MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

SPORTS

Woods, Water, Wildlife

By Hank DeVoss

Every day that one must look at the muddy mess that is Bear creek is a reminder that here is a chance to do something meaningful. Rather than having a filthy stream that is tolerated because it carries irrigation water for crops, there is the possibility of creating a stream that can be fished all summer, used as a picnic area along its banks, and perhaps used as a favorite swimming hole by some of the younger generations. All that is required is to give it some water for its entire length and an enforcement of rules that would keep it clean.

FILTHY WATER

Bear creek during the summer is a picture of everything that can go wrong with a stream. The only water between its banks below Talent, and its questionable where and how the banks exist, is water for the Rogue Valley Irrigation district at the Jackson street diversion dam in Medford. Below the dam there is some dampness, a great deal of stinking residue from sewage and other pollutants, and a tangle of weeds that thrive on this combination. This situation doesn't get much better until you get above Ashland.

A FISHERY?

The fish that now exist in Bear creek are the few steelhead that come in on the high waters of late winter and early spring, the small trout that manage to live in the headwaters, those trout that migrate downstream each year in order to become steelhead, and the chubs and carp that thrive on dirty, warm, polluted water the year round. There is some fishing in the spring and early summer for trout and spawned-out steelhead. Much of the early fishing is illegal because it is before the season opens, but it is the only time there are edible fish to be had.

RIPARIAN BEAUTY?

The banks of the creek are anything but beautiful. After a century of misuse and neglect there is difficulty in finding anything resembling what the stream banks were at one time. The jungles of Bear creek in the city limits of Medford harbor hobos or small boys intent on various forms of imaginary mayhem. At times there are older youngsters intent on real forms of mayhem. The unsightly mess created by this mass of weeds is a monument to the unconcern of the community.

A CONCRETE CONDITION

And now a newer monument to go somewhere in a hurry has been built on the banks of this ruined stream. A freeway to somewhere now will be the viewing stand for those who want to see what Southern Oregon is like. Perhaps Bear creek will create a proper impression for those who will take the time to look. But then this will depend on what they look for.

WATER

An essential need of this problem is a steady flow of water that will help the creek to cleanse itself. To try to beautify the stream banks will be of little use if there is no water in the stream. There is water available if we are willing to do something about getting it, and of course this brings us to that which is the crux of all our problems—who wants it as a problem? Who is going to be willing to pay—in time, energy, or money—for values that have been of no consequence in the past? Do enough of us want a pretty stream wandering through our community? Are we willing to pay the price?

THE TIME IS NOW

Now is when there is space for the storage of water that will lchange the face of the valley. Let's use some to heal the scar that is most obvious to the viewer.

THE ANGLER'S LOG

I suppose it would be a dull life if the weather ever became so controlled that we knew EXACTLY when the steelhead were coming. It's a fairly sure bet that temperature is the key to when a run of fish starts the race to spawning gravel, but it's a key that most of us haven't found with any regularity. Maybe it's because Saturday and Sunday aren't the best days for looking.

Chetco River—Still waiting for news as to when the winter run is starting in. This is the river where they are big and wild.

Illinois River—Just salmon so far. The logging up one of the forks is making it tougher to fish good water. Lots of mud is coming down on days the loggers work. Complain to the Oregon State Sanitary authority. They can stop it.

Klamath River—Is running bank full all the time. There will be no more low water as in the past, and fishermen will have to learn to fish this type of water. Last week end it was reported that the big run was about 80 miles below Happy Camp. Since the rain there's no telling where it is now.

Rogue River—Will be fishable unless the mud stays in Bear creek. This is caused by the highway construction by Talent and Ashland. Complain to the Oregon Sanitary authority. They can stop it.

Smith River—Reports of fair fishing during the middle of the week. The winter run is starting in and now it's just a matter of catching the water just right.

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Basketball Season Will Open Tonight

United Press International

Basketball players commence firing in the 1962-63 season tonight and the Pacific Coast appears to be loaded with top-flight teams.

USC's John Rudometkin has departed, but just about every other shooting star in the Western cage firmament is back this year in addition to a group of standout sophs.

