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PHIL SCHWEIK

The Dog Days Way

Cool tactics for hot summer days

A little heat and a lot of sun, and when it gets hot out like it is in July and August, the fishing typically gets rather tough. But if you know where to look and how to find them, catching fish can be as easy as one, two, and three.

When we start seeing the dog days of summer, many of you would say that the fishing starts to taper off; most anglers just sum it up to warm water temperatures or the fish just are not biting. That is not the case. Fish are always biting, somewhere, somehow, someway. Fish have to eat to survive.

When it comes to hot summer conditions, most fish are searching out the coolest water available. It may be under a tree, in a deep hole, or in faster water. All three of these locations will provide sanctuary to fish during the hot summer months. Targeting these areas is almost as easy as spotting them.

When plucking fish from under trees or fish that are holding tight to cover, I like to use weedless jigs. Most of the time the jigs I use are 1/16th and 1/8th ounce and they are tipped with a minnow or a piece of crawler. I generally get very close to - and in some cases right over - the structure that I plan on fishing. Once I am in location, I drop my presentation right in the thickest part of cover. I let my bait sink to the bottom and then lightly jig it a few inches off the bottom. If I do not get a strike in a minute or two, I pull my bait out and try another part of the structure, repeating the procedure as I go. Once I feel a strike, I rear back, set the hook, and horse the fish out of the cover. If you give the fish too much time to resist or move around, they will tangle in the structure and the odds of you getting them out drastically diminish.

I typically target deep water areas with heavy lead head jigs, usually 1/4 ounce to 3/8th ounce. I tip the jigs with a larger minnow or a crawler and slowly work the deepest



John Cravens with a nice walleye.

sections of the hole. You will typically find the most aggressive fish on the upward side of the hole, which would be the windward side on a lake or incoming current side on rivers. As you move to the middle of the hole, you will typically find the smaller fish, and as you move towards the end of the hole, you will probably find fewer fish, but there may be a mix of both small and large fish holding there.

If I am fishing fast water with strong current or in windy

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TOM LUBA

A Game Plan for Summer Bass

Add these jig heads to make your approach more versatile

All summer you cut your yard and watch the grass grow. Kind of like your favorite lake, without the cutting. The weeds start in the shallows and grow to the surface. As the water deepens, eventually the sun no longer reaches them. That end is the deep weed line, where a lot of summer bass reside.

The weed line provides a lot of hiding places. We just have to figure out where they are and get bait to them.

Here's one plan that includes three special jig heads and your favorite plastic. Mine is a Berkley, seven-inch, Power Worm. In the future, I expect to add their new Max Scent baits to the mix. Reportedly they will disperse a lot more scent into the water.

Jig number one is simply called the "jig worm head." It is round at the front with a flat back to butt the worm head to. There is a barbed collar to hold the worm tight. The hook eye comes out the top of the head. This jig is best used on the outside edge, to keep weeds from fouling at the line tie. It's solid when the bass are active and moving and the open hook makes for a quick hook set.

If they don't hit the jig worm, they may be tighter to the cover, along the points, turns and bends in the weed line. Here I like two heads. The first is a "Stand Up" type. The hook on these is bent to come out the bottom front of the head so the jig will slide through the grass without fouling on weeds. This head looks almost triangular when standing upright. The jig mold I have for these allows me to make a head with or without a fiber weed guard. That way I can go based on weed density. I rig this with a seven-inch Power Worm also.

Choice number three is also aimed at fish that are tighter to cover. Bait Rigs, now located in Ashland, markets it as the "Odd Ball" jig. It is rounded and looks kind of ball-shaped and it has little bait holder slices in the hook shank to hold the bait. The line tie is in the front to make it more weed-resistant. This allows the worm to be snugged in tight to the head, then rigged Texas-style or weedless. Though it has been around for a while, it serves almost the same purpose as today's shaky head. It's also referred to as the Teeter Totter and can be twitched as well as shaken. The key is to impart movement to the worm without moving the jig from its position on bottom. You can work it along the weed line by moving it, stopping and shaking it.

Really, all three baits can be fished multiple ways, by hopping,



Stand up jig with a 7 inch Berkley Power Worm.



From left: Odd Ball jig, Stand Up head, Jig Worm head and weedless Stand Up jig.

dragging or shaking them.

I'll still fish traditional weed line baits like Texas-rigged plastic worms, tubes and crawfish imitators in summer. Using these three jigs adorned with plastics can give the fish a whole different look, which just might mean a lot more summer bass. To make them even more effective in clear water, fluorocarbon line has become a staple. I use it as a main line on bait casting and as a leader on the mono on my spinning reels.

Consider giving them a try. You might find a new favorite.

Tom Luba is a freelance outdoor writer and bass fishing fan from New London, Wisconsin. Tom fishes as much as he can and never gets tired of setting the hook. 🐟

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conditions, I look for neck down locations and current seams. These locations present perfect ambush points for both predator and non-predator fish looking for an easy meal. I generally set up above or below these areas, quartering off to one side, depending on how I am planning on casting the surrounding structure.

Moving water is great for all species and a variety of baits work well here. The only real advice I would give is to use heavy enough baits so that you can control your drift in the current. You want

to be able to feel the bait's tension on your line. This way when or if you make contact with the bottom, or you entice a strike, you immediately feel it. If you run too light of a lure or bait, the current will sweep your presentation around and it will create slack in your line preventing you from keeping contact with your bait. 🐟

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No Waiting at Warrens

Wading stained water for bass, gills...and the occasional snapper

A fishing friend of mine, Bernal Granger, introduced me to an area that was a true honey hole for bass, with big gills a welcome bonus. This area is near Warrens and is comprised of small lakes made by the dams for the cranberry bogs. The flooded areas are full of stumps and dead trees which make for great fish habitat.

Memorial Day weekend was the Warrens trip that I always looked forward to. This was my Canada trip, but we only had to travel 60 miles from home. Bernal, a friend, and I would make the early morning trip loaded with angle worms, fly rods, spinning poles, and a big cooler filled with ice. Since we had a variety of water to fish, we could bring waders, fish from shore, or get our pants wet. Mandatory additional equipment would be a stringer, pliers, and a trust worthy car.

This particular trip took place in the mid-1970s and our chauffeur was our friend Bob. I like to use a fly rod as I can find male bluegills faster using a rubber spider. The red-bellied males will group up and are very aggressive once you get their attention. On this wild day, I ran into some nice bulls within a few minutes. They were quality fish running nine to 10 inches and putting up some great power runs. Since these waters are small, you don't have to fight with the wind and waves, which makes surface fishing fun. Generally, you fish in waist deep water which is brown in color.



Bernal Granger, Ben Huebner, Troy Granger, Rachel Huebner with some honey hole bass.

You can be wading along with no visibility below the water level and end up going for a swim because of all the logs and stumps.

I had my 25 sunfish and was walking across one of the dikes when I saw Bernie fishing below one of the dam outlets. He wasn't exactly fishing, but was doing a lot of twisting and turning and

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JOHN LUTHENS

The Pike Whisperer

World adventurer raised on Wisconsin waters

Legends whisper from the waters of Wisconsin. Louie Spray's 1949 musky thrashing from the stained waters of the Chippewa Flowage and into the world record book or the fish-proven prowess of the Mepps spinner finding its way into global production in Antigo in 1951. The Mepps American debut occurred when a bait shop owner fishing the upper Wolf

River chanced upon a whopping limit of browns after tying on a French-made prototype that had been carried home in the pack of a returning World War II soldier.

Then there's the pike whisperer. When it comes to epic adventure whipped from the rolling froth of monster pike, Olaf Danielson could arguably be cast into the legendary pools of Wisconsin with the best of them.

Born in 1966 near the small, northwestern town of Grantsburg, Danielson graduated from Ripon College in southern Wisconsin and kept on moving. He became a world traveler, the author of 10 books and field guides, and a renowned expert on bird identification. He currently holds the American Birding Association's record for North American bird sightings in a single year. He also happens to be one of the most storied pike fishermen to ever come out of the Badger State.

"I've been fortunate enough to visit 49 states and 47 countries, and I've land-

ed somewhere over 10,000 northern pike along the way," says Danielson, who's fished for the toothy predators from the Baltic Sea to Manitoba, using 60-pound braided line, 250-pound forged steel leaders, and following his self-prescribed mantra that states "If there is not blood in the bottom of your boat and your hands are not cut up, you haven't really been pike fishing."

Danielson details his angling-driven exploits in his recently-released, auto-biographical memoir, "Confessions of a Pike Whisperer," a comprehensive book on the behavior of pike and the tactics he uses to catch them. His book is a passionate view of outdoor life that anglers of all species can relate to.

Danielson still returns on a regular basis to his home waters where his path first began when he 12 years old, stumbling across the ice to check a tip-up flag on a Wisconsin lake where he was bluegill fishing, only

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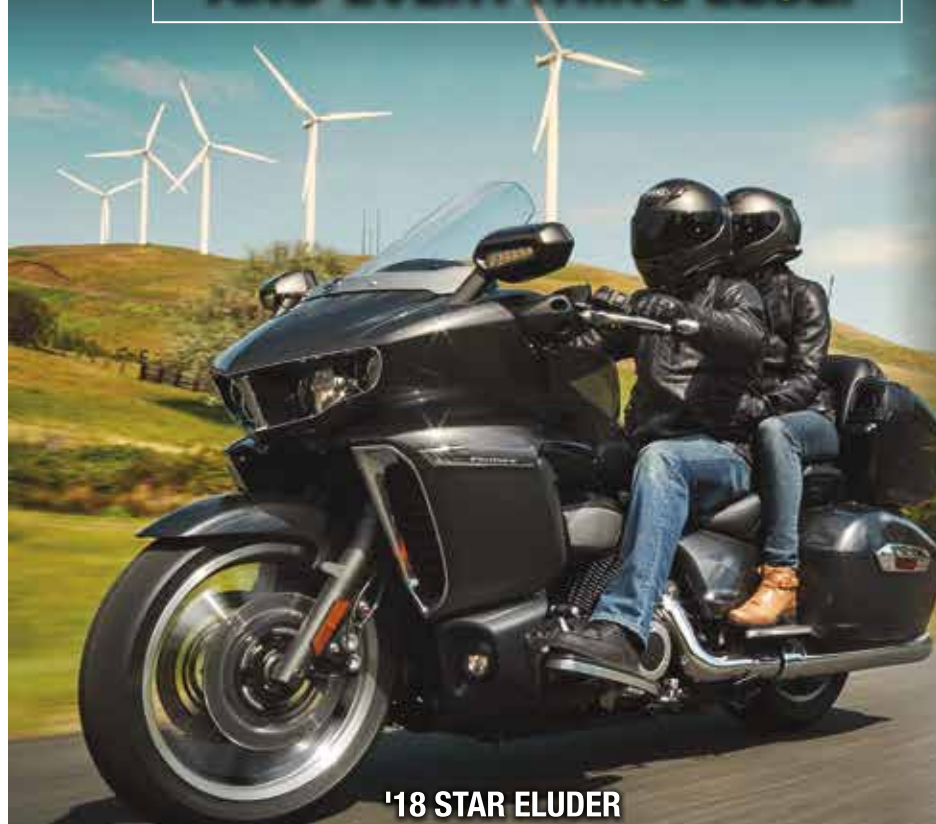
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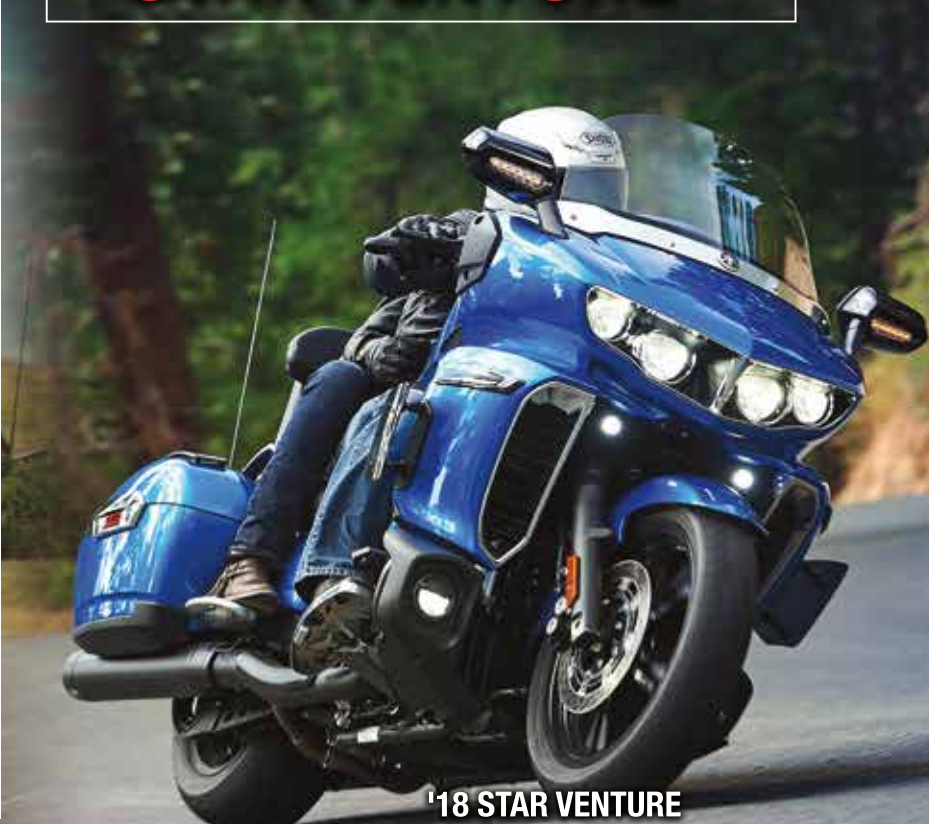
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to find himself battling a 10 pound, 35 inch pike instead of a pan fish.

