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Megan Higgins above had to go all out to bring in her Yellow Fin Tuna. Young Mitchell Quillen right is assisted by Capt Dave Shulte.



Capt Dave Shulte helps Delaney Quillen with the rod.

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By Lenny Rudow

Some fish attain near-mythical status, for some anglers. For me, one such species is the walleye. In my youth I spent many fishing trips unsuccessfully searching the waters of Tridelphia/Rocky Gorge, Liberty Reservoir, and Lake Marburg for walleye. It took two or three seasons to catch the first one and a solid decade to become proficient enough to catch them with regularity. Even today, I feel a twinge of awe every time I slide the net under a walleye or pull one up through a hole in the ice. For many other Maryland anglers, I've come to learn, wahoo hold a similar status.

My first two wahoo came to the gaff on my first trip targeting the spe-



Red spoons are a personal favorite - and remember to watch out for those chompers.

“Hooked on Fishing”

The Mythical Whoodini

targeting them since, so I never really considered them worthy of mythical status until I was sitting around the kitchen table talking shop with a friend of mine, die-hard angler (and Sales Manager at Island Tackle Outfitters, in Chester, MD) Josh Lowery. Prior to sinking the gaff into a wahoo for the first time, he hooked and lost no fewer than 14 off the Delmarva coast—hence his nickname for this escape artist, “Whoodini”. Many bit through leaders, some broke off, and others shook the hook free just shy of landing them. One solidly-hooked fish was 20' from the boat, when a second 'hoo shot past and ate the in-line swivel right in front of his eyes. This spring he finally swung one over the gunwale, so his ratio stands today at one for 15. Those experiences most certainly gave wahoo a mythical status in his mind, and as I've come to find out, many other Marylanders have a similar outlook on this species. Lucky for you and I, it's just about time for the early fall run of wahoo on the in-shore lumps off Ocean City—so let's take a look at how you can target this species, and put a little bit of a legend into your fishbox before the offshore fishing season ends for 2016.

THE WHERE: Almost every fall we see a decent run at the “inshore deli” consisting of the Hot Dog, Ham Bone, Sausages, Chicken Bone, and near-by lumps. Some seasons they tend to stay farther off the beach, some years they come all the way in to spots like the Jackspot, and they may congregate slightly farther to the north or to the south. None of this is entirely predictable, so you need to stay tuned in to the fishing reports to get a read on the best location(s) any given season.

THE WHAT: Trolling is the name of the game, but you need to switch over to a very specific spread and try



The Whoodini has finally been captured; Josh Lowery is at far right.

20', or even 30' below the surface. Popular options include diving plugs like Marauders, pulling in-line planers, using very large (a couple pounds or so) in-line weights on extremely stout rods, or pulling downriggers. A great option for small boat anglers who don't have all of this gear is to pull a pair of large high-speed planers (like a Sea Striker HS8) on 300-lb test secured to stern cleats, and use them as “poor man's downriggers”. You attach your fishing line to the planer line via a rubberband secured to a swivel, the swivel gets clipped around the planer line, and as you let the fishing line out water pressure will push the swivel and line down the planer line until it's running deep. Skirted ballyhoo or medium-sized spoons are usually the pick for the planer baits. These must (must!) be rigged on wire leaders, or the wahoo will bite you off nine out of 10 times.

Color is also very important. Wahoo tend to hit darker color combinations, like red/black, orange/black, purple/blue, and purple/red. Most savvy anglers targeting fall wahoo will run at least two deep baits with darks (red spoons are one of my personal favorites), two surface baits with darks, and two surface baits with brighter

that may be in the area. But if you want to solely go for the wahoo, stick with those darks.

THE HOW: Troll across one lump after the next, going slightly faster than normal tuna speed. Eight MPH is enough, 10 is a bit better, and some guys like to goose it up even faster. In most cases, however, your speed will be limited by your gear. If your planer line starts vibrating, your weighted rods look like they're under too much stress, or your surface baits won't stop flying out of the water, back it off a bit.

When you get a fish on the line, drop speed and clear the other lines and gear. Wahoo do travel in pairs and small pods sometimes, but it's pretty rare to get doubles and very rare to get triples. Unlike tuna trolling, focusing solely on one solidly-hooked fish is usually the smartest thing to do.