Oregon State, led by the awesome 7-foot Mel Counts, and Seattle, with a pro-style guard combination in Eddie Miles and the much-discussed soph Charley Williams, have enough class to go all the way this year.

Both teams are idle this week end, but collide in their opener Dec. 7.

Big Six co-favorites Stanford and UCLA find almost their complete teams back.

Stanford opens its season Saturday night when it hosts St. Mary's in a battle featuring two of the West's best, Indian center Tom Dose and the Gaels' Steve Gray.

UCLA hosts Denver and Santa Clara. USC will take on the invaders in reverse order.

The West Coast Athletic conference is figured a dogfight among Santa Clara, USF and Pepperdine.

The Dons rate as the dark horse of the Coast and have their best squad since the golden days under Phil Woolpert. All-league Ed Thomas is back after a year layoff and drum-beaters are out on behalf of 6-foot-8 soph Oliver Johnson who cracked Bill Russel's frosh scoring marks last year.

USF faces breathers Olympic Club and Cal Poly this week end.

The defending champion Waves, with most of their club back, are at San Fernando State tonight.

Elsewhere in the nation college basketball dribbles its way back into the national sports picture with a big bounce this week end as intersectional clashes highlight Friday night's program and the five top-ranked teams swing into action the following day.

Illinois, ranked 13th in the pre-season balloting of the United Press International board of coaches, heads the lineup of schools who officially inaugurate the 1962-63 season Friday when it hosts Butler.

The other top matches scheduled for tonight are indicative of the intersectional games which will dominate the first few weeks of the campaign. In these openers Oregon is at home to Brigham Young, Denver is at UCLA and Georgia Tech engages Rice at Atlanta. Other leading games include Washington State-Colorado St. U.; Miami (Fla.)-Florida and Southern California-Santa Clara.

Cincinnati, winner of the NCAA championship the last two seasons and currently ranked No. 1 in the nation, opens at home against DePauw (Ind.) Saturday; second-ranked Kentucky hosts Virginia Tech; West Virginia, rated fourth, is at home against the Citadel and fifth-ranked Loyola of Chicago hosts Christian Brothers.

The battle for national honors should prove a bit more competitive this season after Ohio State's domination of the past two years. The Buckeyes have lost "player of the year" Jerry Lucas as well as John Havlicek and Mel Nowell, and will have a tough enough time just trying to keep pace with the other Big 10 teams.

It's Back To One All-Star Contest

By NORMAN MILLER

New York —(UPI)— Bowing to public pressure, major league player representatives returned to the old system of one All-Star game a season Thursday in a move that amounted to a clear-cut victory for the club owners.

The vote by the players to go back to one All-Star game beginning with the 1963 season came as the owners gathered here for the start of the two-day major league meetings.

"We didn't want to buck the press and the public by pushing two All-Star games down their throats any longer," explained Pittsburgh pitcher Bob Friend, who also serves as the National league player representative.

"We originally put in the two games only to meet our pension fund payments and now then we are able to meet the obligations another way, we are perfectly happy with the compromise."

Scrapping the second All-Star game will cost the players approximately $50,000 each year.

To Receive 95 Per Cent

Under the two-game arrangement, the players received 60 per cent of the All-Star receipts. The owners' central fund got 35 per cent and the office of baseball Commissioner Ford Frick 5 per cent.

Now the players will receive 95 per cent of the receipts from the one game played each year.

Judge Robert Cannon, the players' legal representative, said the players were "happy" with the compromise.

Frick said the owners were even happier inasmuch as they showed little enthusiasm for two All-Star games ever since the inception of the practice in 1959.

Medford YMCA Swim Program Gains Attention

The 'Swim and Stay Fit' program being launched by the Medford YMCA on Saturday, Dec. 1, in an effort to promote better physical fitness in all age groups, is attracting much attention, according to Y officials.

This activity is designed to provide a gradual conditioning and build up of endurance through swimming specified distances regularly. The 50-mile goal is schieved in quarter-mile stretches and may be extended over as long a period of time as the participant desires. During the first three miles of the swim, the quarter-mile can be done three or four laps at a time, as long as the quarter-mile distance is achieved during one session in the pool. At the conclusion of that time sufficient endurance is built up to enable the individual to swim the distance non-stop.