"To put it in fishing context," Danielson said, "I was hooked. From that moment on, my obsession with pike fishing was a foregone conclusion."

That foregone conclusion, along with his Wisconsin roots, has yielded record-sized pike over 40 inches and well over 30 pounds. The legends of the ones that got away are perhaps bigger than fish he has landed.

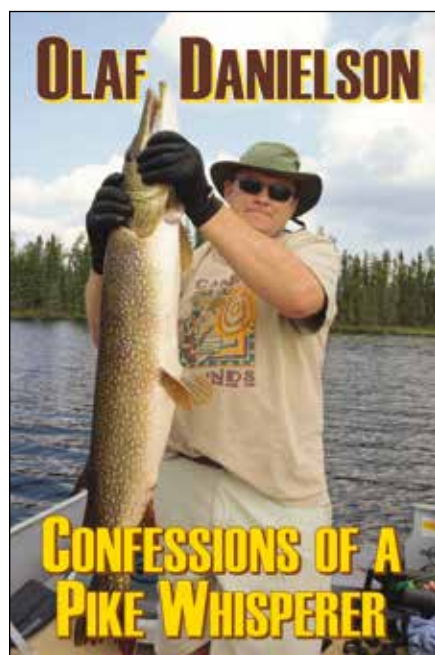
One of the adventures in his book puts him 40 miles north of Stockholm, Sweden, watching in disbelief as a true monster smashes at his jerk bait, causing his Swedish guide to utter an untranslatable string of colorful words and grab an extra rod to try for the fish himself. "It was easily 10-inches wide behind the gills, with a conserva-

tive girth of 32 inches" says Danielson. "I'd put its weight at over 60 pounds," (which, if true, would have eclipsed the current world record pike by five pounds) "I still wake up with cold sweats thinking about it."

Big fish, big water, and wild stories; it's not surprising that a pike fisherman of Olaf Danielson's stature rose from the local waves. After all, the mythical waters of Wisconsin are where legends are born.

Olaf Danielson's "Confessions of a Pike Whisperer" is available on Amazon, or by contacting the author for a signed copy at storolaf@yahoo.com. 

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TOM CARPENTER

Cubs Corner

Summer on The River

Looking back, sometimes I feel a little cheated that my family didn't have a cabin "up north" to go to on summer weekends. But we did have The River.

For us that meant the Wisconsin, specifically the lower portion of the river from Muscoda on down. My mother was a full-blooded Bohemian from that little river town, and my grandmother and her sister still lived there, kiddy-corner from each other across sandy lots backed up against the wooded bluffs.

The River was only a few blocks' walk from their houses, where we would stay, and for a young boy the Wisconsin was at once playground and training ground: playground for all the fishing, wading, frog-gigging and exploring that happened in it and its magical backwaters, and training ground for the respect it built as something that was scary, dangerous and exciting all at the same time.

Dad showed us how to find good fishing spots and taught us that bank fishermen willing to do a little hiking could catch most anything they wanted in The River. Down here, the Wisconsin has no real channel in the middle; the main flow happens along the banks, and where there is current there are fish.

Smallmouth were the main quarry, and they hit willingly and fought valiantly. Plenty of walleyes and saugers ended

up on our stringers, as did the ubiquitous and streamlined channel catfish. Bluegills and crappies hid in the eddies, back bays and backwaters. We once caught a sturgeon and put it back. The River is where I learned to love and appreciate redhorse, those native barometers of clean and pure water.

A slip-sinker rig, baited with a lively nightcrawler, would catch most any fish in the river. We'd have fun some evenings tossing flies and poppers for skipjacks (as Dad called them), more formally known as mooneyes. Because they leaped and looked like tarpon, I imagined them so, and me in the Florida Keys.

I have yet to fish in the Florida Keys and catch a tarpon. But I bet most tarpon guides have yet to catch a Wisconsin River skipjack as warm evening edged to cool night on a Wisconsin River sandbar.

One evening we watched a doe and her fawn start to wade across the wide river upstream from the opposite bank. When they hit the fast water flow on our side, the current swept them to within a few yards of us before they hit the sandbar we were on, stepped out, shook like dogs, and trotted off.

The River was the first place I saw a raccoon hunt the shallows, catch a crayfish, kill it, and wash it up with its



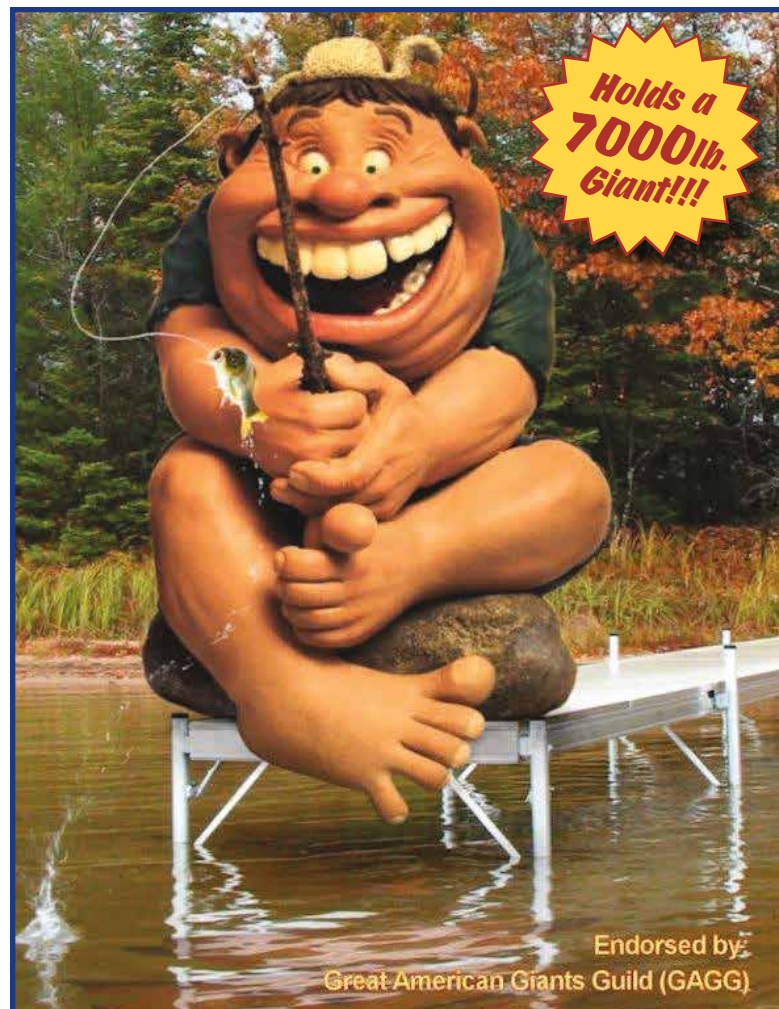
dexterous paws before eating it.

Campfires on a sandbar were a rite of summer passage, as were sunsets glowing orange- and salmon-colored to the west, with only the swish of the river's current and the swoosh of insect-hunting swallows' wings on the cooling air as the only sounds keeping us company.

I'd come back dirty and sandy and exhausted-happy and smelling like fish and would have just as soon crawled right into bed, but Mom would make me take a bath before crawling in. Most nights I drifted off to sleep to the calls of whip-poor-wills through wide-open windows.

Looking back, sometimes I feel sorry for families without their own River, who only had a cabin "up north" to go to on summer weekends. 🐾

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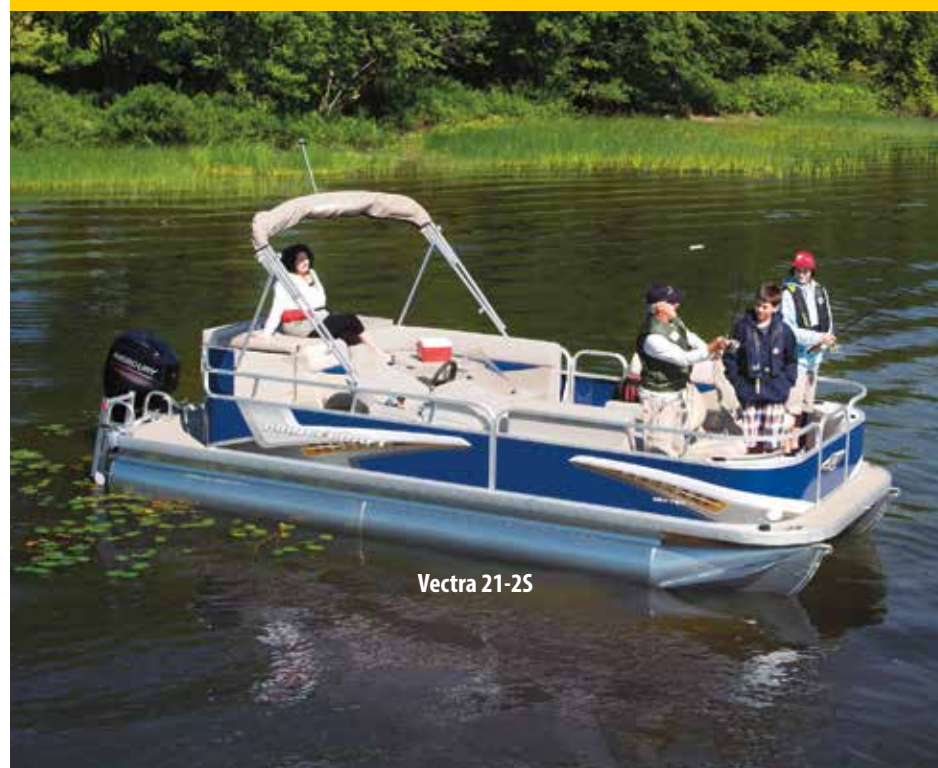
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JERRY KIESOW

Fly Fishing in Wisconsin How it all began

The way I look at it, there are only two kinds of flies - wet flies and dry flies. Most fly fishermen think otherwise, so maybe I'd better explain.

