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Opening Cast

I'm a conservative ol'-timer so change usually doesn't come easy. I can remember being late to switch to digital cameras because slide photography was high quality and I didn't want to learn something new. After the switch, I've saved over a thousand dollars a year with the elimination of slide film and developing. I get more good shots because I shoot 200-700 on-the-water shots during a photo shoot or when shooting a tournament.



I didn't like switching to a Mac computer six years ago due to price and a big learning curve. However, it has been much more reliable, great tech support the few times needed and it has many operational advantages. Again, change was good.

So what does this have to do with crappie fishing? The talk in fishing circles is the Garmin LiveScope. It's new, takes a little time to learn, but has proven to be a fantastic tool. I've watched a few teams do nothing but keep jigging poles in the air while using their boat (transducer attached to trolling motor) to search for crappie, more specifically, large crappie. Once found, they drop the bait on the fish and it bites or it doesn't. A fisherman can chase fish until they stop, or, pitch out in front of them as they are moving. There is less wasted time fishing spots with no crappie.

Like the digital camera and Mac computer, the LiveScope is a tool. It isn't magic that guarantees crappie, but is effective, especially when jigging, but helps analyze cover for slow trolling, too.

Some fishermen are saying the units should be outlawed from tournaments because they are too much like a camera. A few said that about Side Imaging, 360 and Mega imaging, too. They are expensive, so your budget, techniques and seriousness will determine if it's worth it for you. The bottom line is simple...change doesn't always come easy but it's a part of anything we do, including crappie fishing.

Good fishin' & God Bless,
Tim Huffman, Editor/Sr. Writer

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Robert Carlile and Craig Nichols
pull a fish from Grenada Lake
during a Crappie Masters
tournament.

Tim Huffman photo.

The American Crappie Trail National Championship at Lake D'Arbonne. LA

by Ron Wong

Not only did the cities of Ruston and Farmersville, Louisiana roll out the red carpet for the crappie anglers competing in the American Crappie Trail national championship tournament, the Super Bowl of Crappie Fishing, but Lake D'Arbonne showed why it is one of the top crappie lakes in the nation. 1.25 to 1.5-pound crappie were abundant and easy to catch. Ruston, Farmersville and the Louisiana department of Tourism together provided the finest hospitality one could find anywhere in the U.S. All the accommodations, food, and welcoming atmosphere were top notched. Local marine dealerships worked over time to help contestants that experienced boat problems get back on the water.

On the final day of the tournament, as the 25 teams drove from the lake to Ruston for the weigh-in ceremonies, oncoming traffic pulled to the side of the road to admire and respect them. The police escort on that final was not only appreciated by the anglers but made them all feel like royalty. To kick-off tournament week, John Godwin of the Duck Dynasty fame, arranged a welcome party to all B'n'M pro staff members fishing the tournament to nearby Duck Commander Warehouse in West Monroe with dinner provided by Jeff Smith of Crappie Magnet. At the event, all attendees toured the new Duck Commander museum.

The American Crappie Trail National Championship provided the first elimination-style format used in crappie tournaments. It added excitement and drama the anglers

learned to embrace. The top 100 teams from 2018 qualifying tournaments were invited to the championship tournament. Points from this tournament were also used to determine the 2018 Angler of the Year award.

For the fans and spectators of the tournament, the excitement began from the day 1 weigh-in to the final fish weighed. This was the first ever 3-day crappie tournament with elimination after each of the first 2 days of competition. After day 1 weigh-in, the field was cut to the top 50 teams to compete on day 2 and after the day 2 weigh-in, the top 25 teams went on to fish championship Saturday. Every fisherman expressed how working to make the cut racked their nerves. So many 10- to 12-pound limits of crappie were weighed with the weights so close it had all teams on edge. Weights so close throughout the field is rare.

After the final crappie was weighed on championship Saturday, the Strike King team of Tony Hughes of Obion, TN and Jeff Riddle of Hornbeak, TN won the tournament with a total 3-day weight of 35.94 pounds. Second place went to the team of Daniel Porter and Jeremy Aldridge with a total weight of 35.93 pounds. This gives you an idea of how close all the weights were throughout the tournament.

The ACT National Championship tournament provided the highest ever total purse of over \$136,00 in a crappie tournament. A day prior to the actual tournament, a media/sponsor/local officials one-fish tournament was held. A record number of teams participated



in the fun event. Ron Wong fishing with the Engel Coolers team of Terry and Cole Stewart won the event with a 2.57 crappie.

Excellent crappie fishing was experienced throughout the entire lake throughout the tournament. Most teams talked about the big numbers of fish caught between 1.25 to 1.5 pounds. As some of the teams said, it was a good culling nightmare. The crappie spawn

Capps & Coleman ACT Angler Team of the Year

was underway during the tournament as many of the female fish were dropping eggs on boat carpet and in live wells.

With a total weight of 35.94, the team of Tony Hughes and Jeff Riddle won the tournament





ACT Champions Hughes & Riddle

while catching over 60 fish a day. For the win, Tony and Jeff won a Ranger boat with a 150 horse power Evinrude motor and Minn Kota trolling motor. They spider-rigged using B'n'M 16-foot BGJP rods rigged with double jig rigs using Strike King Jokers and Shadpoles most of the time. They also used a hand-tied hair jig and tipped jigs with minnows. The jigs with some purple in them seem to be the best color. They fished 8 to 10 feet deep over 12 to 20 feet of water. Staying at 0.2 mile per hour was key to catching the fish with occasional stops to get the fish to bite. They focused on flooded trees with lots of branches in an area south of D'Arbonne Point to the mouth of Stowe creek the first two days of the tournament. They believed the crappie were spawning around the branches of the trees, the trees with more branches produced the better size fish. Because of the weather change on day 3, they decided to go up river to fish some spots that had the same characteristics of previous successful spots. Again, plenty of quality fish were caught. Tony and Jeff said that without their great sponsors, including Strike King, B'n'M, TH Marine, Rod Sox and Rod Safe,

they would not be so successful.

