

The Fishing Line by- David Curphey

The next time somebody tells me "you should have been here yesterday" they are going swimming. Seems like the fishing was always good, yesterday. Although most days I've gone out have been very productive.

This year so far has been a learning experience and has answered some questions concerning new to me fishing techniques and fish runs. Like the art of fishing for steelhead using a bobber to enable the proper depth of bait presentation. This method works very well, as I have caught most my steelhead this way. Also, it minimizes snags, and less tackle lost to those darn fresh water rock cod. My question concerning low water and if it affects the number of steelhead migrating upstream was answered by the numbers! It shows that this years steelhead run was average and didn't seem to make much difference on water level.

The salmon are moving up the Rogue now with a few fish over Gold Ray Dam. The lower river below Galice is producing some very nice salmon now, so it shouldn't be long until the upper river has a lot of fish!

The two lakes I've been fishing lately, Lost Creek and Applegate have been real good. Although, Applegate lake is very low, the upper end at Copper launch produced a lot of trout. We fished with a Kastmaster lure and worms along with a bobber, reeling in fish just as fast as you could cast and bring them in. At Lost Creek Lake last week I was using a Kastmaster lure and caught and released 20 trout in one hour. I was fishing along the shore by the intake lower at the dam.

Several months ago I was fishing at Lost Creek, the weather was cold and windy, so I

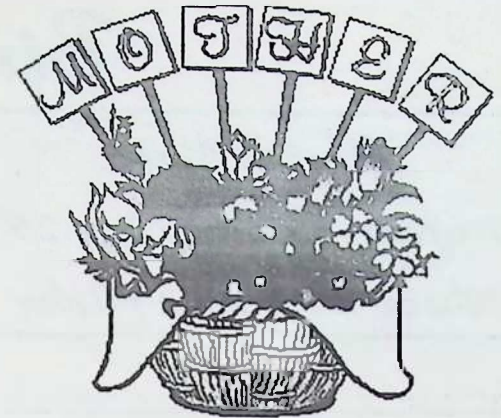
decided to make a warming fire. As I made my fire pit, a rock rolled down the bank and tipped over my tackle box. As I was putting the tackle back in the box, I was amazed at how much there was. It was then I realized why. Our three boys had grown, and had other things to do then go fishing. As much as I had disliked their little hands rummaging through "my tackle box" and using it all up, I really missed it. Those countless times I had to put down my pole to help untangle their lines, tie on a hook or help them get un-snagged, I realized was a good lesson in learning how to have patience. Although, there were times I would get pretty aggravated and lose my temper.

So remember parents, young children aren't professional fishermen, and need a little help from us to show them how it's done. Sometimes they will test our patience, so help them with a kind word and a smile. Hey, we were kids too, rummaging through our Dads tackle and asking "Dad, I got tangled up, could you help me?"

I hope you all had fun on opening day of trout season and caught a lot of fish. I will be going to some of the upper lakes that are now open, and will let you know how the fishing is.

Remember folks, the kids fishing derby is on June 9th this year, as is Oregon's free fishing weekend. I will be at Medco Pond again this year, hope to see you there!

Good luck fishing, catch a big one!
P.S. So, Renee, think you can outfish me salmon fishing this summer? Or should I even ask?



Mother's Day Facts

Julia Ward Howe suggested the idea of Mother's Day in 1872. She also wrote the words to the "Battle Hymn of the Republic". She saw Mother's Day as being dedicated to peace.

Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia is credited with bringing about the official observance of Mother's Day. She wanted to remember her mother who died in 1905.

In 1910, West Virginia was the 1st state to recognize the day. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson officially proclaimed Mother's Day as a national holiday.

Jarvis soon became dissatisfied that the holiday became so commercialized. She wanted it to be a day of sentiment, not profit.

She died in 1948, at age 84. She was never a mother herself.

But, today despite Jarvis' efforts to stop the holiday, many celebrations are held throughout the world honoring mothers.

(Just goes to show that you can't stop us mothers!)