My first fish on a fly was a crappie. I caught it on a dry fly - a yellow popper - using a cane pole. What? Yup! A cane pole. (And yes, I consider poppers dry flies. After all, they do float don't they?) It was that popper (dry fly) that started me on my fly-fishing life. It all began like this:

Our family was vacationing on Post Lake, in north central Wisconsin. I was about 14 at the time. Dad and I caught fish during the day without any special problems, but after supper, right in front of the cottage, the lake boiled with rising fish and we could not catch a one. We tried, but to no avail. They were feeding on *hexagenia limbata*, - mayflies - the big ones.

One day, dad went down to the local store and bought a couple yellow poppers. He brought them "home" and we took off the hooks, sinkers, and bobbers from the cane poles and attached the poppers to the leaders.

That night, after supper, we simply eased the boat from the pier and when the lake started bubbling, we did the best we could "casting" our poppers to the rises. We casted well enough to catch crappies. Lots of crappies. Big crappies. Mom fried them up and served them with toast for breakfast the following morning - and several mornings after that.

The following Christmas, Santa left two South Bend, bamboo fly rods, complete with Heddon Mark IV automatic reels, lines, leaders, and poppers under the tree.

That is how my fly-fishing life started - with a yellow popper - a dry fly.

I still have that rod - refurbished a couple of times but still in great shape. I do not catch crappies with it anymore, although I could. I occasionally use it fishing for salmon each fall. I do not, however, use the automatic reel. Years after Santa's gift, I bought a Pflueger Metalist reel. I use it with that old bamboo rod. I have it filled with backing and a nine-weight line. I use a 1X leader. It's a fun thing to do and is quite nostalgic.



Rod, reel and flies.

I started this treatise by saying that to me there are only two kinds of flies - those that float and those that do not - dry and wet. I will go a bit deeper on that subject next time. I will tell you about my flies that stay mostly dry - where, when, how I fish them, and for what. For today, just remember: if it floats, it's a dry fly.

See you in the river.

Keep a good thought!

Editor's note: Jerry enjoys all aspects of the outdoors and shares them in many ways through his photos, words, and workshops. He has written two books, "Tales of The Peshtigo Putzer," and "Photos, Poems, and a Little Bit of Prose" Both make great additions to your outdoor library, and great gifts. They are available for purchase at his website: www.jerrykiesowoc.com. Check it out often to follow his endeavors.

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splashing. I thought he was drowning because he was in a deep spot. I asked if he needed help, and his reply was "I have a big snapper by the tail! He was trying to eat one of my bluegills I had on a stringer attached to my belt." He said that the turtle would not let go of the fish, and he wasn't letting go of the turtle. Bernie finally got into shallow water and still had a 20-pound snapper by the tail. He said he was going to keep him and cut him up for turtle meat and soup.

We took the turtle and threw him in the trunk of the car belonging to our chauffeur (fishing friend). On our trip home you could hear the thud of the turtle trying to get out. Then things became quiet, and we felt the snapper probably went to sleep. When we came to a stop sign, we had to make a right-hand turn. You guessed correctly, the blinkers were not working, and neither were the brake lights. Someone was cutting the wires and having an enjoyable time. The big question became who wanted to open

the trunk. After a two to one vote, Bernal was chosen. We decided not to open the trunk until we reached Bernal's home. There were wires everywhere, but the snapper came out with a big smile.

Just remember to take a friend fishing and help cover the costs if they drive.

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Hot Brown Trout Fishing

Secrets to summer-long success

It's too bad (for them) that most anglers give up on trout after the Fourth of July or even mid-June, or so. It's really good (for me and other summer explorers of Wisconsin's magnificent trout streams) that those folks do stay home. We have the water – and the trout – to ourselves.

But you're invited! There's tons of room, lots of quiet, no end of solitude and plenty of fish to catch if you put these summer-time brown trout secrets to work.

They Love Cover

Brown trout retreat to the gnarliest, hardest-to-get-at cover available. Tree roots, log jams and undercut banks – each one a hard-to-impossible place to fish – make getting your bait in front of a brownie difficult.

They're Paranoid and Spooky

When they do come out to feed in a run or at the head of a pool, brown trout are extremely spooky. Clomp right up to the creek bank, throw your shadow on the water or move with heavy footfalls and you'll be lucky to see trout scurrying for cover, if that.

They Inhabit Unlikely Places

While it's true that you'll find browns in some of the standard, tried-and-true "trouty" looking places we're all used to, consider the brown's penchant for slow-moving bends (if the water is deep), headwaters far upstream (I once caught a two-pounder in a brook only two feet wide), and downstream water more suited to smallmouth bass or catfish. (The biggest hog trout caught in Wisconsin each year are always browns that fall to guys fishing for something else).

They're Crepuscular or Nocturnal

On a cloudy day you can catch a few fish, but when the sun shines and the water is lit up, brown trout retreat to their protected lairs and hidey holes, only to come out when the sun is low, below the horizon or absent altogether. Good fishing is an early, late or nighttime affair. Browns never make it easy on you.

Keep Your Gear Simple

Some might call it sacrilege, but in many ways, and on many waters, spinning gear is your best summer brown trout weapon. A nice ultra-light or light-action graphite rod, five or five-and-a-half feet long with just a little back bone (for when you hook a big one), is about right. Attach a good



Stay with it past the 4th of July and have the stream, and the fish, all to yourself.

spinning reel spooled up with the highest-quality four-pound-test monofilament you can afford. I've tried two-pound line (more break-offs) and six pound (fewer hits), so premium four-pound line does the trick.

Use the Right Baits


Nightcrawlers are almost unbeatable as trout bait. A fat, sassy crawler or half-crawler, drifted freely into a brown trout's lair, is usually too much for them to resist. Grasshoppers are extremely fun to use. Minnows can work wonders. Remember to follow all live bait rules and regulations.

On the hardware side, little in-line spinners and tiny spoons offer flash that trigger strikes, while small minnowbaits can really pull in hungry trout. Tiny crayfish-imitating crankbaits also work well, as browns are confirmed crayfish eaters.

Approach with Stealth

On the creek, work your way upstream, that is, with the current coming at you. Trout face into the current as they watch and wait for food, and you at least have a smidgen of a chance to locate a fishy spot before the fish locate you. Cast, flip or toss upstream of where you think that fish is. Let the current do the work of carrying your offering naturally to the fish.

Enjoy the Experience

Get out this summer and drink in the quiet solitude of a gurgling trout stream in the twilight of a warm evening. Your heart and soul will thank you. 

Native son Tom Carpenter writes about the outdoor world for a variety of national and regional publications.



These brown trout secrets will keep the rod bending all summer long.

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Devil's Lake Diversity

Sauk County gem offers more than trout

When Wisconsin anglers think of Devil's Lake, they usually think of the wonderful trout fishing that this 369 acre, spring-fed lake offers. Devil's Lake was formed where the glaciers stopped their southern movement in central Wisconsin thousands of years ago. When the glaciers receded, what were left were rock hills, bluffs, and the cliffs with gin-clear Devil's Lake in the middle. The lake is now part of Devil's Lake State Park which receives over one million visitors annually to camp, climb the cliffs, and swim in the lake. Few visitors take advantage of the good fishing, and if they do, it's usually shore fishing, which does little to diminish the fishery.

Devil's Lake is managed for brown trout by the Wisconsin DNR. This spring, the DNR released about 12,000 legal trout (9 inches) into this 50-foot deep lake. Boats are allowed, but you can only use electric motors which may stop some people from fishing the lake. You'll find some sailboats and canoes on the water, but few people, except the locals, are fishing. What makes Devil's Lake so appealing to anglers is the good depth, the rock structure, the abundant forage, the varied fishery, and the lush green weeds. Besides trout, the lake has some big northern pike, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, and plenty of good size panfish.

The panfish fishery consists of mainly bluegills, crappies, and some sunfish. The key to catching panfish on Devil's Lake is to find the abundant green weeds. The weeds are mainly coontail and cabbage. Try fishing for panfish near the weed edges, the open pockets in the weeds, and near any downed wood and timber.

The best technique for catching bluegills and crappies is to use a small jig or an ice fishing jig tipped with a wax worm, spike, or leaf worm under a slip float. Use light monofilament line like Berkley XL or Vanish fluorocarbon in 4 # test since the water is so clear. There's a big difference in 6 and 4 # test



A nice bluegill and what was used to catch it.

line and in these waters use the lighter line if you want to catch fish. I suggest clear line rather than green or blue for Devil's Lake. Make sure that you have your drag set properly. The east side of the lake has some of the better weeds, but the lake is small enough that it's worth moving around till you contact fish. The south end of the lake, where the creek exits the lake, is also a good panfish location depending on the water level. Anchor outside the weed edge and cast to the openings and pockets in the weeds or slowly work the weed edges with your trolling motor for active fish.

Devil's Lake is located an hour north of Madison off Highway 12 in Sauk County and just south of Baraboo and Wisconsin Dells. There are good boat landings at both the north and south ends of the lake. There's signage along Highway 12 directing you to the park's entrance. If you wish to camp be sure to check ahead because the park can get crowded on weekends. The Baraboo and Sauk Prairie area has everything that you may need. Remember that you need a valid fishing license for the lake and, if you plan to keep trout, an inland trout stamp. Licenses are available at the state park headquarters and most local sporting goods and bait shops.

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Gary Haasch, Rockton, IL resident and brother of Capt. Lee enjoyed an afternoon of fishing and landed this chunky King Salmon.

LEE HAASCH

Algoma Kings Just the Start

More fish, bigger fish - right now

The customers had just arrived, the engines were warmed up and after short introductions and offering them coffee, Trevor cast us off the dock. Minutes later we were powering down in 80' of water and Trevor had his first line going in, he immediately hollered "Fish On! It's a big King!" He exclaimed as the line was peeling off the Alphamar reel. I grabbed a rod and started setting my side and moments later my Slide Diver started pounding, the tip of my Ugly Stick dipping in and out of the water. "Fish On! Another big one!" I shouted.

It started, double now, single then another. The overcast morning was full of excitement and by the time the sun sent streaks of orange well into the clouds we had three massive King Salmon in the cooler taking up almost half the space and two more laying on the deck waiting to be added to the trio in the cooler. Five large King Salmon and the smallest, about 19 pounds, the largest tipping the scales at just a few ounces shy of 30 pounds.