This 50-mile 'Swim and Stay Fit' program was originated by the American Red Cross and has been used successfully since its inception one year ago. Swimmers at almost all levels of ability can participate. Past participants have included intermediate swimmers and even handicapped swimmers, ranging from youngsters to elderly people.

The pool will be available for men at noon every week day and from 6 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and for students on Saturdays. Women may participate during the slim and trim program on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Because of increased demand Tuesday and Thursday time has been changed to 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. It will include junior high and high school girls as well. An additional time for men and women has been set aside on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Canadian Pro Title Tilt Set

Toronto — (UPI) — Saturday's Grey Cup game—the Canadian pro football championship between the Hamilton Tigercats and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers—shapes up as a struggle full of inconsistencies.

The Eastern champion Tigercats remained a touchdown choice to defeat the Western titlists for the second time in their recent five-game Grey Cup rivalry dating back to 1957.

The key factor in this choice is negative more than positive: Winnipeg is riddled with injuries while the Ticats are healthy.

Despite their injuries, the Blue Bombers, loaded with experience and talent, have some strong arguments in their favor.

American Association Dissolved; Teams Added To International, PCL

By NORMAN MILLER

Rochester, N.Y. —(UPI)— The American Association was dissolved Thursday when its five remaining franchises were disbursed among the International and Pacific Coast leagues to form the 10-team Triple A circuits.

Denver, Oklahoma City and Dallas-Fort Worth were added to the Pacific Coast league and Indianapolis and Little Rock joined the International league.

The decision ended a deadlock which had existed for the last two days and had necessitated repeated meetings among officials of all three leagues into the early hours of this morning.

Following the decision, the minor league convention voted on the new player development program and recommendations for changes in the bonus rule before officially adjourning.

George Trautman, president of the National Association, made the official announcement which formally dissolved the 62 - year - old American Association.

Dewey Soriano, president of the Pacific Coast league, said "this is the solution to the immediate problem, but there are still several details to be worked out."

Tommy Richardson, president of the International league, said his circuit "never was opposed to expansion, but we had problems to iron out, problems of the added expense we would have to assume.

"When the major leagues assured us they would absorb any additional expense in the costs of traveling, we agreed to add the two new clubs."

Richardson said the added costs could amount to $7,000 for each club during the course of the season.

Richardson stressed the major leagues had been "extremely cooperative" in bringing about the realignment of the Triple A leagues.

Rifle and Pistol Club To Hold Annual Meeting

The officers of the Medford Rifle and Pistol club announce that their annual meeting and election of officers will be held Monday at 7:30 p.m. at their indoor range.

Important business will be voted upon and all members are urged to attend this meeting.

The Senior Rifle and Pistol club started its winter season shooting on Tuesdays and Wednesdays respectively and the junior club will start activities on Monday, Dec. 10, following the election of officers.

Last Wednesday at the practice shooting, the high five were Lewis Conger with 380 points in fourth position, shooting one point behind with 379 was Jim Bolton, followed by Marvin Nelson with 376, Clyde Richmond with 375 and Ralph McKinsey with 371.

The officers of the club want the public to know that the range is opened to anyone whether members or not. Visitors are welcome.

✦ BOWLING ✦

PEAR CITY SINGLES

Pear City Singles tourney at Medford Bowling lanes ends at midnight, Dec. 2. Billie Davis, Medford, is leading with 666. Other top scores are: Georgia Boardman, Medford, 647, June Metcalf, Portland, 627, and Hessie Scott, Brookings, 627.

NEW LEAGUE

A meeting will be held at Roxy Ann Bowling lanes at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1, for formation of a mixed doubles league. The meeting is open to all interested.

ROXY ROCKERS LEAGUE

Crater Lake Motors (7-1) 3, Jim Radcliffe 544; National Guard (2-6) 1, Jim Weaver 500.