When you gaff a Whoodini, have a Billy club ready to dispatch the fish quickly. The chompers these fish are armed with are rather astounding—think of them like gigantic bluefish—and you don't want them snapping around in the cockpit. Josh can tell you all about that, since the wahoo number 15 managed to slice open a nasty gash in his finger... shortly before the myth became a meal.

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FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

A word from our Pastor-

Of all the privileges God gives to man, the greatest of these is prayer. Prayer is the key that opens Heaven's door. The Bible tells us that Jesus prays for us and that "He ever lives to make intercession for us." Prayer can do many things in the heart of a believer. It can lighten the burdens of life. Jesus said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." The way to come to Him is by prayer. "What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear; What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer." Prayer can also ease the heart. Prayer can give patience to the restless. All of us have felt the pain of human limitations. Prayer is limitless. It's our direct connection to our Almighty God! Many of us use prayer as a last resort, but we as God's people are to continually be in prayer for our needs and concerns. When I was a young boy, my Mother hung a sign over the mantle that said, "Prayer Changes Things." I used to stare at it, and in my mind, that though still lingers - prayer changes things. PRAYER CHANGES THINGS! It changed things for Daniel in the lion's den, it changed things for the three Hebrew children, and it will change things for you. "Oh how praying rests the weary. Prayer will change the night to day. So when life seems dark and dreary, don't forget to pray."

This was the faith of our fathers and I trust that it is yours.

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MD DNR Hosts First Oyster Advisory Commission Meeting

Members Charged with Reviewing Current Policies and Crafting Recommendations

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources yesterday held the first public meeting of the newly reconstituted Oyster Advisory Commission, where members discussed the current state of the oyster population, were briefed on the soon-to-be-released five-year oyster management review report and were provided their charge and mission from Secretary Mark Belton.

“Our goal is simple: more oysters in the Chesapeake Bay,” Natural Resources Secretary Mark Belton said. “The state is dedicated to restoring the native oyster population throughout the bay and its tributaries for cultural, ecological and economic reasons. The commission and its diverse membership will provide us with advice and counsel on current policies and practices, and help guide on-going and future restoration activities that align with the state’s commitment to the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement.”

Secretary Belton has designated Kelley Cox, founder and president of the Phillips Wharf Environmental

Center on Tilghman Island and Scott Eglseder, president and owner of Eglseder Wealth Management Group of Easton as commission co-chairs. They will lead the 23-member commission, which is comprised of community, private and public stakeholders, including academics, environmentalists, legislators and watermen.

“Cox and Eglseder share my dedication to public service and are well-positioned to help lead the commission,” Belton said. “The department will rely on them to guide the commission’s work as we thoroughly review the state’s oyster activities and programs.”

The department is currently drafting a five-year oyster management review report, which will focus on oyster sanctuaries, public shellfish fishery areas and aquaculture. The report will present available data on the three management areas and provide options for additional action, activity and research. It is currently being reviewed by a panel of independent consultants, and is scheduled to be released at the end of the month. The report will incorporate data from the department’s annual oyster survey.

“The five-year report will be as comprehensive as the data available,” Belton said. “While five years does not provide enough time to rate the complete effectiveness or success of the state’s oyster program, the report will spur an open and public conversation about the current plan and its future direction. It is my sincere hope that the newly-comprised commission will study the report and provide detailed recommendations for my consideration.”

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“Tackle Box Tim”

Light Tackle Structure Fishing

When I was loading the truck, it was already 79 degrees with 89 percent humidity. It was a miserable day weather wise and

it was only 5:30 a.m. We fish in some really nasty conditions sometimes and this was stacking up to be an extreme central Maryland summer day. The air temp was to reach 90+. The Patapsco River water temperature was in the low 80s. This does not bode well for my style of striper fish.

Earlier in the week I got a call from retired Captain Jerry Sersen. We share fishing information and he said he wanted to show me a new area. It was something his wife had noticed on his GPS unit and they found it to be a productive spot. It is one that was out of my comfort zone, but something I should be able pick up quickly. I like focused fishing -- a target, something visual. Jerry wanted to show me this new drop off that they found and how to fish it.

