other giant saltwater fish. In case you didn't know, Panama has a reputation as "the world's black marlin capital."



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Besides the Cotadora accommodations, boat and guide, the winners also will enjoy two nights of sight-seeing and shopping in Panama City with first-class hotel accommodations there.

The winners also will receive a full outfitting of outdoor products, including a citizen's band radio, lures, flies and assorted paraphernalia.

The first 10 runners-up will get a choice of South Bend rod and reel and a special Glen L. Evers lure, the Tall Tale Jig.

Each and every contestant will receive a Gladding Fishing Tale Tales Club card.

No formal entry blanks are needed.

To enter, just send your story to: Gladding Fishing Tale Tales, P.O. Box 586, Back Bay Annex, Boston, Mass. 02117.

Be sure to include your name, address and phone number so you can be notified in case you're a winner. Imagine winning the contest but losing the prize because you forgot to include your name and return address. I figure that could become the ultimate "and but true" tale of the one that got away.

## ...and here's how you lie

In case you're wondering what constitutes a tall fishing tale, here are a couple of what may be called sample examples:

**RUDY KUSHION JR.** of Long Beach, Calif., reveals the true reason why lake trout disappeared from Lake Superior.

"I'm sure you'll remember reading during the 1950s how the sea lamprey destroyed the Lake Superior trout," he says. "Well it isn't quite true. To ease my conscience, I'll tell you what happened."

"On my fishing trip to Lake Superior, I had to drive through the Great Plains of the Midwest. Here I saw and caught the biggest grasshopper anyone ever saw. I had been told to expect some big trout and to use big bait."

"Well, on the first morning out, I started to bait up using this large grasshopper and he got away. The grasshopper landed in the lake and, before you knew it, fish were everywhere. But every time one of them snapped at the grasshopper, he just kicked them out of lake. He cleaned the lake of fish."

"Needless to say, I didn't catch the grasshopper. But I did catch my limit of fish on the fly."

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"But the biggest loss is that all of his notes were in the Latin workbook and he has to face those exams."

Mrs. Gilbert said Sam's biggest fear is that someone won't realize the importance of the books to her youngster and will just drop them in a trash can and forget about it.

"If anyone inadvertently picked them up, we hope they'll call the Southfield Library and let us know where they are," she said.

It would do a lot for a 12-year-old boy's faith in human nature.

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Assertiveness Training for Older People will launch the season from 10 a.m. to noon, Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 10-26, at the Jewish Community Center in Oak Park.

Personal Growth for Older Adults will have two metropolitan locations: from 1-3 p.m., Wednesdays, Jan. 19 to March 19 at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn and from noon to 2 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 2 to March 2 at the Northwest UAW Retired Workers Center in Detroit.

The Continuum Center's basic program — Personal Growth for Men and Women — will be 7:30-10:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Jan. 18 to March 1 in Auburn Heights.

Beginning Personal Growth for Men and Women will be April 20 to June 1. The same program for women only is scheduled for Feb. 9 to March 2 in West Bloomfield and April 19 to May 10 on the Oakland University campus.

Career development programs for women start March 14 and July 7. Careers in Transition for Men and Women starts Feb. 28 and June 8.

Four programs on alternative career options for teachers will be offered Feb. 19, April 16, June 11 and Aug. 16.

Other programs offered this winter and spring include assertiveness training, advanced assertiveness training, divorce workshop, communication for men and women, communication workshop for couples, transactional analysis, marriage enrichment and a new program called You and Your Aging Parent.

The center also will offer pre-retirement planning programs and group leader training for older adults.

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