The second-place team of Daniel Porter and Jeremy Aldridge with 35.93 total pounds spider-rigged the Stowe creek area. Half of their B'n'M (BGJP 16 feet) poles were rigged with double hair jigs and the other half with minnow rigs. "It seems when the sun was out, just minnows were better". However, the hair jigs caught the bigger fish. They found their fish by using side imaging especially to find sunken laydowns that were near deep water. Their sponsors include B'n'M, Engel Coolers, and Silent Stalker. The silent stalker really helped when the wind was up, and the water was choppy. Third place went to Rick Solomon of Piqua, Ohio. He fished by himself during the tournament and said, "If I had a net man, I may have won the tournament as I lost several big fish at the boat." Rick fished in sloughs up the Ouachita river that he had found studying a topo map of the lake. He said, "by studying the map, I found three places that

should be good for this time of the year” and he fished just those three areas during the tournament. Half of his poles (B’n’M 16-foot PST) were rigged with double minnows and half with 1/8ounce jigs rigged with Southern Pro umbrella tubes, all tipped with minnows. He fished his baits seven feet deep over 8 to 12 feet of water. Fourth place went to Drew Scott who also fished by himself as his partner, Bill Burnett had lost his wife the week before the tournament and couldn’t make it to D’Arbonne. Drew spider-rigged 16-foot B’n’M BGJP poles rigged with Grenada Lake Tackle jig heads and Midsouth blue-white tubes tipped with minnows. He fished 8 to 10 feet deep in ditches that had 15 to 15 feet of water and stumps on the bottom.

Some commonalities while fishing tournament days were: had to fish slow, 0.2 to 0.5 mph; the spawn was in progress, otherwise the weights would be up, and better size fish seem to be over deeper water.

Angler of the Year (2018) went to the team of Ronnie Capps and Steve Coleman. Ronnie and Steve won a Ranger RT188C boat with a 115 horse power Evinrude motor for AOY. Second place went to the team of Terry and Cole Stewart, followed by Tony Hughes & Jeff Riddle, Whitey & Matt Outlaw and in 5th place the team of Rick Solomon & Mike Walters.

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 - Ron Wong



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Crappie Basics #186

Minnow Hooks

"I use red Tru-Turn hooks," says Jay Don Reeve. "I want a strong hook and one that catches more fish per bite. That's a Tru-Turn. At Grenada I'm using a 1/0 but at lakes where most fish are small and I'm not likely to catch anything over 1.25 or 1.5 pounds, I'll go as small as a #2 but nothing smaller. Quality of fish determines the size. I like red hooks and are comfortable using them. But look in my boat and I may have some gold and bronze on, too.

"I hook minnows through the bottom lip and up through the top lip, probably 98 percent of the time. When fish are there and won't bite, I might try hooking them through the back. My double-hook rig is from Charlie Bunting who showed me how to tie rigs a simple, strong way with a jig on bottom. I've used it for two years with good success."

Jay Don Reeve is a tournament fisherman from Texas. He and wife, Rhonda, who is a two-time cancer survivor, travel and fish to raise awareness and money for the fight against ovarian cancer. The team is known for a seven fish stringer weighing 20.54 pounds caught at a Grenada, MS, Crappie Masters tournament.



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KY & Barkley Lakes, Paris, TN.....	03/22/19 - 03/23/19
Lake Cumberland, Somerset, KY.....	04/05/19 - 04/06/19
Lake Barkley, Cadiz, KY.....	04/12/19 - 04/13/19
Green River Lake, Columbia, KY.....	04/19/19 - 04/20/19
Grand Lake/St. Marys, St. Marys, OH.....	04/26/19 - 04/27/19

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Southern Approach to Northern Crappie Spawn

Story & photos by Darl Black

Going by the moniker of Crappie Mates, the husband and wife fishing team of Dan and Sue Dannenmueller participate in national crappie tournaments, and promote crappie fishing through seminars and videos.

Although home is Alabama, Crappie Mates travel across the US and Canada. On a Crappie Mate's most recent press trip to northwestern Pennsylvania this past May, I had the opportunity to quiz the duo following three days fishing Pymatuning Lake in Crawford County and Shenango Lake in Mercer County.

DARL BLACK: Your visits to this region in May occur during the spawning period for crappies in NW Pennsylvania. Is there anything you do that is different during the pre-spawn/spawn period in the northern tier versus your home waters back in Alabama?

CRAPPIE MATES: Technically, we don't do anything different. Crappies are crappies – they follow the same spawning rituals in Pennsylvania as they do in Alabama. It's just a matter of when they do it. In Alabama, the pre-spawn starts as early as late February with majority of spawning occurring during March. On visits to NW Pennsylvania during mid-May, we have found crappies in both the pre-spawn and spawn phases – depending on which lake or lake section we were

fishing.

One difference is the size of baits we use. When fishing up north we downsize our baits to around 2 inches on a 1/16-ounce jighead. But back home we use a 3/16-ounce jighead and slightly bigger soft plastic body to create a larger profile bait to mimic the shad in our lakes. The reason is simple: northern crappies feed on smaller minnows in the spring. In Pennsylvania, our best bait has been the 2.25-inch Bobby Garland Baby Shad Swim'r, while back in Alabama our favorites are the Garland 3-inch Slab Slay'r and 2.5-inch Stroll'r.

BLACK: What have you uncovered about the location of pre-spawn and spawn crappies (both black and white) in Pennsylvania waters?

CRAPPIE MATES: Crappies will move into the bays and inlets to spawn around wood, rock and gravel when water temperature approaches 60 degrees. Males move first to spawning areas, then the larger females. On Pymatuning, we look for bays and inlets protected from the prevailing wind, which in NW Pennsylvania is a north or northwest wind. Because spawning crappies seek protection from the prevailing northwest wind, when the wind shifts out of the northeast the bite can be screwed up.

On Shenango Lake, the reservoir downstream of Pymatuning, things are a



Crappie Mates at work, spider rigging a Pymatuning stump field.

little different because the lake structure and orientation are different. Here crappies will move into any nook and cranny they can find that has some brushpiles or shoreline deadfalls. With dirtier water and lack of vegetation due to the flood control nature of the lake, white crappies appear to be the dominant species. On the other hand, black crappies dominate Pymatuning Lake with its clearer water, vegetation and stable pool level.

BLACK: Having fished with you on several occasions, I know the technique you use is considerably different from what the majority of Pennsylvania crappie anglers do. Southern anglers refer to it as "spider rigging" or "pushing jigs." While I occasionally see boats with Ohio tags doing the jig pushing thing on Pymatuning or Shenango, it is extremely rare to see it done elsewhere in this state where the vast majority of crappie anglers either cast jigs, still-fish minnows or drift. Please

elaborate on your presentation program.

