



HERE MEMBERS of the Blue Marlin Aquatic Club pose with their newly claimed trophies. Awards were presented at a picnic held in Wildwood on Aug. 3.

Blue Marlin Aquatic Club ends summer season

Twenty-three members of the Blue Marlin Aquatic Club traveled to Reynolds last weekend to compete in the sextathlon meet held there.

A sextathlon is a meet in which all swimmers must compete in all of the six scheduled events. At the close of the meet each competitor's times are totaled. The swimmer in each age group with the lowest final time is named the winner.

All of the Blue Marlins did a fine job with several turning in best times. Seven swimmers from the Sandy team placed in the top ten.

Joni Duff, competing in the girls eight and under division, took first place and was named champion of that age group. Lori Russell, another eight and under girl, placed tenth.

In the 13 and 14 boys division, Chris Roth scored a fifth place for the Blue Marlins.

Two 15-17 year old girls did well also. Marcia Gynther took seventh place and Lori Anderson grabbed third place.

Phil Cain, swimming in the 15-17 boys division, topped

teammate Steve Lindsey by one place. Phil took eighth place and Steve finished ninth.

Out of the 16 teams participating in the meet, the Blue Marlins tied for sixth place.

This was the last meet of the season. Practice for the A.A.U. team will resume on Nov. 6. In the meantime, the Sandy Union High School Swim Team will begin training on Aug. 28 and will be active until November.

The Fourth Annual Blue Marlin Awards Picnic was held in Wildwood last Thursday, Aug. 3. Each year at the close of the summer season the winners of the team trophies are announced at the picnic.

This year the winners of the "Most Valuable Swimmer" awards are as follows: Erica Neuenfeldt, eight and under girls; Bill Parker, eight and under boys; Gary Roth, ten and under boys; Nancy Marsh, ten and under girls; Katie Neuenfeldt, 11 and 12 girls; Nels Lundeen, 11 and 12 boys; Joanne Cyphers, 13 and 14 girls; Carl Neuenfeldt, 13 and 14 boys; Lori Anderson, 15-17 girls; and Steve Lindsey, 15-17 boys.

There are two awards for the "Most Improved Swimmer." One girl and one boy are chosen from the entire team to receive these trophies. This year the winners are Joni Duff, an eight and under girl, and Phil Cain, a 15-17 year old boy.

This year two new trophies were added to the collection in the pool's trophy case. "Becky Anstine's Most Outstanding First Year Girl Swimmer" was awarded to Marcia Gynther, a 15-17 year old girl, and Gary Marsh was selected as "Jim Anstine's Most Outstanding First Year Boy Swimmer."

Predators hit area animals

Turkeys, lambs and chickens ranked one, two, three in numbers of predators' victims in the period from June 11 through July 15, according to figures released by the Livestock Division of the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Figures tabulated by the regional office of the U.S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife list a total of 616 predator victims in the 26 counties reporting.

Turkeys topped the loss list with 205 killed. Lambs were next with a loss of 191 and chickens were third with 95 killed.

Clackamas County took the place of Malheur County as the county with the greatest loss resulting from predators. That county had a kill by predators of seven lambs; one calf; 156 turkeys; 20 chickens and five ducks, for a total of 189. Marion County was next, reporting a loss of two sheep; 22 lambs; 13 turkeys and 50 chickens in the four-week period.