I often tell people that if they see my boat out in the middle of nowhere and I'm not on the move, come over and check on me. So, fishing a drop off in the middle of the river, far away from any visible target was going to be a challenge. Sure I'd fished ledged, edges, drops and humps before. It's old school. That's where charter captains have trolled and chummed up rockfish for ages. I've fished some

similar areas with our former F&HJ colleague Chuck Prah on the Choptank River. But seeking out and fishing structure on my own, not so much.

These days, finding such structures is easy. Sonar and GPS in our onboard electronics show the contours and precise locations.

Way back when, captains used flasher units and triangulation as their tools. We headed out into the Patapsco River and were at Jerry's newfound ledge by 7:00. He found the edge where the bottom dropped from 12 to 18 feet and began maneuvering around with the trolling motor. Jerry, his friend Bob, and I noticed that the area was already alive with surface activity and pods of baitfish.

Jerry soon announced that his depth finder was showing rockfish at various depths. We dropped and cast in our jigs, all the of us using something different. Jerry was using a 5-inch StreakZ soft jerkbait. He rigged a shortened version for Bob and I had a 3-inch MinnowZ paddle tail tied on. It wasn't long before the first bites were had. The rockfish were small at first -- 8 to 14 inches. It's amazing how a small rockfish will attack something 1/2 to 1/3 its size. I asked Jerry if he prefers one type of plastic to the other or does the size of the bait matter. He says that sometimes they can be keyed in on a size. He'd been using the 5-inch soft jerkbait most recently. However, on this particular day size and tail type were of no consequence.

Jerry was quite serious about keeping the spot low key. He instructed us to drop our rod tips if we were hooked up when another boat was passing by. He knew that the depth finder was showing plenty of fish; and he had confidence that we could fill our limit even if we had to lose a couple to stealth tactics.

We quickly came across a larger class of rockfish. The larger 14 inchers that we were catching were now the smaller fish and we soon boated our first few keepers. When the smaller fish would hit, they would grab it on the upward motion or when we started reeling in the jig for another cast. True to form, the larger rockfish grabbed the jigs on the fall. When we went to jig again, we'd feel the weight or be jolted by the initial run. Several ate the jig so well that it was not showing outside their mouth when we boated them.

When you are catching fish with great frequency, you lose track of time. It seemed like we'd been catching fish all morning long. When we boated the sixth and final keeper, Jerry asked for a time check. It was only 8:05. Wow, 1 hour and 5 minutes to land 6 keepers and countless more

throwbacks. The time even included a couple of minor first aid checks for gill plate cuts and minor hook puncture wounds. What was left to do but to continue to catch and release more stripers.

The bite had slowed and Jerry announced to Bob and me that we had drifted out of the 18-foot zone into about 16 feet. I asked, "Well why did you do that, Jerry?" His reply was simply a piercing glance that said, "All right smart@\$\$!" We made a few more controlled drifts through the area with the trolling motor, but the bite had truly slowed. The tide hadn't died yet, but the bite sure feel slack. And when you are not getting the bites and keeping busy you tend to notice things. "Hey guys, did it all of the sudden get hotter out here?"

Triangulation still comes into play when being shown a new location. Before we left the area, Jerry advised, "Line up that buoy with the tower on the shoreline over there. Line that up with the corner of that building on the other shore." Since I am sworn to secrecy about the location I dare not give away the third point of the triangle. We tried a couple other areas through the tide change to no avail. Plus, man, it was really getting stifling.

We called it quits around noon. Thanks to Jerry, I now have a new spot where I can try to build confidence in a lagging technique. My wife and I returned to the same spot a week later and had the same success. So if you see me stationary out in the middle of nowhere these days, I'm likely doing fine. I'll wave with the rod tip low as you go by.



Tackle Box Tim shows a stout striper he jigged up on a Patapsco River drop off.

Maryland rushes to regulate hunting with new-fangled weapon

WYE MILLS, Md. (AP) — The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is rushing to regulate a new kind of hunting weapon that's a cross between a high-powered air rifle and a crossbow.

The device is marketed by the Crosman Corp. as an "Airbow." The company's website says it uses compressed air to fire full-sized arrows with more speed and accuracy than a crossbow.