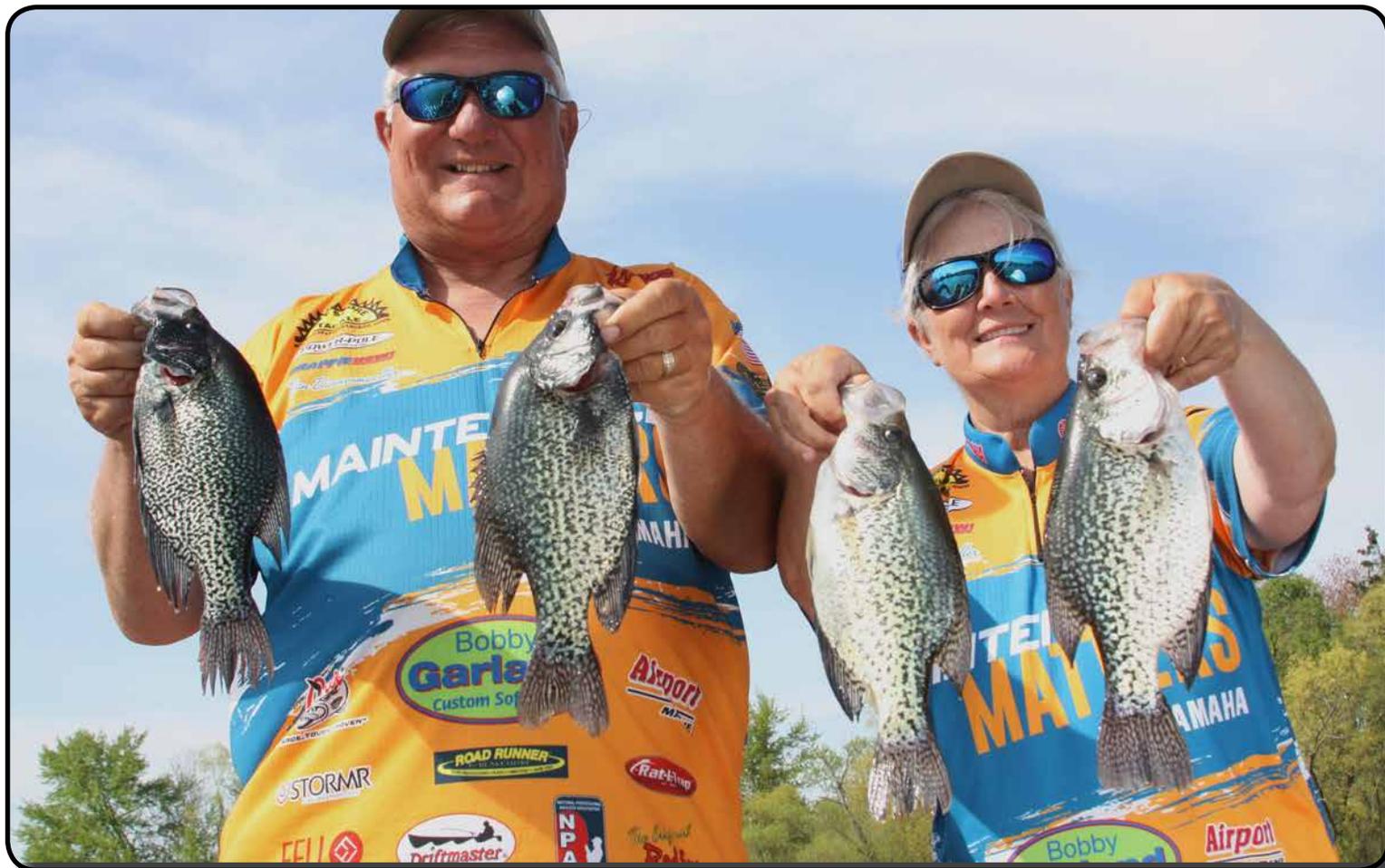
CRAPPIE MATES: Spider rigging is an extreme slow-troll presentation utilizing long rods positioned off the front of the boat with heavy egg sinkers keeping each bait almost straight down from the tip of the rod. It works everywhere you find crappies.

The advantages of this presentation are: (1) being able to use multiple rods with baits positioned at different depths to strain the water, (2) having baits constantly in the water without casting and retrieving, and (3) keeping baits out front to be seen by crappies before the passing boat shadow and trolling motor noise spook the fish.

While anglers more readily accept



NORTHERN CRAPPIE SPAWN



spider rigging as useful when crappies are holding in deeper water, many northern anglers believe it cannot be effective when crappies are spawning in water less than 4 or 5 feet deep. That is a misconception. We routinely spider rig in water as shallow as 2 to 3 feet, having done so in May on both Pymatuning and Shenango.

Our rods are 12- and 14-foot B'n'M BGJP series with an orange tip. Our B'n'M Reels are spooled with hi-vis 10-pound Gamma Panfish Line. Then one arm of a three-way swivel is tied to the end of the line.

To the second arm of three-way, we attach a pre-tied snelled hook with a #1 Tur-Turn hook. When fishing up north, we put a large fathead minnow on the hook.

To the third arm of the three-way, we tie a 3-foot leader of 8-pound Gamma Clear Polyflex line. A ½-ounce egg sinker is double wrapped on the leader, leaving approximately an 18-inch leader. When

Crappie Mates enjoy visiting NW PA in May where they always have success by spider-rigging.

fishing Pymatuning and Shenango, we tie a 1/16-ounce Road Runner head with Bobby Garland Baby Shad Swim'r body to the tag end of the leader.

In the slightly dingy water of Pymatuning, crappies seem to favor Monkey Milk, Black Chartreuse, Bluegrass, or any combo with blue. However, in the dirty water of Shenango, we find color patterns in combination with either orange or chartreuse work best.

By having lines with a heavy egg sinker on long rods, the live minnow and 1/16-ounce jig are straight down below the rod tip; yet with enough slack to move for baits to move freely. The ½-ounce egg sinker rig is as effective in 14 feet of water as in 2 feet of water.

We use the trolling motor to creep



Dan Dannenmueller giving a seminar at the Pymatuning Lake Sportsman's Club.

forward, pushing jigs out in front of the boat. Each rod has bait set a slightly different depth, and we change the depth setting as we move from deeper water to shallower water. We watch the brightly colored rod tip for the slightest hint of a bite, then grab the rod and lift.

In Pennsylvania, you are permitted three rods per person. Therefore, two anglers fishing together can have six rods stick out the bow of the boat. This technique requires a very good rod holder system; we use Driftmaster Rod Holders.

The final piece of equipment we have that brings everything in front of the boat into view, is the new Garmin Panoptix LiveScope transducer with an Echo Map Plus sonar. This absolutely great forward reading sonar helps us see brushpiles, stumps and fish!



 - Darl Black



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Raising an Angler- Knowing Your Angler

by *Jeremy Olson*



To say that fishing defines me would be an understatement. As a preschooler I was pulled out of swimming lessons because I refused to do anything but try to swim underwater. When asked why I wouldn't try to do the back float or swim on the surface, I promptly said, "There are no fish on the surface." At the age of five, I nearly drowned while swimming at a local lake trying to catch perch with a small net. When dad asked what happened I said "Well the fish breath underwater, so I tried it." Having grown up a little since then and now in the process of raising my own four kids in the outdoors, there

are principles that I learned from my dad that make raising an angler a lot of fun and even more rewarding. What shocks most people is that my dad rarely fished and when he did, he was almost never successful.

