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Twenty-three inches

Roslyn Lake yields 6-lb trout



Herb and Sean Fenwick

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When Herb Fenwick and his 9-year-old son Sean came into the Post Friday and said that they had a stringer of fish from Roslyn Lake, I wasn't thrilled.

It was the middle of the afternoon, the temperature was about 90 degrees and I was thinking more of a cold beer than anything else. Besides, I'd never seen a fish that was more than 10 inches long come out of Roslyn Lake.

About that time, Herb brought out the stringer which had a half-dozen of the biggest trout I'd seen in some time, the largest measuring in at 20 inches.

His technique consisted of threading a worm on the hook and up the line a bit. On the end of the hook, he placed a marshmallow to float the bait off the bottom.

The rest involved waiting for the strikes.

It sounded so easy. By now I had the fishing bug, regardless of the heat, so I picked up a bag of marshmallows and headed off to the lake.

Fishing at 4 p.m. in the blazing sun is not the most ideal condition for trout, and I started to wonder if Herb Fenwick had made a quick trip to a fish store. I shouldn't have doubted him.

Only five minutes after my line hit the water, there was a fairly good-sized tug on the pole, and the battle was on. Using light line, I played the fish, letting it wear down. It put up more than a respectable fight, even breaking water a couple of times. When I finally landed it, without the benefit of a net, it measured in at 17 inches.

In the span of an hour, I pulled in two more, larger fish. One was a 19-inch, 4-pounder and the last one was 23 inches long and weighed in at six pounds.

I was told by some neighboring fishermen that the fish were freshly stocked "brood" trout, kept at a hatchery for breeding purposes. However, a call to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service revealed that Roslyn hadn't been stocked in three weeks and no brooders were in that batch. If Roslyn Lake was stocked last week, it wasn't on the official report.

Regardless of the stocking situation, the fact remains that there are some large fish in Roslyn Lake. So if you're one of those who have never pulled in a keeper at the lake, take heart, there's always a first time.



(FRONT ROW) Kim Jackson, Robyn Jackson, Teresa Vaeretti, Elaine Gedde, Jackie Roberts, Sabrina Leathers, Gabby Henry (BACK ROW) Coach Dick Dahlager, Joni Duff, Jill Dahlager, Arlene Noe, Anna

George, Kathy Bath, Coach Carole Jackson (NOT PICTURED) Laura Corrigan, Tracy Crick and assistant coach Mark Henry.

Sandy girls go to State

The Sandy girls softball team pulled off a minor miracle last weekend by claiming the Tri-County girls 13-15-year-old District title.

"We had a mediocre season," coach Dick Dahlager said. "We tied for 3rd place in the league."

"But we came back to win all our games at District and took the title," he added.

The final game at District had a storybook ending as

Sandy squeaked by Lynch II 16-15 in the bottom of the seventh inning. The winning runs were scored following consecutive doubles by Elaine Gedde, Jill Dahlager and Joni Duff.

Sandy will be heading to the state tournament in Lake Oswego July 21-23. Schedules for the games were not available at press time.

State stocking 'wild trout'

The Fish and Wildlife Department's first limited hatchery production of redband trout has been

released into a newly formed reservoir near Jordan Valley, according to Bill Hosford, southeast Oregon district fishery biologist.

This strain of "wild trout"

as a 30 to 35 degree daily fluctuation in water temperature. It is also uniquely adapted to the highly alkaline waters common to the desert.

Eventually Hosford said he hopes the redband, a close relative of the rainbow trout, will be produced in sufficient numbers to serve as the major species for stocking the lakes and reservoirs of the desert.

Redbands are able to reproduce in spite of silted spawning gravel and they are an effective competitor for food and living space against rough fish species, which also tend to thrive in the warm desert waters.

They are savage predators and prey extensively on undesirable fish species such as chubs. By comparison, the rainbow trout, commonly produced in the state's hatchery program, seldom feed on rough fish. When they do they suffer a vitamin deficiency due to a chemical

present in the slime of these fish.

Redband trout will thrive on a diet of these fish, apparently without suffering any vitamin deficiency.

Hosford indicated that in areas where rough fish populations provide ample food sources, redbands reach weights of six to eight pounds.

Although the redband is the native stream fish throughout southeast Oregon and is still present in hundreds of miles of streams, many populations have been hybridized with the hatchery rainbow because of past stocking programs. There are only a few streams in which biologists are confident no stocking has taken place and where redband still exist in a pure strain.

