

# OUTDOORS AND MORE



## The Fishing Line-by Dave Curphey

January was a very slow month for fishing, but hopefully February will improve if the weather cooperates. The Rogue River is very low due to insufficient rain and snowfall and the steel head run is coming up stream.

Recently I've fished our three local lakes, Willow, Medco Pond and Lost Creek Lake. I've used Power Bait, night-crawlers, various spoons and lures, but haven't landed a fish. Maybe I'll talk Jake H. into taking the drift boat down the Rogue River and get serious.

Within the next few weeks I'm going to try the Applegate River for some steel-head. In the past I've caught some nice steel head on that river this time of year using little corky's and roe or night-crawlers. There are places to fish from the bank between Murphy and Cantral Buckly, but get there early for a good spot.

If anything, the past month of fishing has been quiet and peaceful. The days I've went out were unseasonably warm for January, which was rather pleasant. It was nice to have fingers not frozen to bait the hook or icicles hanging off the eyes of my pole, and a warm rock to sit on.

Although the fishing has been very slow, the nice weather makes for an enjoyable day out. There are always things of beauty to see, like the pair of bald eagles I saw flying side by side at Lost Creek Lake, looking for a trout to surface. At Medco Pond last week, there was a golden eagle making his way around the lake, and finally perched atop the snag at the back side. Taking the time to watch and see what was created for us is sometimes more rewarding than catching your limit.

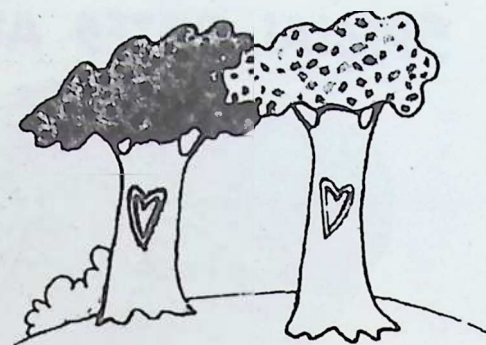
The new fishing regulations booklet is finally out, so pick up a copy and hire that Philadelphia lawyer to help ya go through it to figure it out!

Hope to see you out on the water, good luck on catching a big one.



**Q. DO SKUNKS CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY?**

**A. SURE, THEY'RE VERY SCENT-IMENTAL!**



## Bits of Wit and Wisdom

There are two seasonal diversions that can ease the bite of any winter. One is the January thaw. The other is the seed catalogs.

-Hal Borland-

Love is Patient and kind;

love is not jealous or boastful;

it is not arrogant or rude.

Love does not insist on its own

way;

it is not irritable or resentful;

it does not rejoice at wrong,

but rejoices at right.

Love bears all things,

believes all things,

hopes all things.

Love never ends...

1 Corinthians 13:4-8