This article and the "Raising an Angler" series is meant to give parents, grandparents and mentors the tools to raise kids to love and respect the outdoors through positive fishing adventures. You don't need to be a great angler or even know how to fish at all to accomplish this, my dad is proof. What you do need is the desire and patience to teach and learn with the kids in your life.



When I am out on the water and in the sporting good stores there are a few things I keep seeing over and over again. First, are young, inquisitive kids that want to look and do absolutely everything. Second, is adults that are so focused on catching fish that they forgot how to have fun. Then, there is the group who wants to catch fish, have fun and have a story to tell at the end of the day, but don't have a clue what they are doing. Finally, there is the poor soul that got drug to the lake and spends the entire time wishing they were anywhere but there. Now if you mix any of these groups together, things tend to go bad. This is important to understand because most family fishing outings mix these groups together. If you don't recognize this up front, the trip won't be fun and it will leave wounds. I have friends that hate to fish to this day because of the ramifications of not understanding how these groups mix. Understanding these groups will help you make decisions that will leave kids and adults longing for more time in the outdoors.

What makes a kid tick? Well for starters, kids are full of energy and have a rabid passion to learn. Mix in a little desire to please others, some curiosity and a hint of selfishness and

“wallah” you have a kid. That is until adults squeeze these qualities from them. Whether you like to believe it or not, every action an adult takes molds the kid that is watching. For good and/or for bad. Each kid is unique and will react differently. It is our job as adults to listen to and watch each kid to see how they tick and act accordingly.

First thing to look at is each kids' ability level and not their age. This is really important when you are planning a trip, setting expectations and picking out equipment. All four of our kids learned to cast in about the same span of time, but at different ages. Size, muscle structure and hand/eye coordination are elements that need to be looked at, before age, when making decisions about each hunting and fishing adventure.

Next, you need to watch and understand a kid's attention span. This is not a trick, it's critical. Many years back, a buddy asked me to help take his son on his first fishing trip. So we picked a nice summer day in June on a relatively quiet lake in southern Minnesota. Everyone was so excited to get out on the water to do some fishing. We launched the boat, we found the perfect bluegill spot and got some lines in the water. No joke, the ripples



were still being created when the bobber was ripped from the surface with a splash. The battle was on and young Josh had his first fish. This went on for about five fish when without any warning Josh put the hook on the eye of the rod, placed the rod in the rod locker and announced "I am done, let's go home." Dad had the predictable reaction, "but we got you a rod and a tackle box with all the stuff you wanted and we drove all the way to the lake and asked Jeremy to come with and and and you're done?" This story is not unique, it happens all the time because the attention span of kids is different than adults. This is why when a kid says, "I'm done" you need to take a break or quit for the day. The future of the sport relies on it. Kids that were forced stay out all day fishing and hunting make up a grown group of people that stay at home and watch TV because fishing is boring.

A learned skill for anyone working with kids, is how to stretch them while still having fun. My son Peter and I fished a charity tournament one cold, rainy, miserable April day. The other adult in the boat and I figured if we could get 5 fish in the boat we would call it good. We knew Peter wouldn't last long in the conditions, so we gave him the job to determine what five fish were big enough to call it quits for the day. Well we started catching fish and at eleven o'clock we had enough fish to go weigh-in, get dried off and get a warm meal. We stretched Peter and I think he stretched us too, it was cold and miserable. A couple years later my sons Dan, Peter and myself were fishing a charity tournament on an equally miserable day in July. About 9am with not even a bite, Peter asked if we should call it a day and Dan and I were thinking the same thing. We decided to try one more spot and give it 30 minutes. Well much to our surprise, we started catching fish, lots of fish. We took turns reeling in fish, baiting hooks, netting fish, and bailing water that was filling the boat. We couldn't feel our fingers and the rain gear was soaked, just like us. With a lot of hooting and hollering and over a hundred walleye later we almost missed the three o'clock weigh in. We all stretched ourselves together and had a lot of fun while doing it. Stop while its fun and you can stretch kids and yourself further than you could ever

dream.

Now you did hear me right. My boys and I were making noise and fishing. Raising kids in the outdoors is more about relationships than hunting and fishing success. If you do it right, you give kids a reason to use the outdoor skills they are learning in public. My wife and I never once said, "use your inside voice" and then were disappointed when they didn't. We did say "this is a place to practice your hunting voice" and watched them compete to see who could whisper the quietest. One day I was on the Missouri River with the boys and we couldn't keep the fish out of the boat. Another boat came zooming up the river and stopped next to us. I asked the gentlemen in the boat how I could help him and he replied "I heard all the hooting and hollering a mile down river and I came to see what was going on." Peter replied "We are catching fish!!!" Don't let unnecessary rules get in the way of fun and use outdoor principles to help kids learn why rules matter.

Don't try to be fair. Nothing in nature is fair and you will waste a lot of time trying to make it fair. Each kid is different, each day ends up different than you planned, and mother nature does what she wants. When you try to be fair you breed resentment because it pretty much never works. I have found that it is much more important to teach this principle, "put others before yourself." It is a joy to watch kids offer the next fish to an adult who hasn't caught a fish before taking one themselves.

Finally it's about having fun and learning together. It took me a few years to learn that I should stop telling Dan and Peter how to fish and instead have fun learning with them. What I learned is that the fish act differently than I thought. I can't tell you all the dumb ideas Peter had that we use all the time now because the fish agreed with the kid and not the adult.

Spend some time getting to know the kids in your life, meet them where they are at and have some fun learning to fish together.

 - *Jeremy Olson*

Q: Will LiveScope change crappie fishing?

Asked on the tournament trail.

Brad Calhoun, a guide in Mississippi, says, “I’ve been talking to a lot of people who have it and I’m sure we’ll have to add it to our boat, too. From what I’ve learned, it’s not for fast techniques but will be very good for jigging on lakes like D’Arbonne, Truman, Lake Fork and Ross Barnett.”

Steve Perotti, 5th place in the recent ACA Championship, says, “It will change crappie fishing and actually it already has changed it. Last week I was fishing with a guy using it. We saw four fish up toward the bank. I pitched in and caught one. I released it and we watched it swim back to the exact same place with the other three fish. It will be a great learning tool, too.”

George Parker, Florida guide and tournament fisherman, says, “I’ve only had it for a month so I’m still learning. But, it’s awesome. You see a fish, drop down to it and catch it. There’s no doubt it has and will continue to change crappie fishing. It’s not for everything, like fast trolling, and you have to be careful if using it for slow trolling because the outside poles can be outside the cone angle. You have to make sure you’re watching pole tips and not just the graph.”