While this one didn't make the magical 30 pound mark, several brute kings in the first week of June did tip the scales going over the 30 pound mark. Not only is this a remarkable feat in any season, this happened in the first couple weeks after Memorial Day which is very early in the season to see such mammoth Kings. The waters just off the shores of Algoma have always held big fish with many current and past state record fish coming from the area. Baitfish like the alewife like the Algoma shoreline and the structure always seems to attract and hold baitfish. This bodes well for the kings as they seem to focus in on the abundance of baitfish early in the season and will be around for the entire season.

Joining in to make a tasty mixed bag cooler is the acrobatic Steelhead and the emergence of a strong Lake Trout fishery and also some Coho Salmon mixed in. But first and foremost the King Salmon is the most sought after trophy and the Algoma area has led the state in King Salmon catches for over 20 years and have been tops for Steelhead for almost 15 years. This is the area on the east side of Wisconsin that produces big fish and big numbers of fish.

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Capt. Lee Haasch is a charter captain out of Algoma, WI. Capt. Lee has over 40 years of great lakes angling experience and has been instructing anglers for over 30 years with education seminars and timely free-lance articles in outdoor publications.

Algoma is known for large Kings. Trevor Haasch, nephew and deckhand for Capt. Lee knows just where to find the big ones like this 30.2 pound brute!

Capt. Lee sports a typical Lake Michigan King Salmon. You would be hard pressed to find better table fare! 🐟

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JERRY DAVIS

Wisconsin's Timber Rattlesnake

A no-touch guide to viewing enjoyment

Gathering natural resources can be non-invasive. It has to be that way because possessing a protected species would generally be illegal. As an alternative, consider talking about, viewing, photographing, drawing and other forms of art, or even listening to a timber rattlesnake buzz or rattle. Those should provide excitement enough, and an appreciation for these protected reptiles.

Wisconsin is home to two venomous snakes, the eastern massasauga rattlesnake and the bigger, more common, timber rattlesnake. The massasauga is an endangered species, while the timber rattler is protected. Timber rattlers are usually not aggressive, but if threatened, cornered, or provoked, they can strike a foot.

There are several ways to get cautiously close to a timber rattler. A few former snake men, who no longer "hunt" snakes, may act as a guide. I have worked with these individuals in order to get photographs and experience the thrill of seeing a live rattler blend into the surrounding vegetation and terrain.

Several years ago, I followed a researcher who was capturing timber rattlers, surgically inserting transmitters into the reptile, and then releasing the snake to live out its life as naturally as possible. From time-to-time, the research-



Timber rattlesnakes blend into their surrounding of sun and shadows.

er would locate a snake to determine what habitat it was using and whether it had gone into or come out of a winter den. Those were exciting excursions, especially when the scientist would warn, "He's within a few feet of us, but I can't see him yet." Of course not all the timbers were carrying transmitters, most weren't, and that added to the appreciation of how camouflaged a three-foot snake can be.

Third, there are known populations of rattlesnakes that use locations for sunning during the times the females are gravid. When the sun comes up high enough, one or more



Timber rattlesnakes have an elliptical eye pupil.



Snakes sunning on rocky areas often are seen together.

snakes may position itself and thermo-regulate by moving in and out of vegetation shadows.

These snakes move very little, are noiseless unless disturbed, and can provide hours of watching what some have compared to watching paint dry. But looking close with binoculars to see the snake's head, elliptical pupils, nostrils and heat pits is more like spilling a gallon of paint while on a 20-foot ladder.

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DENNY MURAWSKA

Creel Memories

Saplings by the stream

Up until a few days ago, I had never caught a wild stream trout in Wisconsin. Having been a teacher in western Colorado for seven years, I was spoiled by the large, open streams throughout the iconic western slope of the Rockies and the hundreds of lakes atop Grand Mesa. Needless to say, as a near penniless beginning teacher, I provided as much wild meat as possible for my family. It was a time of few “No Trespassing” signs and frequent forays with students who knew the holes where trout were plentiful. Some could even reach in the creek and feel for them lodged in rocks and throw them up on the bank. These kids taught me the ropes of stream trout fishing for meat.

It has been many, many years since I have fished those waters. One thing I do remember is that, on my first introduction to Plateau Creek, I was not prepared to bring my catch home in a proper creel. I used a flexible branch, and it worked just fine.

Fast forward about thirty years. I decided to settle in the unique environs of the Driftless area after retirement. I saw tiny creeks as part of a topography left over from the last glaciers. They looked intimidating. Just about wide enough to jump across, they wind their way through tangles of brush, weeds, and ticks that caused me to shy away from them for many years. It seemed one would have to be part animal to venture into those tunnels of vegetation that tore at clothing and made casting all but impossible.

I could not have been more wrong. A retired DNR warden and fellow taxidermist agreed to show me some honey holes he had helped enhance in years past. A brief 10 minute drive from my home, and here we were on opening day, not seeing another soul on these clear flowing streams.



Cloudy day browns, a thirty minute adventure!

While the water was a bit high and turbid that day, I went back when it was not. It took me no more than five casts to land three fine brown trout. My fishing was over by eight in the morning. Unprepared as usual, I tore off a flexible branch to use as a stringer, as I have always done. They work just fine.

I plan to commemorate my return to trout angling. It will be a stringer mount of sorts, with three trout threaded on a flexible limb. In size, they are not exceptional. In my mind and heart, they are extraordinary.

Life has come full circle. Once a young man fascinated at the ever extraordinary world of fishing in the Rockies, now the old man with fishing pole and walking stick plies the waters of Coulee country. The hills here are not mountains, but inspiring and complex in their biologic diversity. With hands and legs stiff from pain that comes with age, it is time to plod on. As the world rushes by on asphalt ribbons nearby, I am reborn in the first light of day. I am the young man once more. 🍷

Denny Murawski has been a contributor to the wacky UP Magazine, Wishigan, Verse Wisconsin, and The Pulse. His church is the pine cathedral that surrounds him at his home near Black River Falls

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Of course one could go to a zoo to experience the difference between seeing a snake in its native habitat and in a cage.

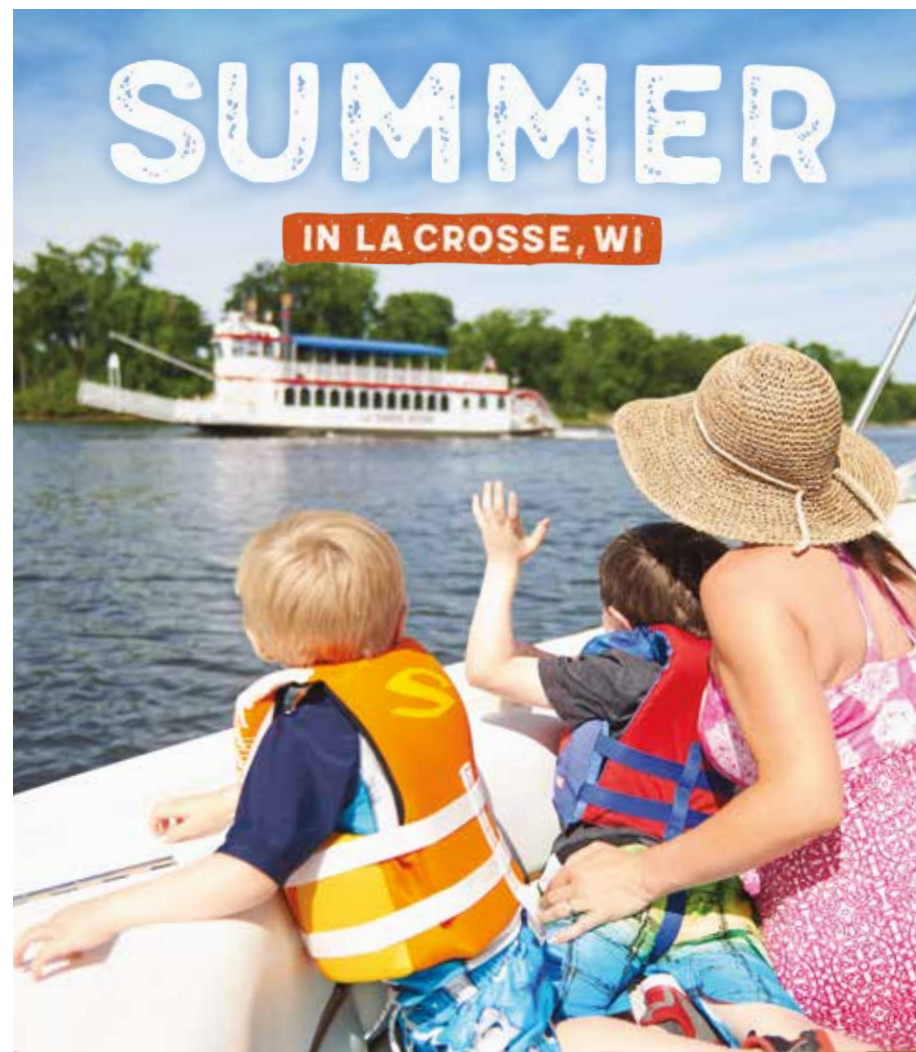
A rattler's head is wider than its neck. Venom is injected into the prey, usually a small rodent, using two hollow fangs, which fold back when not in use. The venom kills and assists in digestion.

Rattlers give birth to live young instead

of laying eggs. Bullsnares and eight other Wisconsin snakes are egg layers.

There is much to learn and experience about Wisconsin snakes without taking them into possession.

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Once the bear bait location is chosen, be consistent and remember to switch up the bear bait you use. A key factor to a successful hunt is using bear scent or attractant, also known as "call lure." Each time you bait, the call lure should be used as your cover up scent. Remember to never apply the call lure to yourself.

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MIKE FOSS

Back in the Bear Saddle

Post-surgery rehab includes biking to the bait

I was like a big kid at Christmas, anxious fingers drumming on the steering wheel as I drove southeast through some of the most beautiful parts of Iron and Vilas County. After months of planning, the QuietKat All Terrain/All Electric fat tire bike had arrived and would soon be secured to the truck, destined for our bear hunting terrain in Bayfield County. For months, visions of exploration - and a more silent approach to baiting - had danced through my head.

Back again with the Kat in Washburn, I scanned the booklet of directions. But with the bike now only at arms' length, the owners' manual with its introduction to every engineered detail resting on two fat wheels before me would wait. I need to tear open this present. This was a time for field lessons.

With class now in session on the back country trails near Lake Superior, I was introduced to using the eight gears if I chose to pedal or the electric mode that provides the rider with an unbelievable assist, and maybe a much needed rest. At mile eight, with legs burning, I figured out the bike's digital touch screen pad; not only was there a #1 assist mode but five total modes to assist the rider. The higher the number, the more power is added. With the assistance as needed, I muscled out 26 miles with ease that first day.

I pedal as hard and often as I can. A side benefit to baiting



Loaded and ready for a biking and baiting adventure, Mike Foss hits the Bayfield County trail to pedal and cruise another 26 mile run.

is that these wilderness workouts will help me regain top shape so soon after foot surgery. But I also carry a spare lithium battery in the event my journey from bait station to bait station is longer than anticipated. Pannier bags will carry the bait that will keep bears coming through summer and provide hunters opportunity in fall.

With both field lessons and bookwork days behind me, it is finally time to begin the work and put the dream to action.

