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GUIDE REPORT

What time do you fish?

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A great many ideas have fermented through the ages to determine the best striking or biting time of fish. Some were based on pure whims or superstitions. Some, however, have proven substantially sound. Here are three of the most widely used systems devised from fact and tried and accepted by the old-time, back-woodsman as well as the most modern angler.

BAROMETER METHOD

Perhaps the oldest and most frequently used method is that of the rising and falling barometer. It is fairly obvious that fish tend not to bite during stormy or windy days, that is, when the barometer is falling.

Also, better fishing is found when the barometer is normal or rising during periods of relatively calm weather. The criteria then are — a good barometer, knowing how to read it, plus keeping a salty eye on the water.

TEMPERATURE METHOD

Not long ago it was noticed that certain fish would respond differently at certain water temperatures. In studying the behavior pattern of these fish it was possible to establish the various levels or depths of water where each species of fish tended to feed because of the temperature of the water at that level. Smaller fish, for instance, strike best when found in water of about 60 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit. If that temperature were found at a depth of 20 feet, you would find the greatest amount of smaller fish feeding at that level. Trolling 10 to 20 feet closer to the surface would almost assuredly produce little or no smaller species of fish.

There are fishing thermometers on the market that will register the temperatures of water at given depths. Constructed in a cup-like fashion, it will hold water at different levels so when it is brought to the surface for reading, the temperature will not change. The use of the temperature theory of fish is still new. Careful study of each species of fish takes long and minute analysis by competent men in that field. It is, therefore, quite tedious for the average fisherman but may, given time, prove to be one of the most satisfactory.

One of the toughest problems fishermen encounter is to determine at what depth they caught a fish. This is important when fish are stratified during hot weather months.

Most fishermen try to estimate how much line they had out and subtract the factor of line angle. Well, this is an inadequate guesstimate because there are times when a foot too high or too low can make a big difference.

The answer lies in take the fish's temperature. That's right, just ease the thermometer down its gullet and observe the reading. And because fish are cold-blooded creatures, their body temperatures will match that of the water depth at which they are caught.

So, say it reads 72 degrees. You just lower the thermometer until it reads 72 degrees. A string marked in one-foot increments will give you the depth. Say it is 16 feet. Sometimes it's a matter of oxygen, food, or comfort, and 'tis a fishing tool worth using.

USE OF MOON PHASES

The relation of moon cycles to fish feedings is easily understood. The belief that fish do not strike during the days when a full moon is at its brightest during the nights, revolves around the fact that fish can see to feed at night and therefore aren't shungry during the daylight hours.

Conversely, if the nights are dark the fish tend to do most of their feeding during the daylight hours. Thus, the day fishing during a dark moon phase should be the most productive.

BOUQUET OF THE WEEK

Goes to Byril Kurtz, Fishery Officer at Salmon Arm, for his special effort in advising me of the Chinook salmon (and jacks) closure, until further notice, in all waters tributary to the Fraser River Watershed.

BRICK OF THE WEEK

Goes to the logging outfit that is presently hauling logs on the Echo Lake Road, and will be throughout the month of July, and have not made this known to the general public.

BEST HOURS

Saturday from 11:35 a.m. until 1:35 p.m. and Sunday from 12:30 until 2:30 p.m.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Vernon hopes for a sweep

Vernon's Coldstream Hotel hosts Bob Harris Sports of Kelowna in the second, and possibly final, game of the Okanagan Senior "C" Women's Fastball League semi-finals tonight at Alexis Park. Coldstream won the opening game in the best-of-three series 7-0, on Tuesday night. Game time is 7 p.m.

DROP-IN GYMS

There are open gymnasium programs until Aug. 15, at the Vernon Recreation Complex. Men's sessions run on Tuesday and Thursdays, from 1-3 p.m. The women's sessions are on Wednesdays, from 7:30 to 8 p.m. Cost is $1 per person. For further information phone 545-6035.

ICE RENTALS

Greater Vernon Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting requests for ice time in the Civic Arena, Recreation Complex Arena, and Centennial Outdoor Rink for the 1980-81 season. All requests must be mailed, by Aug. 1, to Gary Holte at 3400-30th Street, Vernon.

WOMEN'S FASTPITCH

Longhorn Wranglers defeated Falconettes 8-7 in Women's Fastpitch League action Tuesday night. In other games, No Names bombed Dye's Family Recreation 29-10, Trade and Realty downed Winman Warriors 21-14, and Okanagan Blue Stars beat Hi Flyers by default.

SOCCER DANCE

Vernon Camels soccer club will be sponsoring a dance, Saturday, at Okanagan Landing Hall, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Music will be supplied by High Flyer and tickets are available from Sam the Record Man or any Camel player.

MEN'S SLOWPITCH

In Men's Sundodger Slowpitch League play Wednesday night, Colts ripped RCMP 11-10, Vernon Kal downed Cling On Crushers 13-9, Peerless Supply whipped Co-co Nuts 21-9, 35th Street All-stars battered Stealers 25-2, and Polson Place Merchants hammered Screaming Lizards 25-4. In the Muntz League, Dunbar Auto tripled Bloom and Signalet 30-10, Jean Jungle beat Frank's Auto Body 11-8, Cougars edged B.C. Tel Leftovers 8-6, and Hilltop PTs defeated Muntz 10-4.