Limited numbers of redband trout eggs have been collected and reared by the department the last two years at the Klamath Fish Hatchery. The first of the redband fingerlings have been released in Parsnip Reservoir, the new 37-acre reservoir west of Jordan Valley.

Redband trout, like most species of trout taken directly from the wild, are notoriously difficult to raise in a hatchery. But Hosford said if enough can be produced, this will be the strain released in the popular trout waters in Harney, Lake and Malheur counties.



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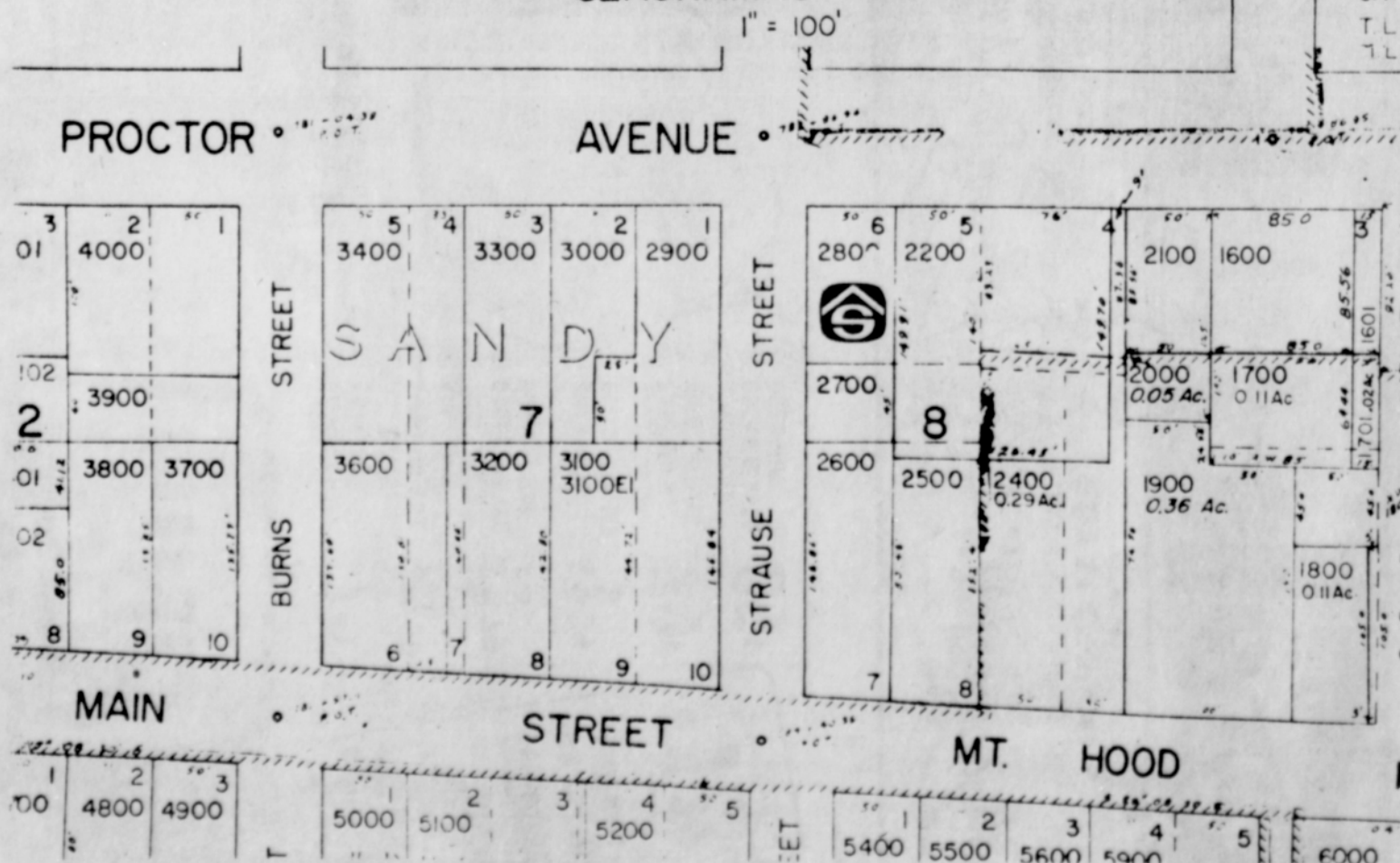
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