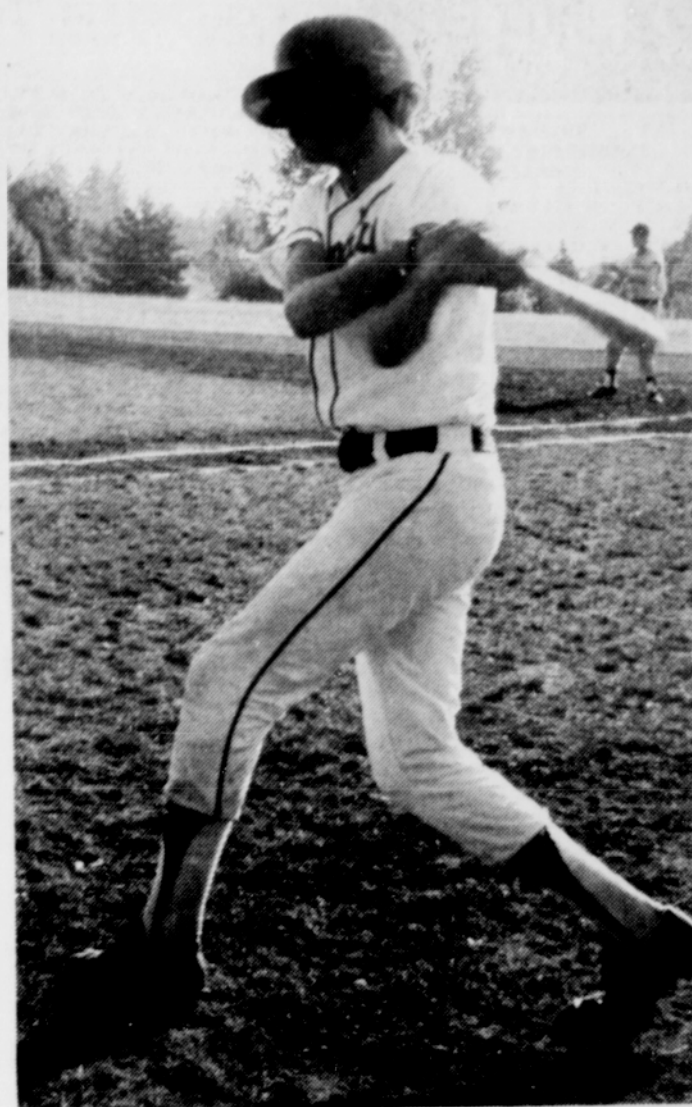
The tabulation also showed that during this time there were 82 new requests for predator control services.

Skate meet set

Imperial Powell Valley Speed Skating team, will be circulating in the Gresham area for the next two weeks in search for sponsors for a home meet Sept. 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Termed the 1st American Banked Track Roller and Speed Skating Championships, the club wants businessmen to sponsor certain events in the contest. The meet will be on the club's home track behind Powell Valley school.

Dates set

If you're a bird hunter, stalking dates will begin Sept. 1 for band-tailed pigeons and mourning doves, and will run until Sept. 30.



THIS MEMBER OF Gary Sandblast's baseball team warms up before a recent game just before qualifying for the Peeewe State Tournament at Rockwood Park. The team played David Douglas Sunday and lost 12-11 in a close game. Monday the team played a consolation game with West Union and lost in another very close game 8-7. (Post photo)

Football practice to begin Aug. 21

Physical examinations for the Sandy High School football team will be given on Friday, Aug. 18 starting at 5:30 p.m. This will be the only time prospective players may obtain physicals, according to Coach Woody Allen.

Practice will begin on Aug. 21, with "daily doubles" at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Players will be required to attend both practices each day.

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FROM THE RIVER'S EDGE

By George MacAlevy



BIG FLIES FOR BIGGER FISH

Hot weather for a long period such as we have had eventually raises the water temperature of all streams and lakes. With the water warmer than what the fish are used to, their metabolism rates drop.

Trout are more temperature sensitive in this respect than most species. With the slower metabolic rate induced by the warm water comes a decreased urge to eat. The fish has less

energy to expend and so is less apt to expend it.

This makes for difficult times for fly fishermen. He may have a good enough imitation to match the prevailing naturals and have the fish completely taken in but still the critter won't strike.

A tiny mayfly is just not enough morsel to tempt the trout into using the energy necessary to rise for the fly. The little activity you will see is in late evening during these warm water occasions. On your last outing in this hot weather, weren't all the fish you caught, including those you got late in the evening, all small?

There is at least a partial answer to these conditions. It may not help during the heat of the day, but at dusk, the outside fly can attract the larger fish to take. I am speaking of dry flies size 8 and larger. In my own collection of dry flies, I have patterns in sizes up to 2-0 (I would have larger ones but 2-0 is the largest true dry fly hook I have been able to locate.)

There are some Caddis and Stone flies that require imitations as large as No. 4 in any case. In the late summer and early fall, when these big

Caddis are on the streams No. 4 and No. 6 Buck Caddis flies take the best fish.