With literally years of mapped-out wilderness areas etched in my mind, the bear scouting, stand placement and baiting begins over the most desolate parts of northern Wisconsin.

I lift the garage door and stare at the ATV in the corner. Not today! Loading the QuietKat on the bike carrier, a new feeling envelopes an old veteran of the field. It seems I am more with nature now while peddling down an overgrown logging road or trail. There is virtually no noise, barely any evidence on the forest floor that I've traveled through, no exhaust or oil smell, and the solitude and quiet offers an unbelievable natural high.

A deer watched my approach and simply stood and stared. One big gobbler immediately fanned out in display just 20 yards away as I stopped to mimic a hen. As I unload the bike to begin the next baiting route, I can't help but wonder: "What will I encounter next?"

Ride with me this summer and fall as I peddle my way through the bear and deer seasons. We'll find out together. 🌿

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Back in the 1970s, when affordable trail cameras became widely available, hunters embraced the new technology and benefited from the information it could gather. Scouting with trail cameras helped gather information on a deer's whereabouts 24/7. The problem with trail cameras then and until recently was that you had to physically remove film or SD cards from them to process the information they provided. This meant that most of the time you

couldn't place a camera in the deer's core area, or especially their bedroom, without them detecting your presence. They would either see, hear, or smell the scent you left behind. That defeated the purpose of using a trail camera as a non-invasive method of gathering information on a deer's whereabouts.

I ruined a number of slam-dunk hunting opportunities before I learned this lesson. To effectively use these older style cameras, you had to place them in a spot where, with the proper wind, you could approach quietly and undetected. Food sources a good distance from their bedding areas were good choices. All too often, you had to forget about placing cameras close to, or in, bedding or staging areas. The number one problem with using trail cameras

is that we get detected when approaching the camera to collect the SD card, (film, if you're still using a really old camera) or to change batteries. We tip off the deer in this way and make them wary of our presence, so they change their patterns or location, ruining our chance of ever catching sight of them when it comes time to hunt.

Cameras are now available that can send images to our cell phones or computers without us ever having to monitor or approach the camera. Put the camera in place in spring and as long as the batteries hold out, the camera will send images until we pull it after the hunting season.

A recent innovation is networking up to 15 cameras to a "home" camera. The home camera is placed in a spot that is easily accessible and will not spook game when you go to monitor it. The home camera sees all the images from the other fourteen cameras that are linked to it and placed in strategic spots around your hunting area. One screen sees all. So as long as the camera batteries hold out, and they should typically last six months or more, you never have to get close to any of the cameras other than the home camera. You can now



place cameras in spots you wish to hunt and not tip off the deer that you are monitoring. When you have daylight activity at a certain camera, you can go in to hunt an active deer in daylight.

Of course the new technology is pricey compared to the old school stuff without those features, but we can expect them to become more affordable in the near future. This technology is a great step forward and will reduce the amount of boot leather expended. 🏹

Lee Gatzke is co-owner of NextBuk Outdoors, producers of tactical hunting videos. In grade school he chased rabbits with his homemade bow and arrows, which lead to a passion for hunting bigger game all over the Midwest and western states. In between hunting seasons Lee is usually scouting for his next buck.



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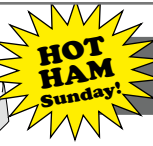
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JOHN CLER

Wildlife Research Not just for scientists anymore

Scientific research is not always about sub-atomic particles, chemicals few people can pronounce or the space-time continuum. Sometimes it revolves around wildlife. Since wildlife animals are generally free-roaming, wildlife scientists often enlist the help of ordinary citizens to assist in gathering data. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is offering citizens an opportunity to take part in a couple of research projects.

The Southwest Wisconsin Chronic Wasting Disease, Deer and Predator Study uses volunteers to help capture, tag and collar adult deer during the winter and to find, capture and collar fawns in the spring. I had the opportunity to assist in the fawn collaring effort, along with several middle school students, in late May. Our afternoon consisted of the group walking areas likely to contain hidden fawns, capturing them and then weighing, sampling, tagging and radio collaring the young deer. The collar used is designed to expand and finally fall off after about a year. Our work only resulted in locating a single fawn, but made

the day a complete success.

The study will, in part, compare deer survival within two study areas, one with a high incidence of Chronic Wasting Disease and another with a low incidence of the fatal disease. This research effort is also asking local trappers to report live captures of bobcats and coyotes within the two study areas. Trapped animals are fitted with radio collars prior to being released, so their impact on deer numbers can also be monitored. The spring of 2017 saw 91 fawns collared. As of March of 2018, three hundred twenty eight adult deer, twenty one bobcats and thirty nine coyotes had been collared for research.

Snapshot Wisconsin is another scientific endeavor that relies heavily on volunteer "citizen scientists." This effort supplies a trail camera and associated support materials to folks across the entire Badger State. The trail cameras work twenty-four / seven taking digital pictures of any wildlife species that happens to walk by. Photographs of mammals and birds can be analyzed by wildlife professionals to help



Volunteers and DNR researchers with captured fawn. The deer has a portion of a sock over its eyes to keep in calm.

establish the presence, range, migration patterns and population trends of a wide variety of species, both common and rare.

Volunteers are asked to place their camera in a location likely to capture the images of a number of species. Cameras are to be checked at least every three months. The SD card taken from the camera is used to upload photos to the

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DAN MOERICKE

An 'Up Nort' Report

The warning shot

In the pre-dawn darkness on opening day of the gun deer season, I headed past the gate on a logging road in the Nicolet National Forest. By the time I reached the crest of the first gentle hill, I was winded and stopped to catch my breath. Turning around, I could still see my vehicle. I'd walked less than 200 yards. That should have been a sign.

Fast forward seven weeks. Lying in a hospital bed in the cardiac care unit gives a guy some time to reflect on the signs he might have missed. At the age of 61, I'd just experienced a heart attack and, within 24 hours, had a catheterization that placed a stent in a main artery that was 90% blocked. Huge kudos to modern medicine and the doctors/nurses who made that happen.

My purpose in sharing this experience is to encourage anyone reading this to pay

attention to what their body is trying to tell them. Those of us who played sports most of our lives are prone to 'playing through the pain' and assuming that, whatever the problem, it'll pass. Suck it up, tape it up, or rub some dirt on it. That doesn't always work.

I'm sure the warning signs are different for everyone. I started getting numbness in my feet about two years ago. It was getting progressively worse to the point where the pain/tingling in my feet would sometimes keep me up at night. Swelling in my left leg became noticeable when taking my sock off at night. Over the past six months, I had also developed a pretty severe tremor in my left hand. Headaches and heartburn were commonplace. "Geeze, I'm getting old," I assumed.

The whole heart catheterization procedure took less than 45 minutes and was totally

painless. By the time they rolled me back to my hospital room, I could already notice a huge difference in my ability to breathe. I didn't realize just how pitiful my breathing had become until it was fixed. Happily, most all of the other issues I mentioned have improved significantly or gone away entirely. I feel better than I have in years. Maybe I'm not getting old?

According to the cardiologist, I had a blockage in my "left anterior descending artery." He might as well been speaking Portuguese. A nurse friend, who apparently understands Portuguese, told me that was 'the widow maker.' Good to know.

As I said, lying in a hospital bed gives a guy time to think. My thoughts centered on what a great life I've been blessed with - my family, my friends, meaningful work, and lots of play. Thoughts about places I've been

Thanks to modern medicine, I hope to be tormenting walleyes for many years to come.



and places I hope yet to see. For the record, I also figure that I've still got a pile of turkeys to shoot, loads of fish to catch, dozens of big bucks and bugling bulls to pursue. Hopefully, for many years to come.

A medical event like a heart attack is a great motivator. My plan is to exercise a little more, drink a little less, lose a little weight, and watch my diet a little closer. Nothing earth-shattering or life changing, but hopefully life extending. I was lucky; I got a warn-

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CAPTAIN DAVE DUWE

Taking a Kid Fishing

One fish can create a lifetime of memories

How are your kids at Minecraft? Do they watch a lot of Spongebob? As adults it's frustrating to watch our kids amuse themselves with electronics. We never had technology at our fingertips and had to go out and make our own fun. I don't want to ponder about the good ole days for long, but I remember a time when kids went out and rode bikes, played at the playground and even went fishing. It's not too late! We can get our kids outside, we just need to use our superpowers: a fishing pole, a little hook, maybe a worm.

Having been a fishing guide for over 25 years, I've taken anglers of all ages out. I've fished with kids as young as three all the way up to 93. One thing I've learned is that any age can have a great time fishing, but you need to plan smart when going with the youngest ones (and the oldest, but that's an article for another day).

Here are some helpful Dos and Don'ts. Plan for safety first; if you are fishing from shore or a dock, explain to your kids where they can and can't go. Avoid busy boat launch piers and steep slopes to the water. If you are fishing from a boat, make sure you have appropriately-sized life vests and kids

are capable of sitting still, especially when the boat is moving. For the first couple of trips out fishing, it's very important to catch fish. A youngster typically doesn't care if they catch a three inch perch or a 12 inch bluegill. If there's an opportunity to catch a lot of small fish, take it and make sure they have a good time letting the fish go.

Keep it simple for young anglers. Bobbers, hooks and sinkers are all that is really required. When your children are ready, bring along a few lures to practice casting. Make sure your young angler is proficient with casting before the treble hooks start flying. The way I like to rig the poles is the standard bobber rig. A small hook with the bobber positioned 2-3 feet above the bait. A small split shot will aid in casting further. In deeper water, for more advanced anglers, I will use a split shot rig, a small hook and a round split shot positioned 12 - 18 inches above. By using a round split shot, the chances of getting hooked on weeds are reduced. The deeper the water, the bigger the split shot needs to be.

For bait, worms and nightcrawlers are a must. When my children were really young, I would bring along some minnows, even if

the fish weren't biting on them just for their entertainment value. When I can, digging my own worms always adds a little extra to the trip, and as a bonus it can save a few bucks.

The number one rule of taking a child fishing is patience. The adult needs to go into the trip with the proper attitude. Remember fishing is supposed to be fun, not stressful. Never set a plan for how long you are going to fish. I can't ever expect to fish as long with a child as I do with adults. The worst is a very bored child; things tend to get broken in the boat and everyone gets a negative attitude. Plan to bring some snacks and drinks as they keep the energy level up and create a nice diversion when necessary. The occasional boat rides also seem to raise the spirits when fishing gets slow.

Taking a kid fishing can create a life time of memories.

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John Larkin (5) with a Delavan Lake largemouth, caught while fishing with his Dad.



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LOUIS KOSTOPOULOS, MD

Climbing the Ladder

Cardiologist, hunter offers expert advice to safely stay in the field

Life changes as we get older. Demands expand while our free time seemingly contracts. “Finding your balance” is a buzz-phrase commonly used these days as the simplified remedy to the hotly debated topic of burn-out in the workplace. Eliminating burn-out is not simply found by merely being out of the work place; demands at home from parenting to keeping up a home seem enough to keep one remaining out of balance. As we pump the brake of time to slow down and reflect on moments in our lives when climbing ladders lead to rewarding accomplishments at work or in the woods, one can’t help be reminded of the prep work for the ascension to the proverbial top of whatever ladder before us as well as those who helped us along the climb. From career ladders to tree stands, preparation and the guidance of a mentor have been essential to my success in these domains.