The Maryland agency said in a statement Monday it's proposing to regulate the devices as air guns, which are currently allowed for hunting certain bird species.

The agency is proposing to expand its definition of air guns to include those that fire arrows. The weapons would be permitted for hunting deer during the muzzle-loader and conventional firearm seasons. They would also be legal during black bear season.

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9-year-old girl catches record fish weighing 94.6 pounds

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has confirmed that Emma Zajdel, 9, of Ocean City, has set a new state fishing record with a 94.6-pound cobia.

Here is Emma's story:

Emma Zajdel and her father, Ed, were fishing with Robert Clark and Emma's best fishing friend, Ashton



Clark, near Little Gull Shoals about a mile and a half east of Assateague Island on June 30, hoping to catch some bluefish.

They were trolling two lines off their boat near what appeared to be breaking blues when a line went tight. Robert took the rod from the rail and handed it to Emma, who had a fighting belt on, just in case. No sooner had she set the rod in place than the fish took off, and Emma set the hook.

"At first, we thought it was a shark, and the line was going out," Emma said. "I could hear the reel and the drag and I thought I could go over the side."

The battle lasted about 20 minutes.

Ed said, "I kept the boat in gear and followed the fish at a 45-degree angle to keep the line tight and Emma settled. When she got the fish in, and we lifted it on board, it went ballistic. Emma and Ashton scurried to the front of the boat while Robert and I wrestled the fish into the fish box and iced it down."

They kept the fish iced overnight and took it to the certified scale at Sunset Marina, where department fisheries biologist Steve Doctor inspected and confirmed the species and the catch. The fish measured-in at 66.5-inches long. Emma, by the way, is 52-inches tall.

This breaks the previous 79-pound state record set by Jack Latimer in 2014.

The cobia fishery is currently closed in federal waters. This fish was caught in Maryland waters where there are no restrictions on catching and keeping cobia.

Maryland maintains records for sport fish in three divisions – Atlantic, Chesapeake and freshwater – and awards plaques to anglers who achieve record catches. To report a potential record catch, please call 410-260-8325. Anglers should keep their fish immersed in ice water to preserve its weight until it can be confirmed. Fish caught from privately-owned, fee-fishing waters are not eligible for consideration.

Emma's catch could become a new International Game Fish Association Small Fry World Record for a fish caught by an angler under the age of 10. The current record is 48 pounds. Either way, the fish was put to good use. According to Emma, "It tasted very good."

Maryland to add more permits as bear hunting zone expands

MOUNT NEBO, Md. (AP) — Maryland is increasing the number of bear hunting permits for this fall after expanding the hunting zone for the animals.

The Cumberland Times-News reports (<http://bit.ly/29wrPet>) Maryland Wildlife & Heritage Service spokesman Harry Spiker said Thursday that the number of permits will jump from 500 to 750 for this year's season, which lasts from Oct. 24-27.

Spiker says Washington and Frederick counties are joining Garrett and Allegany counties as hunting zones due to the bear population growth.

He says the two new counties have locally concentrated black bear populations.

The agency will establish a bear check-in station near the Washington/Frederick county line and continue to operate stations in Alleghany County and Garrett County.

Hunters may choose to hunt anywhere they have legal access within the four counties.



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More sturgeon turn up in Bay, raising new questions — and worry

By Karl Blankenship

For years, scientists thought there might not be any native Atlantic sturgeon in the Chesapeake Bay. That idea changed in recent years, as biologists began netting hundreds of adults in the James River, and others began turning up in other tributaries.

Now, genetic analyses show the Chesapeake is home to at least two — and possibly more — distinct populations of the endangered fish.

DNA analysis shows that James River sturgeon and those recently found spawning next door in a tributary of the York River, are not even particularly closely related, despite their geographic proximity.

The 138 Pamunkey fish sampled more closely related to what could be a third and across, the Bay in where 15 adult fish have been caught — and released — the last two years.

It's too early to say whether the sturgeon netted in the Nanticoke and its tributaries constitute a unique population, said Tim King, a fisheries biologist with the U.S. Geological Survey who did the genetic analysis. King said he



would like at least 25–30 samples before offering a more concrete opinion about the Nanticoke sturgeon.

