

Opening up the hog line

Ben and Jerry have been fishing buddies for years. Jerry invites Ben to join him and a co-worker for a day in a hog line on Oregon's Willamette River. Ben had heard pretty wild stories about incidents related to those crowded lines of boaters, stricken with "springer fever."



On the Wild Side
by G.I. Wilson

heavy river anchor some 100 feet upriver from the dark forms of anchored boats in a line.

Jerry feeds out anchor rope, Marv expertly backs the boat into a small opening between two boats. Jerry is impressed.

Lines are set out and the threesome settle back to enjoy a cup of coffee, relax, and wait for a biter to come along. More boats arrive and squeeze into the line until 2/3 of the river is covered.

"Catching" is slow as is typical of springer fishing. Suddenly, Ben's rod pumps wildly toward the river surface. "Fish ON."

Marv releases from the anchor rope and float. The cur-

rent and powerful fish pull them downstream. After a lengthy battle, covering 200 yards or so, a mint-bright, 22-pounder comes to the net. They are off to a great start.

They motor back upriver, to move into their spot, to find a huge, burly guy—smoking a big cigar—in an old wooden boat, sitting in their spot. As they draw near, he stands up and yells, "Leave this hog line, you don't get back in."

Those gunfighter eyes turned to ice in a matter of seconds.

Marv moves the boat in close. He wants to make sure the guy understands him. "I'm going down there about 100 yards, and turn these 200



Friends Ben and Jerry recently went fishing in a hog line on the Willamette River for the first and last time. Submitted

horses loose. Come back up here, you're still in my spot, I'm going to cut that piece of crap you're standing in, in half." Marv drops back a few yards and gives her full throttle, sending a rooster tail of water 30 feet in the air. About 100 yards downstream he does a sharp U-turn and opens up the throttle.

The bow of the big aluminum craft slices the heavy river current like a surgeon's

scalpel. Ben and Jerry are frantically trying to climb into life jackets and brace for impact.

Thirty yards from the hog line, and there is a spot wide enough to accommodate a small oceanliner.

Ben hooks up to the float and they settle back into the spot, lines are set again. River current bubbling past boats is the only sound in the air. Anglers on each side have conveniently found maintenance

that needs to be done on their gear.

No one wants to engage the cold stare of those steel gray eyes.

Ben never tried fishing a hog line again. Seems he read an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife report that anglers spend 99 hours fishing for each springer landed. Figures he spent at least 99 hours out there on that cold April day.

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VOLCANOES, continued from Page 12

After Hillsboro scored the first run of the game in the second inning, the Volcanoes scored four runs in the third, two in the fourth, seven in the fifth, and one in the sixth. They outhit their visitors 14-8. Manuel Geraldo had three hits and a stolen base. He scored three runs and drove in two. Terammates Juan Rodriguez, Leo Rojas, and John

Riley had two hits each. Hillsboro's Billy Endris hit the only home run, a solo shot in the fifth.

Kendry Melo was the winning pitcher in relief. Rain delayed the start of the game by about an hour and a half.

June 19: Volcanoes 11, Hillsboro 2

Salem-Keizer bats stayed hot, giving the Volcanoes a series win in their first home stand of the year. Hillsboro scored the first run as a single by Marcus Wilson in the top of the third inning drove in Billy

Endris, who had doubled. The Volcanoes tied the score in that inning as Ashford Fulmer, who had walked, came home on a throwing error by right fielder Billy Embris.

The Volcanoes' big inning was the six-run fifth. They had five hits, including doubles by Kevin Rivera and Chase Compton. The Hops helped their hosts with two errors and two wild pitches.

Cesar Yanez was the winning pitcher in relief of Raffi Vizcaino.

June 20: Volcanoes 7, Boise 2

A Volcano victory in the first road game of the season gave Salem-Keizer a three-game winning streak.

The game was tied 1-1 until the eighth inning, when the Volcanoes scored six runs. Three one-out singles and a double by John Riley brought Manuel Geraldo and Juan Rodriguez home. A wild pitch scored Zack Bowers, and Gustavo Cabrera was hit by a pitch. Riley scored as Ashton Fulmer reached first base on an error. Kevin Rivera doubled Cabrera and Fulmer home.

Starter Melvin Adon allowed only one run, which was unearned, in his six innings. Caleb Simpson pitched the next two innings to get the win. Rayan Hernandez pitched the ninth.

June 21: Boise 4, Volcanoes 2

The host Hawks evened the series, letting Salem-Keizer catch up with for a 2-2 score in the middle of the third inning but scoring the remaining two runs of the game.

The last score was a bases-empty home run by Boise's Bobby Stahel in the eighth inning. Each club had eight hits, but the Hawks put theirs together better.

crossword

Alternatives

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CREATORS NEWS SERVICE

By Charles Preston

ACROSS

- 1 Craft
- 5 Copter part
- 10 Kill
- 14 With the bow: mus.
- 15 Sky blue
- 16 Beverage
- 17 Vigorous synonym of 56 Across
- 20 Tiverton's river
- 21 Where Duluth is: abbr.
- 22 Terminus facilities
- 23 Native of Odense
- 24 Rebuff
- 26 Mislaying
- 29 Car accessories
- 32 ___ account!
- 33 Scope
- 34 Exclamation of triumph
- 36 Sinister synonym of 56 Across
- 40 Cue feature
- 41 Tolerate
- 42 Sicilian scenery
- 43 Calculates
- 45 Searches
- 47 Layers
- 48 Baseball stratagem

- 49 Creator of *Daisy Miller*
- 52 Got down
- 53 Skill
- 56 No matter what
- 60 English monk
- 61 Be
- 62 Servicewoman
- 63 Where Malmo is: abbr.
- 64 Lumps
- 65 Comply

DOWN

- 1 Inexperienced one
- 2 African antelope
- 3 Throb
- 4 Overmuch
- 5 Yard chore
- 6 Fresh air
- 7 Detour
- 8 Symbol of power
- 9 Alfonso XIII
- 10 Predicament
- 11 Be ominously near
- 12 Drooping
- 13 Chatters incessantly
- 18 Muscat and ___
- 19 Lunar feature
- 23 Famous couturier
- 24 Import

- 25 Como or Garda: lt.
- 26 Cause to soar, as a ball
- 27 Walk ___
- 28 Game bird
- 29 ___ over: delivers
- 30 Etymons
- 31 Switch over
- 33 Showers
- 35 Palm leaves: var.
- 37 ___ fuss: causes trouble
- 38 Inky
- 39 Poetic units
- 44 Used the teeth
- 45 Certain siblings
- 46 Preposition
- 48 World-weary
- 49 Stints
- 50 *De novo*
- 51 Ancient Persian
- 52 Droughty
- 53 Whale hunter
- 54 Dream: Fr.
- 55 Card
- 57 Longing
- 58 Chemical prefix
- 59 Brace

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