I moved to the Badger state 17 years ago to complete my medical training and started hunting 3 years later, and since have been stricken by a perennial buck fever. Due to a busy work schedule I needed help tending lawn duties so I hired Gary who couldn’t help but notice the 3-D archery target in my back yard beneath an apple tree. We’ve been hunting partners since.

Gary was (and remains) my Mr. Miyagi who helped me in finding a balance then through deer hunting. The physical ailments of time however left Gary grounded to hunt from a blind, though he seemed to enjoy watching a then younger version of me find the right spot for a ladder stand and witness my very first successful harvest. It seemed as if he was reliving moments vi-



Recent photo of the author (left) with Gary Gerdman (right) and the original deer target (middle) at the site of their initial introduction.

cariously through my experiences.

Though feeling as if I couldn’t thank him enough, I came to learn later that year in the form of a Christmas card from Gary’s wife Pat that I too was being thanked for rejuvenating Gary’s lost love of hunting as his hiatus stemmed out of fear of being alone in the woods because of his then health issues. Seemed like a win-win; I benefited from learning hunting tips and tricks from a seasoned semi-retired outdoorsmen while he had the opportunity of hunting under the supervision of a cardiologist. His health issues were cardiac-related. Perhaps through our companionship and friendship Gary seemed to have found his balance and hasn’t missed a hunting season since. In fact he even got out of that ground blind, off the ground and back into his ladder stand!

According to DNR stats, the average age of male hunters in our state is 45 which coincides with the age-acquired risk factor in men (55 for woman) associated with coronary heart disease- the most common heart condition leading to heart attacks and sudden cardiac death. Yearly data of accidental deaths arising in the field from errant firearm or arrow discharges are published and easily accessible on DNR websites, though similar trends or information from hunters dying in the field from heart disease is not tracked or published but merely mentioned in the press.

Another alarming published annual trend is the decline in sales of deer tags. One can’t help but wonder whether outdoorsmen, like Gary once did, stay out of the woods and on the sidelines due to fear of health concerns. Turning 45 this year there are plenty of bucket-list items that I look forward to including carving out the time for opportunities to hunt. Picking up risk factor for heart disease is obviously not on that list. Busy work and home schedules kept me from hunting last year and another new-born on the way challenges this year’s hunt. I now find myself as the one living vicariously through Gary and many hunters like him in my clinical practice whose stories and cell-phone photo shares remain eye-rollers for my office staff who’ve come to recognize the consequent delay for the ensuing patients.

I’ve now learned to find a balance within my work through the satisfaction of doing my part in keeping those with heart disease or at risk of heart disease confident in their health as a key to their success whether in a ground blind or back up their ladder stands.

As for me, I will continue the daily climb up the stairs to my eighth floor office rather than take the easy way up the elevator.

Common symptoms of heart disease (usually noticed with exertion):

- chest pain
- shortness of breath
- easily fatigued


Masquerading symptoms:

- heart burn
- jaw pain
- new and unprovoked arm/ shoulder pain or tingling (usually left sided)
- new and unprovoked neck pain
- dizziness/ lightheaded
- unexplained blackouts
- fluttering sensation in chest commonly referred as palpitations

Physical signs of heart and vascular disease:

- unintentional weight gain
- leg swelling
- pain or discomfort in leg muscles while walking
- foot wounds/ ulcers

Reasons to see a physician before hunting include any of the above or the following:

- Personal or family history of heart disease
- Risk factors for heart disease (high blood pressure, diabetes, tobacco use, poor exercise tolerance, sedentary lifestyle, obesity, high cholesterol) 


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Snapshot Wisconsin website. Any human or non-animal pictures are removed from the database. Eventually photos end up on the Zooniverse website, where anyone can log-on and help to identify the animal(s) in the picture. Some cameras are programmed to take periodic photographs to help track the green up and leaf-fall dates across our state.

Snapshot Wisconsin volunteers receive a trail camera, mounting bracket, mounting strap, two SD cards, two sets of rechargeable batteries, a battery charger, a backpack and paperwork that is aimed at assisting the volunteer in monitoring the camera. The materials do, however, belong to the State of Wisconsin and must be returned should the volunteer no longer wish to participate. Training videos

and a short test are available on-line for prospective citizen scientists. Nine hundred ninety eight “Snapshot volunteers” are currently monitoring more than eleven hundred trail cameras that have taken more than twenty million pictures.

Information on volunteering for the Southwest Wisconsin Chronic Wasting Disease Deer and Predator Study or Snapshot Wisconsin can be found by using the “search” function on the Department of Natural Resources website. Research can be fun and a learning experience for the whole family. 

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Some of the materials supplied to volunteers as part of the Snapshot Wisconsin program.

ANTHONY RIEDER, MD, SLEEP PHYSICIAN

Sshh! You're Scaring More than the Deer!

Snoring can be a sign of a deadly condition

Some of my best memories growing up in South Dakota were associated with opening weekend of pheasant hunting. It was always the third Saturday in October which coincided with my father's birthday. As we got older, my cousins and I were allowed to participate in the "coming of age" event by being invited to attend opening weekend with our fathers. We would pack our gear and travel the prerequisite distance away from home to attend opening weekend activities in the town near my grandfather's farmland outside Wessington, South Dakota. We stayed in campers and a renovated school bus that was only pulled out for use during this special occasion.

It was during these overnight hunting trips that I became familiar with how loud and disruptive the amount of snoring produced by a group of middle aged men could be! At the time, I had no idea that this snoring could be the first sign of a more serious sleep condition called "Obstructive Sleep Apnea." Nor did I know

at the time that this condition would later play a role in the heart attack that one of my uncles would later suffer or the stroke that eventually took the life of another.

Fast forward 35 years, I now live in Wisconsin where the pheasants certainly don't outnumber the deer. My opening weekend for pheasant hunting has been replaced by the opening day of gun deer season and the renovated school bus has been replaced with a cabin near Sparta. My career as a board certified Otolaryngologist (ENT) and Sleep Physician gives me a different understanding of what snoring may represent. As a result, several of my cabin mates are now treated for obstructive sleep apnea, while others have been fitted with soft ear plugs.

Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA), left untreated, can have serious health consequences. It can lead to sleep deprivation that can cause increased feelings of daytime fatigue, poor concentration, and mood instability. Treating OSA can significantly

improve a person's sense of wellness and overall quality of life.


Treating obstructive sleep apnea has been shown to reduce other health conditions. The American Academy of Sleep Medicine estimates that three percent of untreated OSA patients may experience a stroke. Another five percent will experience a heart attack or myocardial infarction. The Academy also estimates that 73 percent of untreated OSA patients will develop hypertension and another 50 percent will develop Type 2 diabetes. All of these conditions can have a significant impact on overall health status and life expectancy.

In many cases the diagnosis of OSA can be done in the comfort of someone's own home with a home sleep apnea test. In other more complex situations, an overnight sleep study in a sleep lab may be needed to determine the best course of treatment. The first step is to discuss your concerns with your doctor or a qualified sleep physician to determine the best option for you.



An avid hunter and physician, Dr. Anthony Rieder knows that treating obstructive sleep apnea improves overall quality of life...and keeps you in the field.

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DICK ELLIS

A Wild Bird Alternative

Southwest Minnesota pheasant hunting

The southwest Minnesota weather wasn't cooperating over this 2-day October, 2017 wild pheasant hunt, with winds gusting to 35 miles per hour delivering periodic, stinging hail. We were working to see roosters, and our shooting could have been better when the dogs did earn the flush. The occasional muffled shotgun report served more as a gauge of where my brothers and their dogs were stomping the distant grasslands to the east and south but not at all, it turned out, a count on roosters destined for the game bag.

The two birds down after day one, along with misses of his own, belonged to our host from the Marshall Chamber of Commerce and local wild bird hunter Ron Prorok. But the wild pheasants are here. And nine counties in southwest Minnesota are collectively inviting Wisconsin hunters to give them a "closer" look, literally, compared to the longer travel time necessary to reach western states with reputations for pulling in the non-resident hunter.

Hunt Southwest Minnesota (www.swmnhunting.com) offers 63,000 public hunting acres over the nine counties of Cottonwood, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood and Rock, holding 340 Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) points, and 75 walk in access (WIA) points. Steve Ellis, John Ellis and I based our hunt from Marshall in Lyon County. Prorok said public land access within the nine-county territory is a primary reason why Wisconsin hunters should consider southwest Minnesota in 2018.

"I have been in Marshall for over 10 years and I usually pheasant hunt several days a week throughout the season," he said. "There are still public lands in the 9-county area that I have never been on. I make it a point each year to get to new spots and am still finding new public lands to hunt. I find a lot of smaller areas that are under 200 acres that are a good hunt for one hunter and one dog, or for a hunter without a dog. Most of my hunting excursions are less than two hours and I almost always see birds. It is not uncommon for me to limit out in those two hours. Generally in two hours I will see a dozen roosters and hens combined. I don't shoot birds every time out, but it is rare that I go out and don't see birds."

When Prorok's family, including multiple hunters with dogs visits to hunt, they turn to several large tracks of public access. "When I do have all day hunts with family or friends we will see dozens of birds and it is rare that we don't get shots," he said. "You are not going to see hundreds of birds in a flush."

Simply, we wanted to come for two days, be pointed to public terrain, and cut loose with our own dogs, as we do in southwest Wisconsin to earn a rooster or two. Prorok did jump in with us for the first day, provided maps laying out the acreage assessable to hunters, and pointed us toward terrain he thought would produce birds.

The Ellis brothers separated to work our own dog's individual styles over large parcels of grassy habitat and wetland. Distant cackling sometimes steered my own course. Lengthy chases on "runners" and wild flushes from street-wise roosters ended without a pull of the trigger, and one miss. John and Steve both reported that they should have bagged roosters, and about 12 flushes total with hens. I'd like to remind you of the weather conditions now but Steve's quote sums it up more accurately: "Losers."

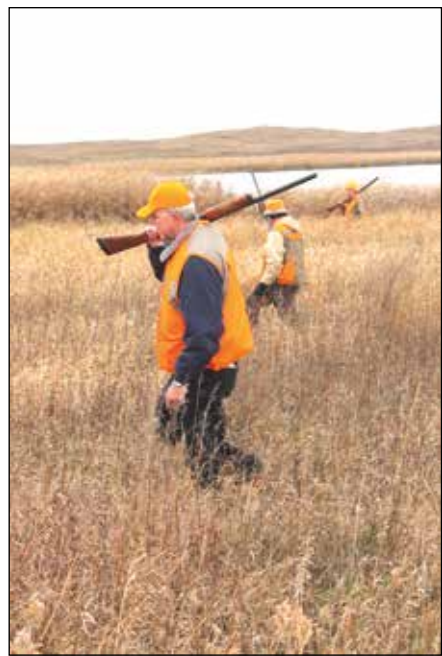
This was a challenging but enjoyable field hunt, and I asked a final question designed to give the Wisconsin bird hunter a barometer on whether southwest Minnesota is a destination for him; "On average, can a Wisconsin hunter with a good dog expect an opportunity for a limit of roosters?" His response should interest you.

"Definitely, if you are spending the whole day hunting and you have a dog," he said. "I have found limiting out is easier after December 1st when the limit changes to 3-birds because of snow cover, reduced hunting pressure and birds bunching up."

The area Chambers and the local Pheasant Forever (PF) Chapters are excellent sources for information and possible "Hosts", Prorok said. Local PF Members often meet with outside hunters to offer tips.