“It is way too early to draw any conclusions,” King said. “But it would seem that they are not James fish. They are genetically more similar to the Pamunkey fish than they are the James, but I am not willing to say that they are Pamunkey fish.”

One thing is clear from the genetics work: The fish caught in the Nanticoke do not stem from a 1996 experimental release of hatchery-reared sturgeon in that river. Those were the offspring of Hudson River fish, and none of the sturgeon found in the Nanticoke shares any DNA with those New York imports.

The Nanticoke and Pamunkey fish seem to share some traits. They both have turned up in smaller water bodies than those usually associated with large sturgeon, said Dave Secor, a fisheries biologist with the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. The Nanticoke fish actually came primarily from two small tributaries, the Marshyhope and Broad Creek.

“It is really intriguing that these small systems can continue to support sturgeon reproduction,” Secor said. “I think that these two populations are going to be very similar in terms of the habitats that they are spawning in, and probably some of the nursery areas. So it may make sense to look at these jointly in the future as a different kind of reproductive population.”

Also, fish captured and tagged from both rivers show a tendency to wander around the Bay, unlike James sturgeon, which generally do not venture far. Two fish from the Pamunkey River have visited suspected spawning grounds far up the Nanticoke during spawning season, and one tagged in the Marshyhope turned up in the Pamunkey.

It's not unusual for sturgeon to visit other rivers, but normally they stay in the lower reaches. These fish ventured to freshwater spawning areas, and remained there.

“One thing that is so interesting about the Pamunkey-Nanticoke connection is how far apart they are,” said Chuck Stence, a fisheries biologist with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. “It's not like they made a wrong turn and went into the river next door. That is a big leap.”

Fish tagged from the two rivers have also been tracked going into potential spawning areas in the Rappahannock, Potomac and Pocomoke rivers. That has fueled speculation that spawning sturgeon may turn up in more places around the Chesapeake Bay.

“We may have a population of fish in the northern part of the Bay that sort of moves back and forth between rivers, and then the James River just functions on its own,” said Jason Kahn, an endangered species biologist with the National Marine Fisheries Service. “But it is so early, we don't know.”

Scientists say there's one thing that troubles them about this new population of an endangered fish. The Pamunkey population appears to be one of the smallest on the East Coast. Unlike the James sturgeon, which may number in the thousands, Kahn estimates there are only about 300 adults in the Pamunkey. The worrisome thing is that those fish are mainly “brothers and sisters,” offspring from only a handful of parents.

Whether the same is true for the Nanticoke sturgeon won't be known until more are caught and genetic samples taken.

Based on the limited genetic diversity seen in Pamunkey sturgeon, King estimates that the “functional population” there — the number of adults that produced them all — was around eight fish, though because of uncertainty with such a small sample it could be as few as four or as high as 23.

That lack of diversity raises the question of whether the Pamunkey fish are the remnants of population that was nearly wiped out; the river supported a fishery until the early 1970s. Or it may be that the river was repopulated by a few individuals that strayed in from someplace else. The latter would explain why it is so different from the neighboring James, but King said it was “very difficult to say” which scenario was more likely.

In any case, it indicates the population is genetically bottlenecked, which makes it more vulnerable to environmental changes, diseases or other threats. “There's not much to help it bounce back,” Kahn said. “If you lose the wrong individuals from the population, that's about it.”

Of course, if biologists catch more sturgeon on the river, it's possible the estimated number of parent fish — and genetic diversity — may increase.

About Karl Blankenship
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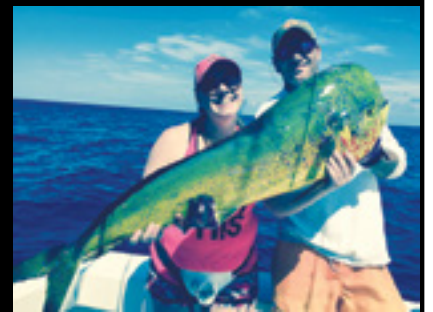
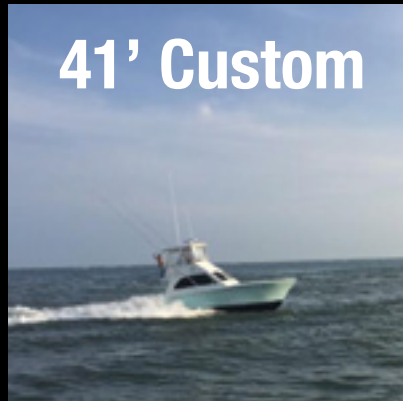
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Dates and instructions are as follows:

