

Bass Busters

By Mike Leuenberger

Today's fly fishing techniques and tackle for bass are far more advanced than they were years ago, making it easier than ever for fly rodders to catch bass and panfish. I wouldn't bet that fly fishing for large-mouth bass is the most efficient way to fill a stringer with fish.

But I will say, tangling with two or three decent bass at dawn or dusk will be enough to keep you in touch with life's finer aspects.

You're going to need a little heavier rod so you can muscle the big old bucket-mouth out of weeds and out from under water brush, eight-foot, six-inch to nine-foot rod, nine-to-eleven line weight will be ideal. The nine-foot-eleven weight rod, with lots of backbone, is suited for casting large flies and bass bugs, hula poppers. When using a hula popper after you make a cast, wait for the ripples to settle then start a slow retrieve, popping the fly and stopping, then starting a slow retrieve popping the fly and stopping it several times on your retrieve.

The reel doesn't have to be anything fancy. A single action fly

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reel will suffice. It has functions other than holding the line while bassing.

I prefer two lengths of leaders, one for murky water, another for greenish or clear conditions.

In murky water, a four-foot leader will do. The leader being used should start at 20 lbs. and taper down to 12-lb. test.

When water conditions are clear, taper down to 6-lb. test tip-tips.

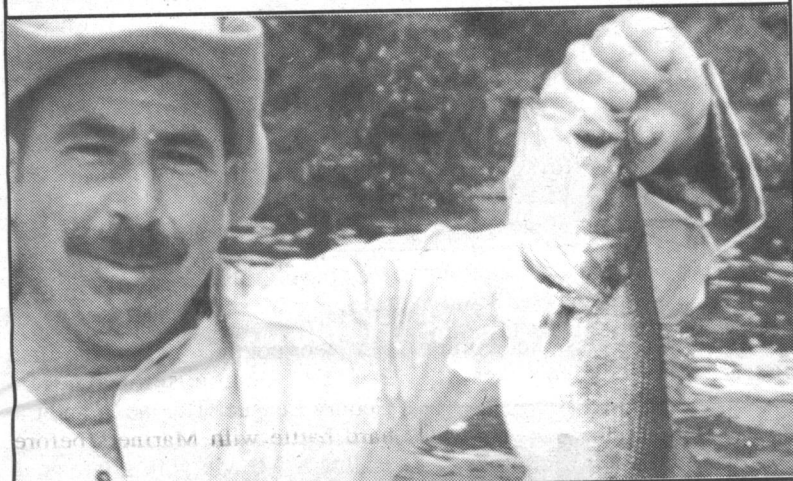
When you're fishing for wall-eye, bass, northerns and muskie, cast out a four-to-six inch floating minnow plug over weeds, boulders or fallen trees.

Rip the bait a couple of feet through the water as fast as you can, pause, then haul back again. Fish usually clobber your bait when it stops and you hook them on the next sweep.

Because you rip downward or off to the side, a short, 6-foot action bait caster, spooled with 8-to-12 lb. test will work great.

Good luck and happy fishing.

For further information on fishing techniques and tackle, contact Mike at 873-8144.



Steve Melagrano caught this nice-looking Large Mouth Bass in the Indian River

Logan pops grand slam

A grand slam by Sean Logan came in handy as the J. V. Clothing Red Sox tied the Halton Credit Union A's 30-30 in GBA Junior T-Ball action.

Ryan Williams also had a big day at the plate belting a home run and a triple. Jonathan Turner and Blake Hamilton also cracked dingers with Michael LaRose and Michael Densmore also had a strong game with the bat.

Miles Gibbons, Matthew Hinds, Patrick Roy and Brendan White played strong defensively in the tie.

In other games, Shoppers Drug Mart Expos defeated the Nature Scene Dodgers 29-24. Taylor King cracked a home run and triple with

Paul Esteireiro, Bradley Dalli and Ryan Buisman hitting doubles.

Spencer Malcovich belted two home runs as the Little Caesar Orioles edged the Terra Cotta Cookies Angels 23-19. Corey Colarossi and Reed Hall each had a double while Johnathon West and David Oesch played strong defense.

Armstrong Insurance beat Outdoor Power Equipment 22-18. Mark Lefave hit two doubles and Shawn Dunsmore added a double. Ryan Gray delivered two triples as well. Julie Newberry made a great play at second and Jordan White played a good game behind the plate.



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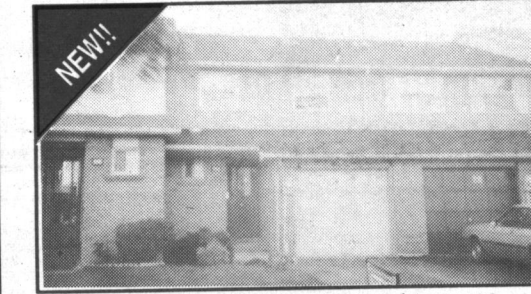
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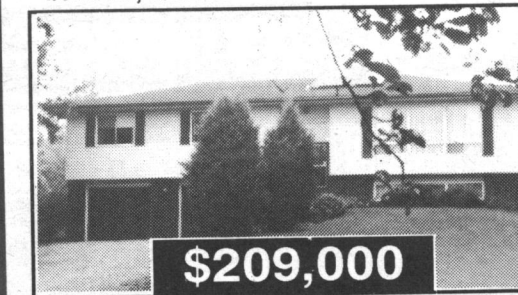


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