Ron Prorok of the Marshall Chamber of Commerce with a Minnesota limit of wild roosters after day one.



Wisconsin hunters Steve and John Ellis and Minnesota pheasant hunter Ron Prorok work typical grasslands near Marshall for wild birds.

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GARY GREENE

Memories from an Old Hunter

The 1958 Canada trip

The year was 1958 and, for the second year in a row, the Milwaukee Braves were in the World Series. The year before, the Braves were world champions, and at age six, I began following our baseball team.

That October my parents took me out of school for a week in Canada. Our family vacation included a dog plus one. The one was my dad's hunting partner Wayne and he drove in a separate car. Traveling in the trunk of our car was King, my dad's Chesapeake Bay retriever. The objective of our trip was for my dad and Wayne to get in as much waterfowl hunting as they could, while my mom kept me occupied with things to do. Where in Canada we were is a mystery to me.

After each morning's water hunt, the men came back draped with numerous ducks. Ironically, I remember my mom and I feeding ducks at a city park. At a later age, when I became a hunter, I observed that King was a very accomplished duck dog.


Afternoons, I recall us driving around searching the fields and potholes for ducks. When ducks were spotted, the cars would stop and the men would jump out and load up. I remember them on all fours, like King next to them, crawling up the long hills of plowed fields. When reaching the peak, I can still see them on their knees firing as

the ducks took to the air. I don't recall a time that they ever came back empty handed.

My mom took a picture of Wayne and my dad with King and the ducks. There were mallards, canvasbacks and some unidentified ducks. That picture appears to have more than a two-man limit of birds, but the birds were possibly harvested over several days. I attempted to find out what the limits were in 1958, but I could not retrieve that information. I counted at least 22 ducks in that picture. Today Canada's daily limit is eight ducks per gun.

Note in the picture that my Dad had a cigarette in his mouth. I don't recall many times my dad didn't have one there. With me, smells that I might not have experienced for decades can bring back distinct, previously forgotten memories. A few years ago on a break in the field, when I was guiding pheasant hunters, a few hunters smoked cigarettes. For me, that unpleasant odor floating on a breeze mixed with the sweet smells of autumn brought my thoughts right back to a 1960s hunt with my father. When walking and pheasant hunting, he always hunted with a lit cigarette in his mouth. Another aspect of those hunts that amazes me is that we never brought water along for the dogs. The dogs had to fend for themselves.

When we left Canada on October 9, it was game seven

of the World Series. Previously our Braves had a 3-1 game lead over the Mickey Mantle-led New York Yankees and needed only one more win to repeat as world champions. While we were in Canada, they lost games five and six, so now the series was tied at three wins a piece. On the way home while listening to that final game, I remember crying in the back seat of our 1957 Plymouth Fury as our Braves lost. For me it was a long, tearful ride home and for my dad it was contentment of a very successful hunting trip. 

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TOM MUELLER

Hunt Testing Your Retriever

To test or not to test

Retriever hunt tests are a little-known sport with a big following. Starting in southeast Wisconsin during the mid-1980s with just a couple events each year featuring less than 20 entries, hunt tests have grown in popularity; today, it is not uncommon for 150 to 250 dogs to be entered. Many clubs hold two or even three events each year. Hunt tests are a sport where you and your retriever compete against a standard, rather than against the other dogs entered. The tests are an opportunity to evaluate a dog's training through the eyes of a pair of judges and yourself.

There are many benefits that you and your retriever will experience training for a hunt test, even if you don't compete. Training requires consistent effort that will result in your retriever becoming more obedient and controllable. It will learn to retrieve with confidence and you will have confidence in your retriever.

Come hunting season, your retriever will be ready to roll. It will be in good physical shape because it has been worked all summer, rather than being on the off-season couch. When hunting season arrives, it will have its head in the game. Because hunt tests are designed to replicate hunting situations, Fox Valley Retriever Club training sessions mirror hunt test scenarios. Practically anything that you would encounter in a typical hunting situation can be implemented and practiced during a hunt test training session.

Some basic hunting situations that you and your retriever can train for are being quiet and steady in the duck boat or blind, duck calling, gunfire, and retrieving through decoys. Your retriever doesn't retrieve dummies when hunting or at a hunt test. For that reason, real birds are often used at the training sessions.

If you've ever shot multiple ducks out of a flock settling into your decoys, in training for a hunt test at a Fox Valley training session, your retriever will learn to do double,

triple, and even quadruple pickup retrieves. Water retrieves are the norm when waterfowl hunting. A training session or two each week will include those.

The importance in training for a hunt test and with a club is that your retriever will get the training it needs to become the reliable hunting partner you envisioned when you first brought it home. It won't happen overnight. It takes consistent on-going seasonal effort that training for a hunt test with a club provides.

Gauge with a successful return.



Interested in watching retrievers perform their job at a higher level? The Fox Valley Retriever Club's next hunt test is July 14th and 15th at Richard Bong State Recreation area. You're welcome to come and watch.

Tom Mueller has been avidly training retrievers since the early 1980s. His passion has evolved into helping others achieve the satisfaction that he has had. For questions regarding retriever training contact Tom at winddancer.rtrvrs@hotmail.com. For information about the Fox Valley Retriever Club go to foxvalleyretrieverclub.com.

SUZETTE CURTIS

Recipes With Suzette

Cooking with compound butters

My husband loves a good hash - for breakfast, for lunch, and even for dinner. While I'm sure he'd be content with the original corned beef hash and eggs, I do try to serve variations on the traditional to make the meals more interesting. With so many possibilities, it's fun to swap different meats, potatoes, and even eggs (try quail or duck eggs for their rich flavor) and end up with something new. Enjoy!

Dove Hash

1 large Yukon Gold potato, finely diced
2 carrots, finely diced
2 T Butter or Ghee
1 ½ T Flour
Salt & Pepper to taste
1 Cup Chicken stock
2 Cups cooked dove meat, diced
Eggs (optional)

Place diced potatoes and carrots in pot and add cold water just to cover. Bring pot to boil, cover and reduce heat slightly. Cook vegetables until fork tender; drain water and set aside.

Meanwhile, melt butter or ghee in saucepan over medium heat. Add flour, salt and pepper to create a paste. Slowly add Chicken stock, stirring continuously until fully incorporated. Reduce heat to low; simmer, stirring occasionally until thickened.

Add dove meat and vegetables; pour into lightly greased casserole dish and bake at 350° for 25 minutes. Serve as is, or plate individual servings topped with fried eggs.

Venison Hash

2 T Olive oil or Ghee
2 Cups cooked Venison meat (leftover roast works well)
1 medium onion, finely diced
1 Cup red potato, finely diced
Salt & Pepper to taste
Eggs
Hot Sauce (optional)

Heat oil or ghee in cast iron skillet over medium heat. Add Venison meat and fry until browned and slightly crisp. Remove meat from pan with slotted spoon and set aside.

Place onion and potato in skillet; sprinkle with salt and pepper, and add more oil if needed. Cook, stirring occasionally until potatoes are crisp tender.

Fold meat into vegetable mixture. Crack eggs over top and place skillet in a 400° oven until eggs are done to your likeness. Serve with Hot Sauce on the side.

Duck Hash

2 T Olive Oil or Ghee
2 Cups Sweet Potato, peeled and finely diced
1 Red Onion, diced
Salt & Pepper to taste
2 Cups cooked Duck meat, shredded
1 tsp Thyme
1 T Parsley
1/3 Cup Chicken Stock

Poached Eggs

Heat oil or ghee in large skillet over medium high heat. Add potatoes and cook, stirring frequently for about 5 minutes. Add onion and sprinkle with salt & pepper. Cover pan and cook an additional 10 minutes, stirring occasionally until potatoes are crisp tender.

Add shredded Duck meat, thyme and parsley; mix well. Pour Chicken stock over all; turn heat to high and bring to boil. Boil for 1 minute; remove from heat. Plate individual servings topped with poached eggs.



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Midwestern Shooters' Supply 10th Annual Fall Fest

Community event is a boon to local schools and service organizations

Midwestern Shooters Supply will once again demonstrate its commitment to family and community at the sporting goods store's Tenth Annual Fall Fest. At least 10,000 people are expected to attend this free event on August 17 and 18 located at 191 Church Street in Lomira. The event runs both days from 8 AM to Midnight.

Fall Fest is, first and foremost, a means for Midwestern Shooters Supply to help support local clubs, service organizations and athletic teams, according to owner Randy Boelkow. "Fall Fest is a community fund raiser and a 'thank you' to our customers and community," Randy said. "It's the biggest community event of the season. Some communities have parades and Fourth of July celebrations, we have Fall Fest."

Midwestern Shooters Supply provides clubs, churches, schools, service organizations and other non-profit groups with free space to host their fundraisers. These groups will raise literally thousands of dollars from food sales, raffles, games and other activities made possible through their participation in Fall Fest.

Among the many groups taking part are the Lomira High School football team, Lomira FFA (Future Farmers of America) Alumni, the Lomira Lions Club, Campbell-sport Youth Trap Shooting Team, the Eden Chapter of Wings Over Wisconsin, and the Lomira Fire Department. "There is an amazing amount of community involvement," Randy said. "There are people that will be working three shifts. One shift might be at the FFA brat stand, another at the Lions' Club fish fry, and later at a church event."

Fall Fest is an opportunity to check out some of the latest offerings by a number of firearm manufacturers, including Benelli, Beretta, Browning, Caesar Guerini, Smith and Wesson, Ruger, SIG and more. Midwestern Shooters Supply will also make a wide



Fall Fest takes the fun outside, and in for auctions, bargains, food, and more.

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ing shot. Not everybody does. Life is short. Make sure to have some fun every day!

Just sayin.' 


Dan Moericke is an avid and successful Wisconsin fisherman from Wausau and an occasional guest on outdoor fishing programs. On the water, he always tells us some version of the truth.

WILKERSON, FROM PAGE 30

variety of trial guns available for testing. Many outdoor-oriented vendors will have goods and services on display, including ATVs, clothing, hunting blinds and more.

Firearms enthusiasts are advised to bring some form of payment on hand (cash, credit card or check), because there will be some great deals found at the annual gun auction. Fall Fest is also Midwestern Shooters Supply biggest sale of the year. Everything will be on sale, and Midwestern Shooters Supply carries a wide variety of camping, fishing, hunting, shooting, archery and other products.

Live entertainment will be featured Friday and Saturday evenings. The band "Road Trip" will perform Friday evening, August 17, and "Oil Can Harry" will play Saturday evening, August 18.

For the most up-to-date Midwestern Shooters Supply Fall Fest information, visit their website at mwshooters.com or call 920.269.4995. 

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Get Ready

If you're going to conceal carry, you'd better be prepared

One of the most prevalent statements by witnesses to horrific crimes is "This is such a nice neighborhood. I never thought it could happen here." Of course it could – and does. Some of the worst crimes have been committed in the best neighborhoods. Don't think living in a gated community is going to keep you safe.

"Society is full of jerks," Mike "Shorty" Govaz, owner of the Shorty's Shooting Sports in West Allis, said. "There are no absolutely safe places. Muggings, carjackings and road rage incidents can happen anywhere and in any community."

Make like a Boy Scout. Be prepared.

"Any law-abiding citizen should seriously consider carrying some kind of concealed weapon, whether it's a handgun, knife or pepper spray," Shorty said. "One isn't necessarily better than another. Choose what you're comfortable with, learn how to use it safely, and be prepared to use it. And only use it when you fear for your life or the life of someone who is important you."