August 2: From 7:30 to 8 a.m., applications will begin being accepted at all listed locations. The lottery will start at approximately 8:30 a.m. Once selected, applicants have eight minutes to choose their blind sites, with a max of two sites per day. Selections will end at 4:30 p.m. (Please note: Anyone arriving after 8 a.m. will not be eligible.)

August 3: From 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., the lottery will be held at all listed department service centers and offices.

August 4 and thereafter: The service centers will operate during normal business hours.

Citizens must present a 2015-2016 or 2016-2017 Maryland resident hunting license in order to participate in the process (landowners or individuals with written permission of a given landowner, who desire to license their own property are exempt from this requirement). Applicants must also present their driver's license or other photo identification to verify residency (individuals under the age of 16 are exempt from this requirement). The 2016-2017 Maryland hunting license is now available at any qualified agent, online, or by calling 855-855-3906.

Landowners who would like to license their property should bring a copy of the property information (available online) and a tax map or other legible map showing the exact location of the shoreline to be licensed. Preview maps of shoreline licensed by landowners will be available on July 15 at the locations listed below.

Waterfowl hunt Locations for Waterfowl Blind Site Licensing and Maps:

Anne Arundel County: Broadneck High School, (Cafeteria), 1265 Green Holly Drive, Arnold. Preview maps available at Tawes State Office Building, E-1, 580 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, Md.

Prince George's County: County Administration Building, (Main Lobby), 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, Md. Preview maps available at County Administration Building, Room L-15.

(On August 3, and thereafter, licenses for Anne Arundel and Prince George's counties will be issued at the Tawes State Office Building, E-1, Annapolis, Md.)

Calvert County: Natural Resources Regional Service Center, 6904 Hallowing Lane, Prince Frederick, Md. Preview maps available at same location.

Charles County: Myrtle Grove Wildlife Management Area, 5625 Myrtle Grove Road, La Plata, Md. Preview maps available at Charles County La Plata Branch Public Library, 2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, Md.

St. Mary's County: Joseph D. Carter Building, (Russell Conference Room), 23110 Leonard Hall Drive, Leonardtown, Md. Preview maps available at St. Mary's County Leonardtown Branch Library, 23250 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, Md.

(On August 3, and thereafter, licenses for Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties will be issued at the Natural Resources Regional Service Center, 6904 Hallowing Lane, Prince Frederick, Md.)

Baltimore County: Sparrows Point High School, 7400 North Point Road, Baltimore, Md. Preview maps available at the Natural Resources Police Central Region Office, 3738 Gwynnbrook Avenue, Owings Mills, Md.

Cecil County: Elkton High School, (Auxiliary Gymnasium), 110 James Street, Elkton, Md. Preview maps available at the Cecil County Library, 301 Newark Avenue, Elkton, Md.

Harford County: Fallston Volunteer Fire Department, (Meeting Room), 2201 Carrs Mill Road, Fallston, Md. Preview maps available at the Natural Resources Regional Service Center, 2 South Bond Street, Bel Air, Md.

(On August 3, and thereafter, licenses for Baltimore, Cecil and Harford counties will be issued at the Natural Resources Regional Service Center, 2 South Bond Street, Bel Air, Md.)

Caroline County: Caroline County Central Branch Public Library, 100 Market Street, Denton, Md. Preview maps available at same location.

Talbot County: Brigadier General Louis G. Smith Armory, 7111 Ocean Gateway, Easton, Md. Preview maps available at the Talbot County Easton Branch Library, Easton, Md.

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Dorchester County: LeCompte Wildlife Management Area, 4220 Steele Neck Road, Vienna, Md. Preview maps available at same location. Please call ahead at 410-376-3236 to confirm status.