Matt Morgan, ACA owner, says, “I’m so tired of fishermen telling me it needs to be outlawed. So what about Side Imaging, 360, Mega Side Imaging and Mega Down Imaging? But has LiveScope changed crappie fishing? Absolutely, but just in certain situations. LiveScope is another extraordinary tool, just like Side Imaging is a great tool that allows a fisherman to put things together to find and catch fish. It’s here to stay.”

Travis Bunting, 3-time National Champ, says, “There’s no doubt it is changing crappie fishing. It’s not only good for jigging stumps, but it’s also good for analyzing cover when slow trolling. It’s a great tool for targeting a fish, dropping a bait on its head and holding it there until he bites. I do worry a little bit about the future if fishermen get good enough at targeting the best fish. Time will tell if the quality of fish will eventually go down. I hope not.”



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Crappie Basics #187

Creek Channels

“On Barkley in May, I like fishing the creek channels. The temperatures are coming up a little and the fish have already spawned. I’ve had the best luck in creek channels, like in Eddie Creek. The lake is not up to summer pool so the fish will likely be in water 16 to 18 feet with the crappie suspended up at about seven feet. Catching fish is usually a matter of finding bait balls and the crappie will be with the bait. I use Jenko 16-foot poles, spider rig minnows at about 0.3 mph.

“Fishing changes with conditions so if visiting the lake don’t be afraid to ask questions to learn what the fish are doing. Also, Barkley can have very shallow areas where you can get in trouble very quickly. Take your time until you learn the channel.”

Dale Willingham fishes A.C.T. and is sponsored by Jenko, Pro Built Jigs, Cornfield Crappie and others.



The Great Outdoors

by Larry Whiteley

The Best Investment You Will Ever Make

Spending time together fishing has some very positive benefits for your family. Nearly every family that begins fishing together assumes they will hate it and ends up wondering why they didn't do it a long time ago. It tends to bond them all closer together.

The boys will automatically love it and want to catch more fish than everybody else. Even the most finicky female teenager is excited when reeling in a fish. Little sister might just catch a fish bigger than Dad did. Mom will love fishing too once she tries it.

Teach them to learn to enjoy beautiful sunrises and sunsets, an eagle diving down to catch his dinner, deer coming down to the water in a secluded cove, turkeys gobbling over the hill, bird songs that fill the air and more. Teach them that catching fish is the bonus.

Keep your smart phone handy because you're going to need it to capture all the memories of smiling faces, laughter, good times and of course fish. To continue the memories, cook up some of the fish when you get home and then set around the table enjoying them while you all talk about the great fun you had.

Spend some quality time with your family out fishing in our great outdoors away from the TV, electronic games and the craziness of a busy world. It's the best investment of time and money you will ever make.

You Got To Be Kidding Me

Did you know that 80% of the world's population consumes insects as part of their daily diet? And now you know what you might not have known.

Hit the Reset Button

Whether it's fishing, hunting, hiking or camping it's great to get away. Our lives are so fast-paced. When you're on the water with a fishing pole in your hands, in the woods with a bow or gun, sitting by a campfire, or hiking up a hill - you can finally slow down. It's kind of like hitting the reset button.

An Old Crappie Tip

Here's a crappie fishing tip from the 1948 issue of Outdoor Life Magazine.

"Sprinkle crushed egg shell pieces overboard in a circle around your boat. The pieces will flutter seductively down through the water first drawing in minnows and then the minnows will attract the crappie."

I don't think anyone uses this method in 2019 but it might just be worth a try when the fishing gets tough.

Dispose of Your Bait Properly

No matter where you fish, it is extremely important to dispose of unused live bait properly. The best way is to place your unused bait in a sealed container and just put it in the trash.

Even if you think your bait is native, it has the potential to include nuisance species or contain a disease that can have an irreversible impact on your favorite fishing lake or river.

Quote of the Month

"There is a way that nature speaks, that land speaks. Most of the time we are simply not patient enough, quiet enough, to pay attention to the story."

—Linda Hogan

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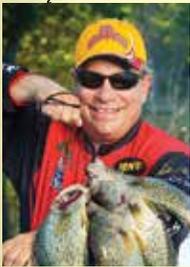
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Salt-Baked Fish 'n' Stews

We commonly think of table salt when most recipes call for salt. Table salt has additives like iodine (to prevent thyroid disease) and an anti-caking agent to prevent lumping in humidity. Many chefs prefer kosher salt (additive-free, coarse-grained) for cooking and sea salt for table use because they have a softer flavor than table salt. Kosher salt easily draws blood when applied to butchered meat (koshering process). The salt dissolves easily and provides flavor without over-salting because of its large surface area.

Hawaiian sea salts (red or black) are specialty finishing salts. The red variety has an iron taste and is used to add color. The black variety has a sulfurous aroma from the addition of purified lava. Black salt is more tan, little lighter than black, with a strong, sulfurous flavor. Black salt is available in Indian markets, either ground or in lumps.

Pickling salt is free of the additives that turn pickles dark and pickling liquid cloudy. Sel gris is a gray salt from France, and fleur de sel (salt flower) is a by-product of sel gris created when sel gris is allowed to bloom into lacy flowerlike crystals in evaporation basins.

Maldon sea salt is a British finishing salt similar to fleur de sel. It has a light delicate flavor that is obtained by boiling sea water to form delicate pyramidal crystals. Rock salt is used to make ice cream.

Salt comes from salt mines or from the sea. Most of today's salt is mined and comes from large deposits left by dried salt lakes throughout the world. Salt preserves foods by creating a hostile environment for certain microorganisms. Within foods, salt brine dehydrates bacterial cells, alters osmotic pressure and inhibits bacterial growth and

subsequent spoilage.

The word "salary" was derived from the Latin term "salarium", the name for a soldier's pay in ancient Rome. The pay included a large ration of salt that had a high value and used for barter. The spice coined such expressions as "salt of the earth" and "worth your salt."

Stuffed Fish

Here's a French dish that is simple as far as French cuisine goes. Stuff a fish's cavity with herbs and lemons. Cover with salt and bake. The salt only lightly seasons the fish and traps all the juices and aromas from the herbs and lemon. Take the fish to the table, break open the salt and serve.

- 2 3/4-pound crappie (whole fish with head and tail and clean cavity)
- 10 sprigs of thyme
- 4 sprigs rosemary
- 1 teaspoon tarragon or chervil
- 3 thin slices of lemon, halved
- Olive oil
- 3 cups sea salt or kosher salt (a mix of 2 cups coarse and 1 cup fine)
- 1 egg white
- Water

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Pat the fish dry inside and out with paper towels. Stuff fish cavity with thyme, rosemary, tarragon or chervil and lemon. Lightly oil the outside of the fish with olive oil. In a bowl, mix the salts and the egg white with your hand. Add water a little at a time until the mixture reaches the consistency of wet sand that you might use to build a sand castle. On a rimmed baking sheet, create a layer of the salt mixture approximately the size of the fish about 1/4-inch thick. Place the fish flat on this bed and mound the salt around the fish about 1/4-inch thick creating a tight seal. Leave the head and tail exposed.