But right now during this heat, there are no Caddis around that are larger than a No. 8, and few are that large. The fish, however are disinterested enough that they will not even rise to a No. 8.

This is the time to tie on a No. 1 Buck Caddis, a 1-0 Catskill, or even a 2-0 Bivings. I am not sure what prompts a fish to rise for these outsize monstrosities, but they will when they won't rise to anything else. Maybe they think they are birds!

These very large flies are a real chore to cast cleanly, but they are worth the extra effort. If you cannot get the large flies or the hooks and materials large enough to tie them, there is another way out that is almost as good.

Notice, I said almost! Make up your 10's and 8's as full and bushy as you can. Use spider length hackles (No. 4 hackles on No. 8 hooks, and No. 6 hackles on No. 10 hooks.)

Another fly that will often drive an other wise lethargic trout wild is a Giant Spider. They are simple to make. Tie all the No. 4 hackle you can cram onto a No. 8 hook. You just need two, a light one and a dark one.

This ball of fluff will jump off the water and touch down again and again if there is a little wind blowing. If there is no wind, carefully pull all the slack out of your line without disturbance and make the fly jump with little flicks of your rod tip.

So you see, if you want to pick up a fish or two when the hot weather fishing is tough, the answer is big, full and bushy. Keep to patterns that are common on the water you are fishing, but throw all the rules about size away during these difficult periods.

Bass are somewhat the same way. A hungry bass isn't fussy about size normally. He'll eat anything he can get a hold on, large or small when he is hungry. When he isn't really hungry, he can usually be tempted only by lures that seem large.

I once tied a huge fan wing on a No. 17 Cincinnati Bass Hook. It had a wing span of about 4 inches. On a hot July day, this fly took fish, small mouth bass to be specific. (A small mouth bass has a big mouth, a large mouth bass has a maw that resembles Mammoth Cave).

The pattern was Pink Lady. The only thing that is reminiscent of it was, was a butterfly. The colors were all wrong for any butterfly I ever saw. But then, I don't know of any stream insect around here that looks like a Pink Lady either; yet it is a good fly for trout in size 10, in some of our hardest fished waters.

Sandy Giants to play Woodburn today

The Sandy Giants baseball team defeated a Molalla team twice in a playoff held last weekend to decide third place and who would represent the league at state.

The team will play against Woodburn at 1:30 p.m. today at a field in Springfield.

The Giants, coached by Glenn Smith, won the first game last weekend 7-2 with Mark Baughman pitching. Mark allowed two hits while striking out eight batters.

Mark also led the hitting with a single and a home run. Other hits were scored by Mike Wecker, Jay Dodson, Keith Jensen, Dan Turin, and Dubbie Hayes.

In the second game played at Oregon City on Sunday, Sandy

was again victorious with a 10-4 win.

John Miller pitched a three hit, ten strikeout game for Sandy.

Jay Dodson led them in the hitting department with three hits. He was followed by Mike Wecker and Keith Jensen with two hits, Dan Turin with one hit for a triple, and Mark Baughman, Doug Stewart and Rick Markgraf with one hit apiece.

OREGON STATE GAME COMMISSION

The Fish Commission of Oregon and the Washington Department of Fisheries established the early fall Columbia River commercial season during a joint public hearing in Portland on July 27.

The early fall season below Bonneville Dam will run from Aug. 9 through Aug. 11, Aug. 13 through Aug. 18, and Aug. 20 through Aug. 25 with 6:00 p.m. opening and closing times.

From Longview Bridge upriver to Bonneville Dam, there is a 7-1/4" mesh restriction for the entire season. From Longview Bridge downriver to the mouth of the Columbia River, the 7-1/4" mesh restriction is in effect from Aug. 9 through Aug. 18.

The above-Bonneville Indian fishery is slated for noon to noon Aug. 9 through Sept. 1 with no weekend closures. The season continues from Sept. 5 to Sept. 8, Sept. 12 to Sept. 15, Sept. 17 to Sept. 22, Sept. 24 to Sept. 29, Oct. 1 to Oct. 6, and Oct. 8 to Oct. 13 with noon openings and noon closures. No net restrictions will be in effect for the above-Bonneville fishery during this season.

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