Somerset County: Wellington Wildlife Management Area, 32733 Dublin Road, Princess Anne, Md. Preview maps available at same location. Please call ahead at 410-543-8223 to confirm status.

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BIG Yellow Fin Wins 27th MSSA Tuna-ment

Congratulations to Rob Pellicot of Frederick Maryland (Frederick Chapter) on winning the 27th annual Tuna-ment.

Rob weighed in an impressive 86.5 pound yellowfin at Curtiss-Merritt Harbor in Chincoteague, VA. The Tuna-ment is a Mid Atlantic tuna tournament with weigh stations in three states (MD, DE, and VA). Rob took home \$6,205. (pictured left to right: Bobby Hurt (angler), Daryl Thomas, Chris Conway, and Rob Pellicot-captain)



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This is just two pound shy of the IGFA All-Tackle World Record that was actually caught by a woman. Sara Hayward's 184 pound wahoo caught in July of 2005 weighed 184 pounds and was caught in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.





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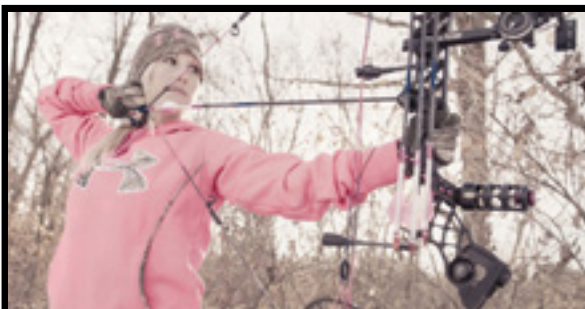
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The 60.33 kg (133 lb) fish was landed in 20 minutes after taking the carp Witte was using for bait. Once landed, the fish was quickly documented, weighed, and released alive. If approved, the catch will earn Witte the new men's 37 kg (80 lb) line class world record, which currently stands at 53.07 kg (117 lb).



NEWS: extremely rare golden tarpon caught

Young 16 year old Will Chapman was fishing tarpon on the bottom with fishing guide, Capt. Patrick Dineen of Flyliner Charters when something strange happened.

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Capt. Dineen has caught thousands of tarpon off the coast of Florida but he has never seen a tarpon like this.



AUSTRALIA: monster giant tiger sharks caught from the shore

Josh Butterworth and Jethro Bonnitcha, known as Western Australia's 'shark men', were caught on camera as they struggle to pull the giant shark on to the beach off the Carnarvon on the north coast.

The two expert fishermen reeled in ten massive tiger sharks from the beach on a four day fishing trip as 'plenty more' lurked in the water only meters from shore.

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By Grant Soukup

“Montana Grant”



her Dad grabbed the rod and followed her down to the backyard pier. “We don’t have much time, and I worked all day, and we can’t go far, and...” These are typical comments that

come out of many parents’ mouths. You know the ones. We all say them.

The Little Princess grabbed the rod and took her first cast! A solid strike and a big battle ensued, as a Largemouth Bass came to the pier. The fish was released and then Ava told her Dad that he could go and rest. The fishing Gods had set the stage for success again.

Dads and Moms can take kids fishing and learn that there is life beyond video games, soccer fields, and the backyard. It is really not about the fish but the excuse they provide to go outside, be together, and just have fun. There is always an uncle, neighbor, relative, or friend willing to share their skills. Fishing Day Care is the BEST!

There can be a lot of conversation, learning, and love that fills the limits during fishing trips. It is ok to keep our BIG mouths shut and listen to what our kids have to say. Once the gang is in a boat, along a remote creek, or on the edge of a pond, everyone seems to settle in and just enjoy the day. This “comfort zone” is an amazing place for learning and listening.

Fishing needs to be “hands on” and it is ok for

the kids to get down and dirty! The goal is for kids to learn at least one thing about fishing each trip. With time, they will become more independent and begin teaching you the new tricks they have discovered.

Just remember that the best teachers are the best questioners. Keep the conversation simple and ask questions. Snacks, drinks, and simple fishing gear are essential. Anticipate the challenges and plan ahead so you can relax too. If the parent says too much, or doesn’t allow the kid to do the fishing, then the moment can be ruined.