State Police (7-1) 4, Doug Holly 563; Timber Products (3-5) 0, Bill Lanning 473.

Montgomery Ward (5½-2½) 2½, Larry Bangs 478; GMAC (2½-5½) 1½, Ray Lindquist 448.

Royal Oaks (5-3) 1, Howard Nelson 534; Goodman Parking (4-4) 3, Olen McCoy 522.

Pauline's Fashions (4-4) 1, Don Faber 518; Snider's Dairy (3-5) 3, Dave Kurtz 563.

Grange Co-op (4-4) 4, Chapman-Jones 505; Haupert Tractor (1-7) 0, Doug Fosbury 527.

Howard Nelson 214, Doug Holly 210, Chuck Learn 205; Pauline's Fashions 2466.

BOWLING WIDOWS

Timber Products One (25½-14½) 2, Claudine Pollard 412; Team Six (19½-18½) 2, Judy Olson 350.

Timber Products Two (23-17) 3, Marjorie Anderson 464; Team Three (13-27) 1, Lynn West 441.

Big Y (25½-14½) 4, Becki Barlow 446; City Cleaners (19½-20½) 0, Esther Mohr 430.

Team Five (20-20) 3, Joyce Thornton 454; Bob West Const. (14-26) 1, Vivienne West 401.

Lynn West 192; Timber Products Two 1228.

EARLY BIRD LEAGUE

Bud's Eastside Texaco (31-13) 4, Pat Walley 416; Rambo's Richfield (19-25) 0, Doris Harris 402.

Larry's Line-up (30½-13½) 0, Alta Knauber 475; Newberry's (26-18) 4, Ruth Carpenter 498.

Moore's Patio Shop (26-18) 4, Ruth Leonnig 431; Rogue Valley Construction (22-22) 0, Dot Twenstrup 433.

Enloe Elec. (24-20) 4, Vicki Grigsby 434; Mechanics Laundry (18-26) 0, Barbara McCardell 408.

Tally Ho (23-21) 4, Joyce Jack 392; Medford Hotel (16-34) 0, Joyce Glover 346.

Jay Allen (20-24) 2, Billie Peck 458; Williams Bread (14½-29½) 2, Joyce Pierson 501.

Joyce Pierson 186; Lauva Fattinger 181, Ruth Carpenter 180; Newberry's 2205.

STARFIRE LEAGUE

Insurance Mart (7-1) 4, Lance Jennings 504; Delah Timber (1-7) 0, Buck Day 527.

Olson-Lawyer Lbr. (7-1) 4, Gale Culy 529; Rogue Valley Veoding (3-5) 0, Fred Conrad 496.

Medford Mail Tribune (7-1) 3, Jim Osborn 505; Weeks & Orr (2-6) 1, Jim Bresland 442.

Medford Dental Lab. (4-4) 4, Mario Slavens 559; Ron's Standard (3-5) 0, Don Wallace 466.

Walker's Texaco 4-4) 1, J. Bowen-J. Jerolamon 516; Pinnacle Orchards (4-4) 3, Ben Darras 525.

Jackson Co. Coop. (2-6) 1, Gus Pribie 518; Larry's Lineup (4-4) 3, Cork Cabler 537.

Cork Cabler 213, Olson-Lawyer Lbr. 2416.

MEDCO KEGLERETTES

Starlighters (28-24) 3, Ginny Weaver 434; Die Hards (31-21) 1, Annie Westenfee 408.

Twisters (27½-24½) 3, Helen Astell 432; Green Onions (21-31) 1, Ruth Johnson 468.

Black Balls (24-28) 0, Elsie Nelson 396; Alley Cats (22½-29½) 4, Mabel Paszkvale 456.

Ruth Johnson 191, Ginny Weaver 170, Annie Westenfee 168; Twisters 1580.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCRATCH

Southern Oregon Title Co. (82-14) 4, J. Corrigan 578; Southern Oregon Color Processors (47-49) 0, R. Fowler 512.

Stone's TV (50-46) 0, D. Penwell 503; Walt's Lithia Motors (66-30) 4, D. Provost 579.

