

This fish story no tall tale; it's all on tape



BILL PARKER

When the "Oh boy! Don't! You got a huge one," exclaimed our host Scott Clower in his deep southern drawl.

Upon seeing the fish, I immediately dropped my rod and reel on the grassy bank and raced to the truck to retrieve my video camera. "Keep yer lip up, Man, that's a nice un. You got ya seven- or eight-pounder there bud!" exclaimed Scott.

Up to this point, our family vacation had been rather uneventful, but extremely relaxing. My wife, two daughters and I drove down to Georgia to spend a week with my in-laws. We endured a

ravaging Georgia storm — the same storm that ripped three homes in the roof of the Georgia Dome — on the way down and only had to pull off the road four times. But even driving through the worst storm I had even encountered paled in comparison to the excitement of the ensuing battle between my father-in-law, Dan Winicki, and this bodacious Georgia bass.

"You got a net, Scott," questioned Don, with eager anticipation.

Boxing a bass
"And No. I don't. But I'll get something," he answered, then dashed back to the truck only to return with a square cardboard box he had used to store crickets in the day before.

Now I knew we were in trouble. "Keep yer lip up, Man, that's a nice un. You got ya seven- or eight-pounder there bud!" exclaimed Scott.

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slightest bit of hesitation, he waded into the warm, murky water with box in hand. "Bring 'em in, Don. That's it. Bring 'em over here," directed Scott. Then with one steady, calculated scoop of the cricket box, the fish was in the "net." (If know this sounds like a big fish story, but I have it on tape.)

"Whoa! Oh Man! I can't believe it! Will you look at that! Look at that Fish," said Don, the excitement culminating in his voice.

After a couple minutes of backslapping and high-fiving it was time to examine the fish a little more closely. He checked in at 7-pounds, 6-ounces on my digital fish scale and measured a tad short of 26-inches.

The south is known for producing big bass and this adventure underlined that fact. If you ever have the opportunity to fish in the south take the time and wet a line. Don't forget a video camera, and of course, a net... or a box if you're so inclined.

Women experience the outdoors
A unique outdoor program de-

signed to introduce women, single parents and their children to a variety of outdoor activities will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford.

Entitled "Women Experiencing the Great Outdoors," the program is sponsored by the Oakland County Sportswomen's Club Women's Auxiliary and the Friends of Pontiac Lake Recreation Area.

The two-day program is free of charge and will offer hands-on experience, demonstrations and seminars on a variety of outdoor-related activities. Topics to be covered include camping, hiking, backpacking, fishing, rifle and archery safety and shooting, fly tying, kayaking, in-line skating, mountain biking, horseback riding and water skiing.

A state park motor vehicle per-

mit is required to enter Pontiac Lake Recreation Area. Daily permits are \$4 each. A fishing license, available at local bait and outdoor stores, is required for any adult wishing to fish on Pontiac Lake. Daily fishing licenses are available for \$5.35.

There will also be activities for children, a craft show with outdoor-related items, a water skiing show at 1 p.m. on Saturday, along with demonstrations, classes and informal talks by representatives of local clubs.

For more information, call Jan Salter at (810) 625-6613 or Jo Burnside at (810) 623-1049.

Fishing club forming
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club is looking for new members. Organized by Rochester Hills resident Harold Leider, the north Oakland County club is an informal organization open to anyone interested in fishing.

"I'm not interested in charging dues and having officers and all that. I just want to get some people together who enjoy fishing," explained Leider. "We could get together over coffee, swap stories and maybe go out fishing."

Anyone interested in hooking up with Leider and the Fishing Buddies Fishing Club can contact him at (810) 651-0566.

Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (810) 644-1314 or call Bill Parker evenings at (810) 901-2573.

Before you start to bowl, consider these things



RAY KRAUTER

The bowling season is suddenly upon us, and perhaps some of us were not quite ready for the new beginning.

Sometimes a word to the wise is a handy thing to do, and while I do not claim to know more than anyone else about the sport, I offer some advice for my fellow bowlers.

Ray Krauter of Ray's Bowling Pro Shop in Westland Bowl says a common problem for those who put the ball away for the Summer is "It doesn't fit right," when they return. The size and span of the ball don't change at all. Your hand did, said Krauter.

The fact is that it may have just shrunk or atrophied a little from lack of bowling for three months. Ray says to get out and throw a few practice games for a couple of days and see if your hand doesn't just stretch right back to where the ball fits the same as it always did.

For those who gained or lost a lot of weight, you may have to have it plugged and re-drilled to fit properly. If your finger or thumb is just a fraction off, it could affect your release and take a lot of pins off your game.

"He also suggests that you check the soles of your bowling shoes very carefully if they have been stored with the ball over the summer, as some of the lane oil which gets on the ball could work its way into the shoes.

"If this happens to you, a good working over with a wire brush or

Brillo pad will restore the natural finish and your slide will be as you would expect it to be.

Another thing to do is take an inventory of your supplies, if you use bowlers tape, easy slide or other such items.

Krauter does not recommend the use of a resin bag for bowling, there are better "grip" items on the market than resin bags and much less messy to have around.

If the lanes at first seem to be hooking a lot, or not very much, do not panic. They could have been resurfaced over the Summer and have more than the usual amount of oil to begin the season.

If you bowl in several different houses, you may choose to have a different ball that works best in each place.

I am not suggesting that you must have a dozen different bowling balls, maybe two or three would suffice, but in many cases, a different ball will seem to work better in different conditions. Unless you are a pro, it may take a while to figure it out.

Physically, if you have not bowled for a while, try a little stretching exercise before you hit the lanes.

Another thing you may want to do is keep a record of your scores. Most bowling centers have those pocket size scorecards on the rack and they are free for the taking.

I have kept them up since I started bowling in 1961 and can tell you exactly how many 200 games, 600 series and 700's I have had.

It's really pretty easy, and if you miss a week or so, the secretary has all your scores for the season. If you want to improve your game, the best way is simply

to get out and practice, practice, practice.

Many houses have special rates at certain times which makes the practice sessions more affordable, especially if you happen to be a senior citizen. When you are on practice time, don't be shy about experimenting with a different "line."

That's something you may not want to try during league play, so check with your local bowling center on open play, especially for when they would have any special rates.

I suggest a visit to the local pro shop at the beginning of the season. You may want to have your ball professionally sanded or polished, depending on lane conditions.

At any rate it's a good idea to get to know your pro shop operator. He will give you the best advice. If they do any coaching, he may be just the person to see during practice time.

There is still time to sign up for the Pro-Am at Taylor Lanes in conjunction with the PBA Greater Detroit Open Pro Tournament. It is a chance to bowl with the pros, win some money, and come away with a new ball, the Red Zowee from Brunswick.

Squad times are 1, 5:30, 8 and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6th; also, 2:30, 5, 7:30 and 10 p.m. Saturday Oct. 7.

Youth bowling squads (ages 5-21) will meet at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6.

Hurry up and get in on the action while there are still some spots open, as some of the squads are already full. For further details call (313) 946-9092.

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275R-12	28.99
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315R-12	32.99
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755R-12	76.99
765R-12	77.99
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785R-12	79.99
795R-12	80.99
805R-12	81.99
815R-12	82.99
825R-12	83.99
835R-12	84.99
845R-12	85.99
855R-12	86.99
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