BJB STILL BARRED

VIENNA (Reuter) — The International Tennis Federation has rejected a Romanian appeal against a Davis Cup ban on Ilie Nastase, a federation spokesman said Wednesday. Nastase was suspended from Romania's Davis Cup matches this season and next year because of rude behavior during Romania's Cup tie last month with Britain in Bristol, England.

CREW NEEDS MONEY

HAMILTON (CP) — A light-weight eight crew from the Leander Boat Club, Hamilton, is trying to raise $20,000 to pay its way to the world rowing championships in Belgium next month. "Sport Canada has never sponsored junior or lightweight crews," club president Claude Saunder said Wednesday. The club has applied for aid from city council and the Ontario government.

KENDALL'S KORNER

Hockey battle brewing

It is tough to think of hockey season when the temperature is 30 degrees C, but some people won't let us forget about pucks and skates.

With hockey season more than two months away, there already seems to be a battle brewing between the management of Vernon Cougars, of the North Okanagan Hockey League, and the new Vernon franchise, in the B.C. Junior Hockey League.

Junior General Manager Hank Aarsen announced this week that his club will play 28 home games, including 14 on Sunday nights. That is where the trouble started.

NOHL NIGHT

Cougars' General Manager Gary Swanson said, "What right do the juniors have to book Sunday nights when it has always been the NOHL's night for home games."

The Cougars have traditionally played most home games on Sunday. With the demise of the junior club last season, Cougars had their pick of all Sunday nights.

Aarsen said, "We aren't trying to get in a battle with the Cougars. We asked the city what Sunday nights are available, went to the BCJHL scheduling meeting, and scheduled 14 Sunday night games."

Swanson and City of Vernon Facilities Manager Gary Holte have different stories.

Holte said, "The junior team dropped its schedule off and it will be taken into consideration. There have been no ice times confirmed for this winter — for anyone.

NO CONFLICT

"At the present time, there is no conflict because we haven't received the Cougars' schedule. When we do receive the Cougars' dates, and if they want to play Sundays, there will be a conflict. At that time, we'll have to find a solution."

The deadline for booking ice time, with the city, is Aug. 1. City policy in the past has been to give last year's users first priority on future bookings.

Swanson said, "As far as I know there are 23 Sunday nights during hockey season. Eight of these are used up for tournaments and various other activities. That leaves 15, and the juniors want 14. That doesn't sound like they want to co-operate with us. They know we want to play on Sundays.

WILL BATTLE

"If they want a battle, we're prepared to give them one. We'll stand up for our rights."

Aarsen claims his group never thought about conflicting with the Cougars. "As far as I'm concerned," he said, "we gave the dates we want to the city and they accepted them."

It has been proven over the years that Sunday is the best night to draw fans to the Civic Arena. And with the dismal support both the Cougars and juniors have received in the past, the teams need all the help they can get.

The man caught in the middle is Holte. It isn't a simple problem, and no solution is going to make both parties happy.

YOU'RE OUT! Kal Tire's Ken Argue is tagged out at home plate by National Hotel catcher Dennis Einarsen on a close play during Wednesday's playoff game at Alexis Park. However, Argue hit a home run and his club posted a 7-2 win to take the lead in the best-of-three series. Veteran pitcher Dave Friesen, below, limited Nationals to four hits. (Kelly Cromie Photos)

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Will Rogers, Sales Manager, is proud to announce that **Graham Brown** was top salesman for June. Come in and let Graham show you our excellent selection of new cars and trucks, or an **"OK Certified"** used vehicle.

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Kal takes lead

Kal Tire took a one-game lead in the best-of-three Vernon Major Men's Fastball League semi-finals with a 7-2 win over National Hotel on Wednesday night at Alexis Park.

Winning pitcher Dave Friesen allowed only four hits. Larry Fidler was tagged with the loss.

Kal jumped on Nationals for two runs in the first inning. Ken Argue belted a lead-off homer followed by back-to-back doubles by Jim Draper and Perry Jordan.

Kal got its winning run, in the third, when Garnet Beninger walked, went to second on an error, to third on a fielder's choice, and was forced home when Draper was hit by a pitch.

Draper had a double, triple, two RBIs, and scored three times.

For Nationals, Gary Brucks was the leading hitter with a double, single, and one RBI.

Fidler scored Nationals' first run when he singled, advanced to second on a sacrifice, and went home on an error.

Pete Harlock got the Hotelmen's other run when he singled and scored on Brucks' double.

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Hornets record hoop win

Sophia Jerosinski scored 23 points to lead Green Hornets to a 45-40 win over Black Demons in Women's Summer Basketball League action Wednesday night at the Vernon Recreation Complex.

Sandy Ferguson added 12 points for Hornets.

Leading scorers for Demons with Lori Ferguson, with 20 points, and Laurie Ogasawara, with 12.

In another game, Blue Devils dumped White Shadows 51-41.

Candace Ferguson led the Devils with 15 points while Jill Hewitson added 14 and Aaron Tubman dropped in 12.

For Shadows, Dawn Weltzel was the leading sniper with 15 points and Lisa Danielson contributed 11.

LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

JULY, 1975

The softball season ended Thursday night for the RCMP. Lumby Royals defeated RCMP 8-3 in the third and deciding game of the Men's Fastpitch League semi-finals at Alexis Park.

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