Bake for 30 minutes, remove from oven to rest for 10 minutes. Carefully break off the salt crust and fillet the fish. Serves 4-6.

Fish Stew I

- 1 pound fish fillets cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 large leek, cleaned and thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup sliced shallots
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon fish sauce
- 3/4 cup white wine
- 1 1/4 cups chicken broth
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced fennel bulb
- 1 pound baby red potatoes, trimmed
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 pinch cayenne pepper (or more) to taste
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh tarragon

Melt butter in a large saucepan over medium-low heat. Cook and stir leek, shallots, fish sauce and 1/4 teaspoon salt in the melted butter until softened, 10 to 15 minutes. Stir wine into leek mixture, increase heat to medium and cook for 2 minutes. Add chicken broth and bring to a simmer. Mix fennel and potatoes into leek mixture and simmer, stirring occasionally until potatoes are nearly tender, about 10 minutes. Season with salt, black pepper and cayenne pepper. Add cream and stir to combine. Stir fish and tarragon into soup, cover and cook for 3 minutes. Stir gently, reduce heat to medium-low and cook until fish flakes easily with a fork, about 5 minutes. Season with salt and black pepper if needed.

Fish Stew II

- 1 to 1-1/2 pounds fish fillets cut in 2-inch pieces
- 4 large garlic cloves cut in half,

- green shoots removed
- 4 anchovy fillets, soaked in water for 4 minutes, drained and rinsed
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 celery rib, chopped
- 1 medium carrot, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher or sea salt, to taste
- 1 teaspoon fish sauce
- 1 28-ounce can chopped tomatoes, with liquid
- 1 quart water
- 1 pound small new potatoes, scrubbed and quartered or sliced
- Salt to taste
- 1 bay leaf
- Freshly ground pepper to taste
- 2 sprigs fresh parsley, finely chopped

Place the garlic cloves and 1/4 teaspoon salt in a mortar and pestle and mash to a paste. Add the anchovy fillets and mash with the garlic. Set aside. Heat the olive oil over medium heat in a large, heavy soup pot or Dutch oven and add onion, celery carrot, 1/2 teaspoon salt and fish sauce. Cook, stirring until the onion is tender, about 5 minutes. Add the pureed garlic and anchovy. Cook, stirring until the mixture is very fragrant, about one minute, and then add the tomatoes. Cook, stirring often until the tomatoes have cooked down a bit and the mixture is aromatic, about 10 to 15 minutes. Add the water, potatoes, salt (to taste) and the bay leaf. Bring to a simmer. Turn the heat to low, cover partially and simmer 30 minutes. Taste, adjust salt and add pepper to taste. Remove the bay leaf. Season the fish with salt and pepper and stir into the soup. The soup should not be boiling. Simmer 5 to 10 minutes (depending on the thickness of the fillets) or just until it flakes easily when forked. Remove from the heat, stir in the parsley, taste once more, adjust seasonings and serve. Makes 4 servings.

Photo Contest



1st Place This Month!

Alan Stockman
Lake Moultrie-Santee Cooper,
South Carolina
All over 2 pounds, biggest
weighed 2.73

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Photo Contest



Runner Up

Bob Schrock
Pymatuning Reservoir in Andover, Ohio
One crappie was 14" the other was 14.5"



Runner Up

Frank Haidusek
Lake Fork, Alba, TX
3.11 lbs, 16.5 inches



Runner Up

Phil Levine
St. John's River, Central Florida using
minnows drifting Lake Monroe.

SPRINGFIELD CRAPPIE CLUB

LAKE SANCHRIS

MARCH 23rd

1. Randy Cox/Gregory Correll	10.99
2. Nast/Reynolds	10.37
3. Montooth/Davis	8.83
4. Bentley/Walker	8.53
5. Clark/Gelos	7.31

BIG FISH

1. Nast/Reynolds	2.09
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AMERICAN CRAPPIE TRAIL

LAKE D'ARBONNE

MARCH 28th - 30th

1. Tonu Hughes/Jeff Riddle	35.94
2. Daniel Porter/Jeremy Aldridge	35.93
3. Rick Solomon/Mike Walters	35.83
4. Andrew Scott/Bill Burnett	35.62
5. Steve Perotti/Stuart Baum	35.52

BIG FISH

1. Rick Solomon/Mike Walters	2.16
2. Brandon Jennings/LD Henry	2.16

CRAPPIE USA

OLD HICKORY LAKE

MARCH 30th

AMATEUR DIVISION

1. Johnny Clary/Dwayne Craig	9.13
2. Wally J Littrell/James T Baxter	8.96
3. Neal Alvis/Scott Bunch	8.55
4. William L Snyder/Mark Travis	8.46
5. Kenneth D Douglas/Brian Fondaw	8.39

PRO DIVISION

1. Rodney Talley/John Baker	9.85
2. Dale Thompson/Eddie Milby	9.23
3. Harold Maddux/Brian Oldham	9.09
4. Andy Godwin/Chris Waldron	8.93
5. Nathan Noblitt/Shawn Bales	8.62

BIG FISH

1. Burl Estes/Ronnie Walls	2.01
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HOI CRAPPIE CLUB

CLINTON LAKE

MARCH 30th

1. Steve Zehr/Dave Nugent	5.6
2. Danny Whitecotton/Tim Hanner	4.8
3. Dave Zschav/Gavfield	4.71
4. Josh Nast/Dustin Reynolds	4.68
5. Chad Anderson/Kristen Anderson	3.95

BIG FISH

1. Steve Zehr/Dave Nugent	1.11
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SHOALS AREA CRAPPIE ASSOCIATION

LITTLE BEAR

MARCH 30th

1. Jonathan Kirby	9.83
2. Neil Quinn/Ben Holbert	8.51
3. Keith Dodd/Darrell Keil	8.36
4. Joe Lambert/Justin Lambert	8.14
5. Kevin McCarley/Stephen Haggood	7.87

BIG FISH

1. Jonathan Kirby	1.78
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SOUTH CAROLINA CRAPPIE ASSOCIATION

GREENWOOD

MARCH 30th

1. Roland Addy/Bob Addy	12.6
2. Chip Knight/Charles Knight	12.46
3. Ed Duke/Teddy Steen	12.3
4. Ray Koon/Derek Frick	12.28
5. Greg Matthews/Ronnie Shealy	11.74