Again, if you're going to carry concealed weapon, you need to be prepared to use it. "You can't hesitate," Shorty said. "That's how people become victims. There are a lot of examples of people who have drawn their CCW (concealed carry weapon) on an assail-



Shorty's Shooting Sports carries a variety of concealed carry weapons, including CobraTek Out-the-Front automatic knives (left). Whether it be a knife, firearm or pepper spray, you need to know how to use your weapon and be prepared to use it.

ant and then hesitated to use it. The results can be tragic. In many cases, their assailant then turned it (the victim's weapon) on them and either killed or seriously injured them."

In addition to being prepared to use your CCW, Shorty said that it's imperative that you know how to use it. "Seriously, you need to know how to properly use your weapon. A lot of people don't. What's the first thing a person who has never handled a gun do when

they get one in their hands? They pull the trigger. Sure, you can get a Concealed Carry license without ever actually shooting or even handling a gun, but I wouldn't recommend it. Take a gun safety course and shooting lessons if you don't have a friend or relative to help you out."

Shorty said that it's imperative that all firearm owners remember the cardinal rules of gun ownership. Those rules are:

Treat every gun as if it was loaded.

Never point the muzzle at anything you are not willing to destroy.

Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target.


Be sure of your target and what is be-

yond it

Shorty adds a fifth rule. "Don't be under the influences of alcohol or other drugs when you're handling firearms."

The best way to protect yourself, Shorty said, is to avoid putting yourself in harm's way in the first place. For example, jogging and wearing ear buds in a heavily wooded park is an invitation to an assault. Leaving your car keys on the driver's seat when gassing up is a great way to get carjacked. Going for a walk at 2 AM – and wearing earbuds – is a welcome mat to a mugging. To sum up: don't be stupid.

Of course, you don't have to be actively looking for trouble due to bad judgment for trouble to find you. When it does, "Acting crazy works well," Shorty said. "Yeah, it might be embarrassing to begin shouting and talking to yourself like a lunatic, but it's better than being robbed – or worse. Who's going to mess with a crazy person? Especially one that is firing off his stun gun, sparks flying and zapping, while they're talking to it like a girlfriend. Sure, it's weird, but I'd rather be weird than robbed."

Shorty said that carrying a concealed weapon entails a lot of responsibility. Pulling the trigger, even under justifiable conditions, can have serious repercussions. That topic will be explored in the September/October edition of *On Wisconsin Outdoors*. 

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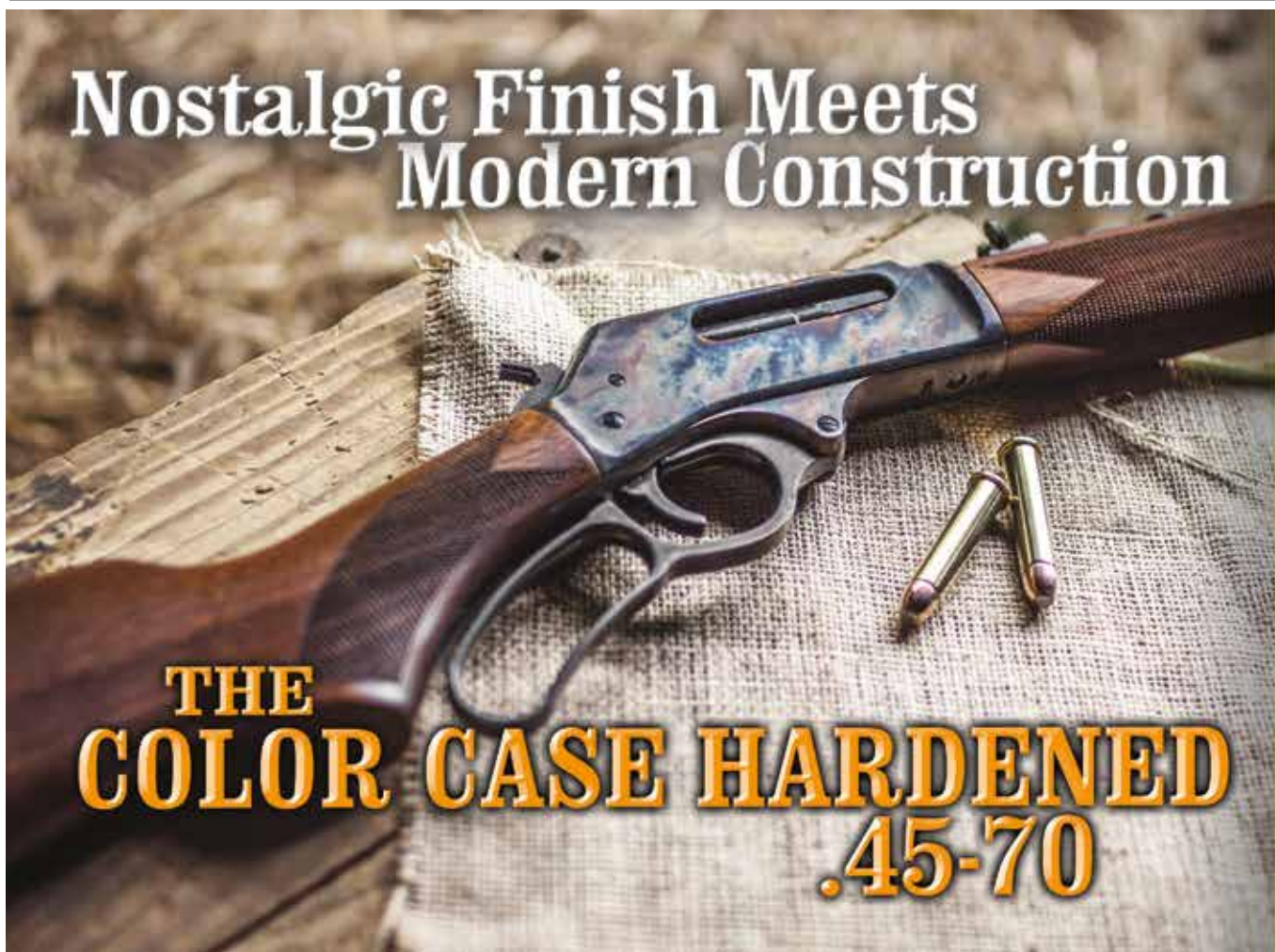
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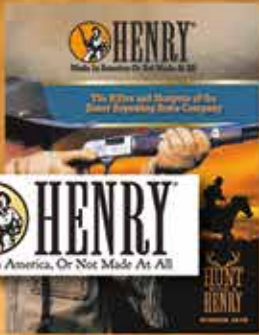
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Presents Firearms Info from Ron Stresing

RON STRESING

Improving Field Performance Steel-shot size selection

Our guide hit the call one last time, and then yelled. “Kill them out front!” I rose from the blind, and picked a snow goose out of the flock of 50-60 birds hovering over the decoys and slapped the trigger. A load of steel size 1 shot dropped a snow goose cleanly. As the flock left, I swung around and picked out another bird. Once again, 1 1/8th ounces of steel 1s out of a modified choke cleanly harvested a bird. Earlier that day, a similar load of steel BB had taken a nice Canada goose.

When steel shot was mandated by Federal law back in the late 1970s, some waterfowl hunters panicked. Others simply went with the conventional wisdom of going “one choke lighter and 2 pellet sizes larger.” Having used some of the early steel loads, let me say how bad they were. Multiple shots to harvest a single bird were common. And yes, tales of birds knocked down, and getting up, and flying away were true. Today’s steel loads pattern better and fly faster. Some feature plated shot, or shot

with cutting edges that do tissue damage on a par with expanding rifle bullets.

Due to increased velocity and better patterns, some hunters have gone to steel shot exclusively. I personally have harvested pheasants, doves, pigeons, rabbits and squirrels with steel doing research for my articles. The whole trick to being successful with steel is fairly simple. You need to use a pellet and choke setting that will put enough pellets on-target to get clean kills. A pellet needs to be large enough and carry the energy required to penetrate deep, destroy internal organs and break bones. Three to five pellets will usually do the job properly. Below are a few suggestions to pick the right load for harvesting game with steel. Remember, to avoid choke tube or barrel damage, *never use a choke tighter than Modified* for steel.

Ducks: Try 3 or 4 steel out of Improved Cylinder choke for small to medium ducks inside 30-35 yards. Large or medium ducks call for 2 or 3 steel. For ranges over 35 yards, try Modified choke. For pass- shoot-

ing cornfield mallards, try size BB, 1 or 2 with a Modified choke. For dispatching wounded ducks on the water, I suggest light loads of steel 4 or 6 shot, aimed at the top of the head.

Geese: Many of the Canada geese harvested in September are juvenile young-of-the-year birds. For September, early season, Canada geese over decoys, size 1 or 2 cannot be beat. Pass shooting calls for heavier BB shot. Later in the season, migratory geese are often older and more heavily feathered. Try size BB or 1 over decoys, and BBB or BB for pass shooting. If going for light geese like snows or blues, try BB or size 1 shot. I use a Modified choke for most all my goose hunting.

Hunting waterfowl is when you need invest in high velocity, premium-quality, steel loads with plated shot like Kent Fasteel or cutting edge pellets like Federal’s



Match the right pellet and choke setting for the game you pursue.

Black Cloud. The heavy down and feathers on waterfowl requires larger, faster, or plated pellets. Plating allows the shot to “flow” through the choke tube, and penetrate feathers better.

Upland birds and small game: Try 3, 4 or 6 steel for pheasants or grouse. For rabbits, snowshoe hares, and squirrels, use 3, 4 or 6 shot. Doves, wood cock and barn pigeons can be clean-killed with size 4, 6, or 7 shot. Unlike waterfowl, most small game doesn’t require magnum loads or expensive shells. Bargain priced promotional steel loads will work just fine.

Pick the right steel shot size and choke combination, and your game bag will be a lot heavier! 🦌

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TOM CARPENTER

Badger Birds Yellow-Headed Blackbird


While it won't win any musical awards for its unique song, the yellow-headed blackbird deserves top prize for good looks. Males are jet black with a golden-yellow head and breast and white wing patches. They are longer and stockier than robins. Smaller females are dull gray and brown with a pale yellow face and neck and the same white wing patches.

Yellow-headed blackbirds inhabit marshes and wetlands across Wisconsin, but are not as common as red-winged blackbirds. Southeastern Wisconsin, particularly the Horicon Marsh, is good yellow-headed blackbird country. Open bottomlands along the Mississippi, Wisconsin, Chipewa, Rock and other river bottoms also are home to these birds.

Listen for the yellow-headed blackbird's song, which might be creatively described as a rusty door-hinge squealing or a squeaky croak. There is no other bird song like it.

Know that yellow-headed blackbirds consume as many insects as possible in spring and early summer, providing a good service to farmers and gardeners. Later, before migrating south, these blackbirds feed on seeds and waste grain.

Understand this wetland bird's nesting strategies. Yellow-headed blackbirds nest over water, often in the middle of the marsh, in loose colonies of three to six females serviced by one male who "owns" the territory. The nest is a sturdy cup linked to cattails, bulrushes or reeds.

Did you know that while it is loosely a member of the blackbird family, the yellow-headed blackbird has no close relatives? It is the only bird within its genus, *Xanthocephalus*. 

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