WALLEYE

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Following introduction to Banks Lake and Lake Roosevelt in the 1960s, walleye migrated downriver to find a home throughout the Columbia and Snake River system. Wide-open flats between Wallula Gap and the Snake-Columbia River confluence remain as one of the best places to find large walleye in the United States. Both the Oregon and Washington State record walleye have been caught in McNary Dam Pool (Lake Wallula) at 19.96 pounds and 20.30 pounds, respectively.

In the lower Snake River, Lower Monumental pool has the most to offer, with walleye found from the mouth of the Palouse River upstream to Little Goose Dam. Winter anglers from the upper Columbia region favor Lake Roosevelt, Lake Rufus Woods and Banks Lake. Moses Lake and the Potholes are popular spots for anglers following the ice-out period.

Walleye don't favor strong current and move to slower water off the main current when river discharge is high. Trolling is the most effective way to find fish when they are scattered in open water. Once a school of biters is encountered, anglers might switch to a vertical presentation with lead head jigs or blade baits. Universal colors of silver, white, and chartreuse provide improved visibility at deeper depths.

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A variety of plugs for walleyes.

Washington and Oregon fisheries managers recently removed size and harvest limits on walleye in the Columbia and Snake Rivers, citing a need to reduce predation on juvenile salmon and steelhead. However, devoted walleye anglers release larger females and limit their take of smaller fish.

Walleye feed on juvenile shad, salmon smolts, lamprey ammocoetes, and bottom-dwelling resident fish that include sculpin and sandroller. A unique layer of light-gathering tissue in the back of their eyes, the tapetum lucidum, allows them to detect prey at low light. Consequently, night fishing increases the odds of hooking trophy-size walleye that move from deep water to the shallows to feed. No wonder anglers are willing to drive hundreds of miles to fish in the dark for a chance at a "walleye of a lifetime!"

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Walleye have large eyes with a light-gathering layer that allows them to detect prey in low-light conditions.

SKI SEASON

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The resort also was able to open its retail shop, with limited occupancy, during March, she said.

That said, Judy said resort officials are eager to return to a normal operation next winter.

"The lodge is an awesome amenity, and we're looking forward to getting that back in action," she said.

'Fantastic' conditions

Ultimately, it's not pandemics or lodge schedules or lift lines that define a ski season.

It's snow.

Quantity is obviously crucial, but so too is quality.

And in both respects, Judy uses a single adjective to describe the 2020-21 season at Anthony Lakes.

"Fantastic."

And after a relatively placid January and early February, a series of blizzards in the middle of the latter month bombarded Anthony Lakes with snow depths that ranked as noteworthy even for an area renowned for its prodigious dry powder.

In a season update posted on the resort's web page in mid-March, Johnson wrote that about 10 feet of snow fell in the middle of February.

Johnson lauded the resort's snow-removal crew.

"Keeping nine miles of road and four parking lots open during a storm that produced approximately 10 feet of snow in less than two weeks is not an easy feat," he wrote.

Fletcher said that despite the changes due to the pandemic, her family enjoyed the ski season.

"We had a lot of good powder days this year," she said.

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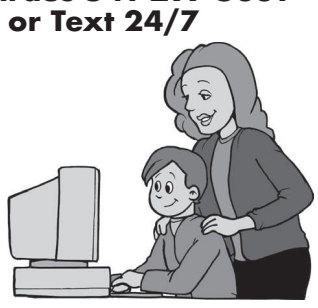
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12 Ms. Paquin
13 Machu Picchu builder
14 Yes, to Yvette
15 Racquet game
17 Sz. option
18 Face or amble lead-in
19 Hint at
21 Goes by horseback
24 Mild expletive
26 Novelist — Bagnold
27 Use a sofa
28 Be different
32 Kenya's loc.
33 Menlo Park initials
34 Eastern philosophy
35 Greenhouse supply
37 Unser and Gore
38 Mild oath
39 Twins, e.g.
41 Thank you, to Wolfgang
42 Performing
45 — Percé tribe
46 Peculiar
47 Protected with plastic
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54 Bakery fixture
55 Depend (on)
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1 Talk a lot
2 "Wheel" buy (2 wds.)
3 Swing voter (abbr.)
4 Filled a pipe
5 Calculator key
6 Explosive letters
7 Environmental prefix
8 Fixation
9 Magnificence
10 "The Valley of Horses" author
11 Shipshape
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20 "I Want My —"
21 Enjoy, as benefits
22 Data
23 Garden need
24 Indicators
25 66 and I-80
27 Wild guess
29 Ra's symbol
30 Hat tree
31 Team of oxen
36 Common ID
38 Danger
40 Dome home
41 Lair
42 Sweetie-pie
43 Garfield's housemate
44 Busy loafing
45 Largest digit
48 Arith. mean
49 Brooks or Allen
50 Driver's peg
51 Antlered animal
52 Coloring

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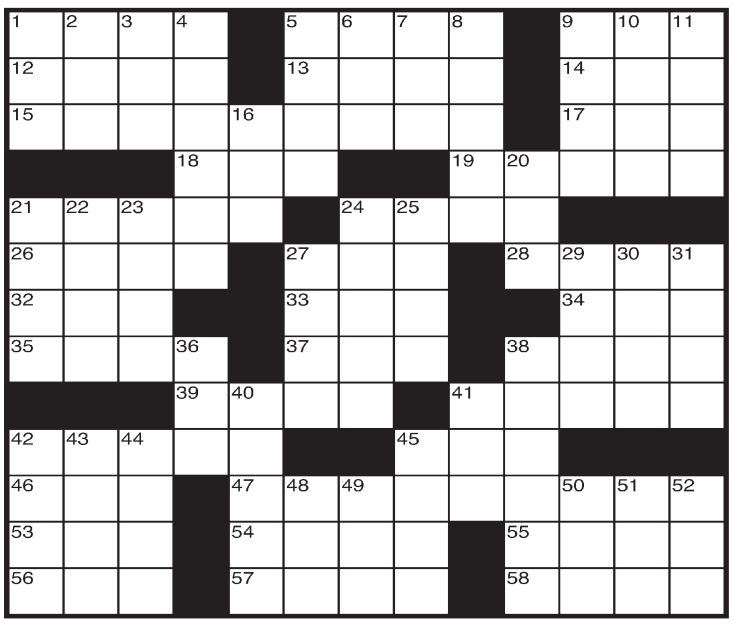

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