BIG FISH

1. Russell Riley/Derek Fulton	2.18
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CENTRAL ILLINOIS CRAPPIE CLUB

CLINTON LAKE

MARCH 31st

1. Rich Goodbrake/John Goodbrake	5.47
2. Brian Cleland/Terry Davis	5.02
3. Josh Nast/Dustin Reynolds	4.98
4. Andy Roberts	4.59
5. John Carr/Roger Cox	4.52

BIG FISH

1. Josh Nast/Dustin Reynolds	1.37
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CRAPPIE MASTERS

LAKE FORK

APRIL 5th - 6th

1. Frank Haidusek/Mark McClure	30.72
2. Shaun Church/Trey Phillips	30.46
3. Bo Tisdwell/Jerry Graham	30.17
4. Dillon Hackler/Mike Krebbs	29.87
5. Matthew Rogers/Bruce Rogers	29.85

BIG FISH

1. Frank Haidusek/Mark McClure	3.11
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MALE/FEMALE

1. David Cox/Kim Cox	28.17
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ADULT/YOUTH

1. TJ Palmer/Alex Palmer	27.16
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CRAPPIE USA

CUMBERLAND LAKE

APRIL 5th - 6th

AMATEUR DIVISION

1. Scott Carrier/Tresa Carrier	21.21
2. Justin Creech/Ezekiel Reynolds	20.8
3. William Rogers/Eric Kersey	19.31
4. David Rowe/Pete Carpenter	19.02
5. David Rodgers/Jerry Rodgers	18.82

PRO DIVISION

1. Jake Hengstler/Jason Koesters	22.33
2. Kris Mann/Terry Mann	21.77
3. Wm P Aaron/Wm Aaron	20.25
4. Chris Creech/Rodney Stevens	18.78
5. B Garland/Nolan Keener	18.52

BIG FISH

1. Zach Fishbaugh/Mike Fishbaugh	2.62
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INDIANA SLAB MASTERS

BROOKVILLE

APRIL 6th

1. Tim Allen/Jim Clark	7.84
2. Jake Walters/Luke Fishero	6.8
3. Roger Claywell/Dean Rogers	6.69
4. Jason Shingler/Mike Arnold	6.58
5. John Brumley/Jonathan Brumley	6.56

BIG FISH

1. Tim Dunigan/Joe Dunigan	1.21
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MAGNOLIA CRAPPIE CLUB

ROSS BARNETT RESERVOIR

APRIL 6th

1. Kody Hamilton/Randi Hamilton	15.15
2. Sid Steen/Scott Steen	14.5
3. Andy Rowzee	14.42
4. Terry Stewart/Cole Stewart	14.23
5. Jeremy Aldridge/Clint Egbert	14

BIG FISH

1. Jimmy D Smith/Ricky Smith	2.69
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PEACH STATE CRAPPIE CLUB

WEST POINT LAKE

APRIL 6th

1. Matt Chambers/Billy Quick	8.14
2. Craig Chapman/Jason Little	8
3. Randy Templer/Terry Jones	7.31
4. Jacob Walker/Forrest Walker	7.02
5. Charlie Jackson/Doug Selby	6.6

BIG FISH

1. Greg Hansen/Paul Johnson	1.96
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SPRINGFIELDS CRAPIE CLUB

LAKE SPRINGFIELD

APRIL 6th

1. Montooth/Hunphrey	5.26
2. Stimac/Stimac	5.14
3. Bentley/Waggoner	3.38
4. Catalano/Jallas	2.49
5. Smith/Cuffle	1.19

BIG FISH

1. Montooth/Hunphrey	1.24
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TWIN LAKES CRAPPIE CLUB

KENTUCKY/BARCLAY LAKES

APRIL 6th

1. Mike Sheppard/Mitch Tidwell	12.06
2. Tony Snelling/Conner Snelling	10.96
3. Logan Robertson/David Butler	10.86
4. Darren Isabell	10.75
5. Doyle Milbey/Ashley Adams	9.92

BIG FISH

1. Tony Snelling/Conner Snelling	2.86
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CRAPPIE ANGLERS OF TEXAS

LAKE FORK

APRIL 5th - 6th

1. Frank Haidusek/Mark McClure	30.72
2. Shaun Church/Trey Phillips	30.46
3. Bo Tidswell/Jerry Graham	30.17
4. Dillon Hackler/Mike Krebbs	29.87
5. Matthew Rogers/Bruce Rogers	29.85

BIG FISH

1. Frank Haidusek/Mark McClure	3.11
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MALE/FEMALE

1. David Cox/Kim Cox	28.17
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ADULT/YOUTH

1. TJ Palmer/Alex Palmer	27.16
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CHATTANOOGA CRAPPIE CLUB

CHESTER FROST PARK

APRIL 7th

1. M Johnson/R Watts	8.97
2. C James/T Smith	8.7
3. B Howard/T Howard	8.68
4. C Wingo/G Wingo	8.32
5. J Edminster/J Morrison	8.25

BIG FISH

1. B Howard/T Howard	2.22
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CRAPPIE MASTERS

ALKE DARDANELLE

APRIL 12th - 13th

1. Robert Carlile/Craig Nichols	28.27
2. Eric Cagle/Wade McDonald	27.89
3. Edward Shawn/Reuben Shawn	27.59
4. Barry Morrow/Chad Maupin	27.33
5. Lamar Bunting/Greg London	27.31

BIG FISH

1. Edward Shawn/Reuben Shawn	2.46
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MALE/Female

1. David Cox/Kim Cox	25.05
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CRAPPIE USA

LAKE BARKLEY

APRIL 12th - 13th**AMATEUR DIVISION**

1. Marshall Sterns/Ray Sterns	24.6
2. Doug Wynn/Justin Elder	23.77
3. Joey Clark/Jeremy Jones	21.44
4. Jay Harris/Robert Teeter	21.42
5. Chris Glasgow/James Welker	21.22

PRO DIVISION

1. Tony Grooms/Ling Grooms	25.11
2. Paul Turner/Elizabeth Turner	24.25
3. Tony Sheppard/Mike Sheppard	23.48
4. Shawn Gore/Travis Gore/Joey Peck	23.11
5. TJ Todd/Brian Hatch	22.61

BIG FISH

1. Jay Harris/Robert Teeter	2.42
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BEAVER LAKE CRAPPIE ASSOCIATION

BEAVER LAKE

APRIL 13th

1. Seth Eden/Randy Eden	8.73
2. Matt Phillips	7.99
3. Clay Johnson	7.9

BIG FISH

1. Seth Eden/Randy Eden	1.56
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EASTERN MISSOURI CRAPPIE CLUB

MARK TWAIN

APRIL 13th

1. Todd Rhodes/Jason Jackson	7.65
2. Matt Thomas/Brandon Mauzy	7.3
3. Ron Molitor/Mike Wehde	6.96
4. Mike Meyer	6.78
5. Brad Perotti/Dave Cissell	6.66