Paul Lea Motors (16-80) 0, R. Smith 482; Pulver's Motel (67-29) 4, M. Stockdale 593.

Kachina Lodge (4-92) 0, K. Schroeder 484; Sambos (52-44) 4, W. Lankford 530.

Martin Stockdale 234.

RAMBLING ROLLERS LEAGUE

Crater Television (31-13) 2, Gayle Driskell 411; Harper's Excavation (17-23) 2, Agnes Pathman 386.

Bolton Orchids (28-16) 1, Jean Thehren 460; Oregon Bank (19-25) 3, Jean Bitterling 440.

Home-Lite Saws (25-19) 2, Mary Sullivan 461; Coca-Cola (20-24) 2, Mary Hall 456.

Jackson County Federal (21-23) 3, Margie Rock 409; Max-Sig Communications (19-25) 1, Ruth Osborne 414.

Southern Cal, Notre Dame May Draw 90,000

Los Angeles —(UPI)— There's a magic to the name of the Irish of Notre Dame that football followers can't resist and the spell was expected to draw nearly 90,000 to the Coliseum Saturday.

Although Notre Dame has a 5-4 record while unbeaten University of Southern California is ranked the top team in the nation, the game was expected to be one of the closest and most hard-fought of the season here.

The Rose Bowl-bound Trojans officially were listed as being favored by a touchdown but the odds apparently were based more on season records of the teams than their performances in the last four games.

Southern California, with the Rose Bowl invitation safely stowed away, has the incentive of trying to maintain its rating as the top team in the nation and the goal of the Trojans' first perfect season in 30 years.

HOCKEY

Thursday's West Coast Basketball Results

NAIA District 2 tipoff tournament

Lewis and Clark 88, Ore. Tech 60

Oregon College 76, Willamette 58

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By United Press International

WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE

Southern Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Portland	14	6	1	20	82	55
Los Ang.	14	8	0	28	77	50
San Fran.	10	12	0	20	78	66
Spokane	8	10	1	17	50	56

Northern Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	11	6	1	23	55	49
Seattle	10	7	1	21	57	58
Edmonton	7	15	0	14	67	92
Calgary	5	17	0	10	52	82

Thursday's Results

Los Angeles 4, San Francisco 1

Friday's Schedule

Spokane at San Francisco

Edmonton at Seattle

Calgary at Vancouver

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	11	5	4	26	50	41
Chicago	10	6	6	26	50	48
Toronto	10	8	2	22	62	61
Montreal	8	6	6	22	62	56
New York	8	12	2	18	67	68
Boston	1	11	6	10	51	73

Basketball

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Eastern Division

	W.	L.	Pct.
Boston	15	3	.750
Syracuse	13	5	.722
Cincinati	12	8	.600
New York	8	17	.261

Thursday's Results

New York 5, Detroit 0

Chicago 5, Boston 0

Montreal 4, Toronto 4

Western Division

	W.	L.	Pct.
Los Angeles	15	7	.682
St. Louis	15	8	.652
San Francisco	8	12	.400
Chicago	6	16	.273
Detroit	4	16	.200

Thursday's Results

Syracuse 112, Chicago 85

St. Louis 128, San Francisco 121

(Only games scheduled).

AMERICAN BASKETBALL LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
Long Beach	8	0	1.000
Pittsburgh	4	2	.667
Kansas City	7	5	.583
Philadelphia	3	5	.375
Chicago	4	8	.333
Oakland	2	8	.200

Thursday's Results

Long Beach 103, Chicago 74

Kansas City 101, Oakland 99 (ot)

(Only games scheduled).

Fights

Manilla—Alfredo Urbina, 134½, Mexico, outpointed Arthur Persley, 133½, Red Cross, La. (10).

Worcester, Mass.—Owen (Rocky) Clark, 135, Quebec City, knocked out Johnny Bean, 131, Philadelphia (3).

Philadelphia — Dick Turner, 149½, Philadelphia, stopped Charles McCreary, 151, Youngstown, Ohio (6).

Omaha, Neb.—Tony Hughes, 204, Cleveland, outpointed Bill Nielson, 202½, Omaha (10).

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