Tips on telling your big fish story

I don't know about you, but lately the warm weather has made my casting hand twitch, I'm dreaming every night of babbling brooks, and every free minute I find myself looking through articles written on angling techniques. One of my favourite spring references which helps pass the time before opening day of trout season is Henry Beard's and Roy Mckie's "A Dictionary for Constant Anglers, Weekend Waders and Artful Bobbers."

Last year around this time of year, I shared with you a number of the two author's humorous definitions to help you, the avid fisherman, through the month before opening day blues." Well, here's a few more:

CATCH AND RELEASE: 1. Term for a stretch of public stream where fish caught must be released alive. 2. Term for stretch of private stream where treaspassers caught are released after a lecture, a series of threats, and a brief introduction to a large dog.

CLUB: 1. Long bar of wood used to render fish senseless. 2. Place with a long bar of wood where fisherman go to render themselves senseless.

DOPE: 1. Any fluid applied to a dry fly to make it float. 2. Any individual who applies this substance to a wet fly.

FISH STORY: The use of nonstandard terms for the estimated size of a fish that eluded capture has tended to unncessarily undermine the veracity of well-meaning anglers. Adherence to the internationally recognized Rules for Reporting Lost Fish will not only eliminate possible confusion or misinterpretation, but will also go far toward improving the overall



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Habitat: Place where a particular species of fish was last week.

Insect Repellent: One of a number of "gag" items available in bait and tackle shops.

Leech: Blood-sucking parasitic worm that attaches itself with a pair of suckers to the legs of wading fishermen. The bite is not really all that serious, and since the leech introduces a small amount of an irritating anticoagulant into the wound, the most sensible thing to do is to leave the leech in place until it drops off of its own accord, at which point it will have withdrawn the itch-producing sub-

Map: Handy, schematic representation of all the various roads in a given area that you are not currently on.

Minnow: 1. Informal term for any very small fish. 2. Embryonic stage of a large fib.

Oar: Clumsy wooden implement used to moisten boat occupants.

Wading: The most common



means through which a dry-fly fisherman is transformed into a wet-fly fisherman.

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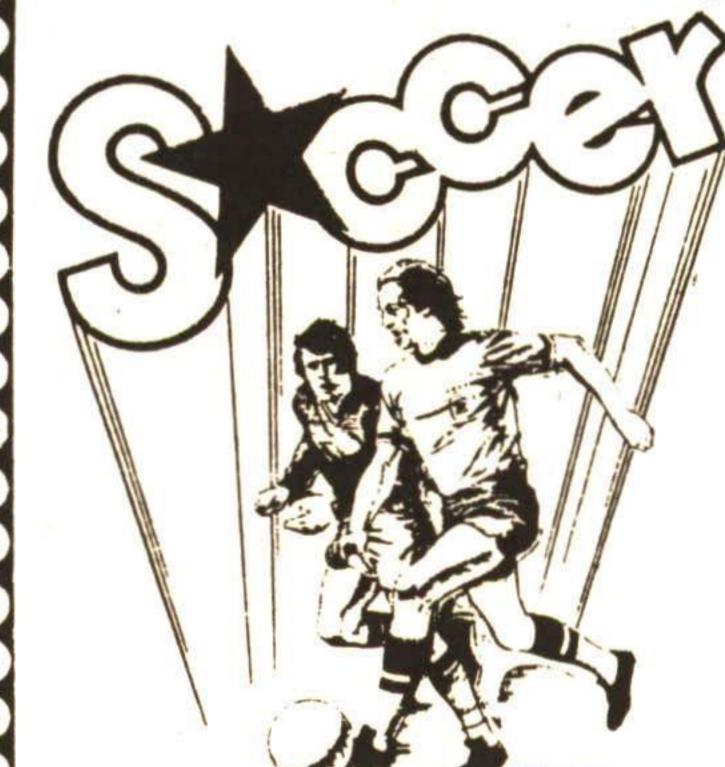
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