HOI CRAPPIE CLUB

LAKE DECATUR

APRIL 13th

1. Davis/Nast	8.53
2. Birch/Suzewits	6.63
3. Whitecotton/Cleland	6.3
4. Anderson/Anderson	5.74
5. Carr/Mendoza	5.64

BIG FISH

1. Davis/Nast	1.88
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FLORIDA CRAPPIE CLUB

LAKE MONROE

APRIL 13th

1. Al Green	9.07
2. Scott/Randy	9.04
3. Tommy/John	8.05
4. Bub/Debra	7.15
5. Darryl/Terri	7.13.5

BIG FISH

1. Al Green	1.11
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NORTHEAST OHIO CRAPPIE CLUB

SALT FORK LAKE

APRIL 13th

1. Jerry/Eric	6.79
2. Brock/Brian	6.44
3. Lee/Coldwell	6.36
4. Brad/Sean	6.21
5. Wes/Kolby	6.19

BIG FISH

1. Brock/Brian	2.5
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CRAPPIE USA

GREEN RIVER LAKE

APRIL 19th - 20th

AMATEUR DIVISION

1. Rob Massey/Todd,Vest,Trevor Dalton	16.09
2. Glenn Ward/Donnie Miller	14.07
3. Robert Leach/Larry Holtzclaw	13.34
4. Gregory Oaks/Shane Yocum	13.03
5. Will Rogers/Eric Kersey	12.24

PRO DIVISION

1. Shawn Gore/Travis Gore/Joey Peck	16.37
2. Terry Mann/Kris Mann	15.72
3. Davis Jones/Corey Thomas	15.26
4. Steve Ferguson/Frank Finley	14.28
5. Arnold Patterson/Kenny Patterson	13.36

BIG FISH

1. Corey Cambron/Levi Rowe	1.92
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CRAPPIE MASTERS

LAKE OF THE OZARKS

APRIL 20th	
1. Kevin Jones/Billy Don Surface	11
2. Jake Hammett/Mike Cannon	10.93
3. Matthew Rogers/Bruce Rogers	10.89
4. Larry Gorham/Dalton Gorham	10.79
5. Frank Haidusek/Mark McClure	10.76

BIG FISH

1. Ben Odom/Jason Peckron	2.22
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EAST TN CRAPPIE CLUB

MELTON HILL LAKE

APRIL 20th	
1. Scott Bunch/Neal Alvis	8.58
2. Tracy Maxwell/Greg Moses	8.2
3. Brian Harrell/Brandon Henderson	8.04
4. Jerry Huckaby/Jason Rhodey	7.42
5. Ken Bluechek/Denise Bluechek	6.94

INDIANA SLAB MASTERS

FREEMAN/SHAFFER

APRIL 20th	
1. Jim Raymer/Rob Raymer	8.78
2. Nathan Noblit/Shawn Bails	7.87
3. Eric Millsaps/Rick Hancock	7.78
4. Jake Walters/Luke Fishero	6.8
5. Doug Allen/Larry Yates	5.76

BIG FISH

1. Jake Walters/Luke Fishero	1.78
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CRAPPIE CALENDAR

MAY 4th	BOYD'S CRAPPIE TRAIL	LAKE EUFAULA	TRAIL
MAY 4th	CENTRAL ARKANSAS CRAPPIE ASSOC.	LAKE DARDANELLE	CLUB
MAY 4th	CRAPPIE ANGLERS OF TEXAS	LAKE LAVON	EVENT EXTRAVAGANZA
MAY 4th	CRAPPIE MASTERS	REND LAKE	OZARK RODS OPEN
MAY 4th	CRAPPIE USA	LAKE HARTWELL	TRAIL
MAY 4th	MAGNOLIA CRAPPIE CLUB	SARDIS LAKE	CLUB
MAY 4th	INDIANA SLAB MASTER	MISSISSNEWA/SALAMONIE	SUPER EVENT
MAY 4th	S.N.A. KRAPPIE MASTERS	BARREN RIVER LAKE	OPEN
MAY 4th	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS CRAPPIE ASSOC	REND LAKE	CLUB
MAY 5th	GRAND LAKE CRAPPIE SERIES	GRAND LAKE	SERIES
MAY 5th	SPRINGFIELD CRAPPIE CLUB	LAKE SANGSHRIS	CLUB
MAY 6th	CHATTANOOGA CRAPPIE CLUB	CHESTER FROST PARK	CLUB
MAY 10th - 11th	NORTHEAST OHIO CRAPPIE CLUB	WEST BRANCH	CLUB
MAY 11th	BEAVER LAKE CRAPPIE ASSOCIATION	BEAVER LAKE	JACK & JILL
MAY 11th	CAPITOL CRAPPIE CLUB	LAKE OF THE OZARKS	CLUB
MAY 11th	CENTRAL ILLINOIS CRAPPIE CLUB	MATTOON LAKE	CLUB
MAY 11th	CENTRAL ALABAMA CRAPPIE CLUB	FOSCUE CREEK PARK	CLUB
MAY 11th	CRAPPIE ANGLERS OF TEXAS	LAKE LAVON	BIG CRAPPIE BONANZA INDIVIDUAL
MAY 11th	CRAPPIE USA	MISSISSNEWA/SALAMONIE	TRAIL
MAY 11th	HOI CRAPPIE CLUB	DECATUR	CLUB
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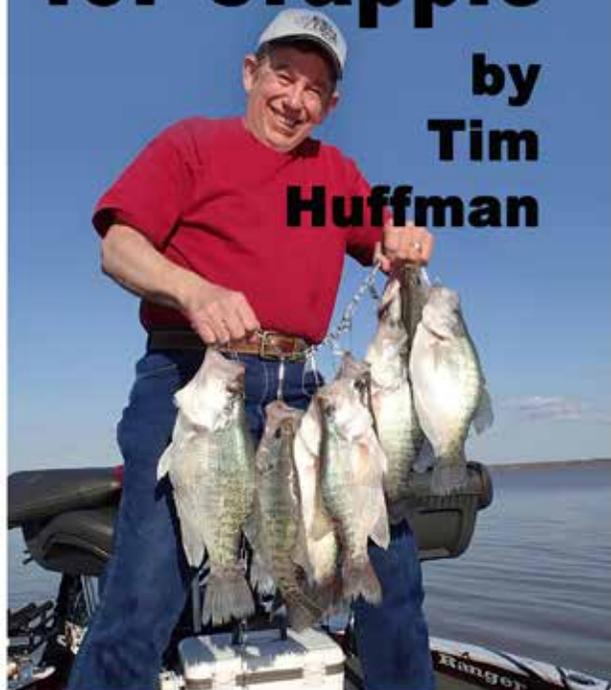
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