It is easy to be excited when fishing. There are the bugs, baits, boats, birds, and fish! Questions never end and the adventure will last a lifetime. We all need a healthy outlet to survive the rigors of life. As parents, it is our job to make sure the kids have a buffet of outlets that are legal, safe, and fun.

The rod was cranked in, the gear back in the tackle box, and Ava



walked her dad back up the hill so he could rest. “Daddy, can we fish again tomorrow? I have a new bikini I want to break in!”

Take a kid fishing!
Montana Grant

For more Montana Grant visit his website at www.montanagrantsfishing.com.

Here are the top 5 fishing tricks and tips to catch fish, no matter what skill level you are at:

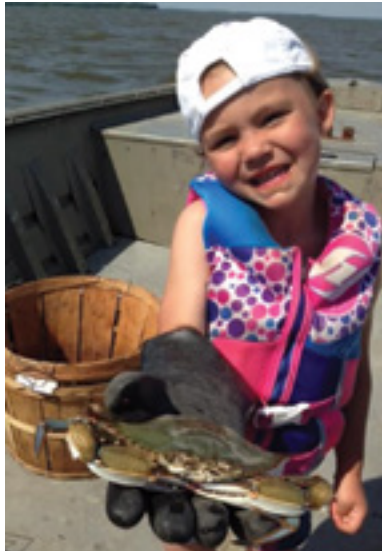
Basic knowledge – know what kind of fish you want to catch, and learn about their habits and habitat. Time of day is important; some fish will bite best in the morning, while others are hungrier in the afternoon. Some like cold water and others stick to the warmer shallows. Be sure to check the weather report before you head out on the waterways.

Proper equipment – for simple fishing off a dock, rowboat or shoreline, you need a basic fishing set that includes a rod, reel, line and hooks. Tackle boxes are ideal for carrying and sorting small equipment like sharp hooks, lures, extra line and a knife. Fill your tackle box with a flashlight, adjustable wrench, pliers, first aid supplies, spare hooks and rod tips, glue stick and a lighter.

Bait – even fish have different preferences when it comes to food. Use bait that your target fish enjoy. Cover the hook with the worm or other bait, so the fish gets set on a good hook when they chomp down on the tempting bait. Some artificial and electronic baits appeal to certain types of fish but not others. Don’t go looking for perch with bait designed to attract salmon. Shiny reflective lures can sun blind certain fish; use matted metal lures instead.

Get maps and local reports – check at the nearest bait shops for local topographical maps and fishing activity reports before you head out for the day fishing. Maps that show the contour bottom of lakes and rivers help you find the drop-offs and other locations that certain fish prefer, like deep holes or mossy areas near the shoreline. Other fishermen can advise you (if they will) about where the fish are biting that day.

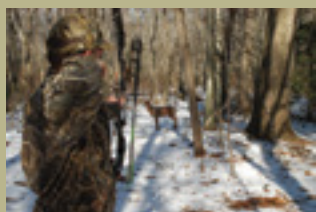
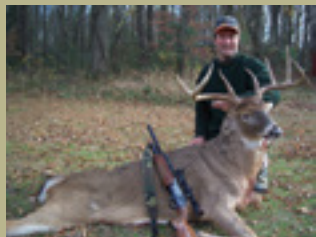
Peace and patience – keep noise to a minimum, but bring along something to help you pass time; be patient. Keep a close watch for any fishing line movement; a quick hard tug is a chance to hook a fish if you are ready.



Ava never gets enough fishing time. It is Daddy’s fault for introducing her to the sport. As soon as he comes home from work, Ava is ready to go. The other day, she was dressed up in a Princess dress and wanted to go fishing. Looking good when fishing is always important. Reluctantly,

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Coastal Report

By Capt. Mark
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In the winter I work as a flats-fishing guide in the lower Florida Keys, and while many of my clients are fly-fishermen, most opt to use spinning tackle in their pursuit of the many species of fish that frequent the shallow flats. Down there we often spot our fish first and then attempt to make an accurate cast that will put the bait or lure in the strike zone, then follow up with the appropriate retrieve to tempt the fish to strike. Of course, after the bite the angler will have to properly fight the fish to the boat, which, depending upon the size and the species, could be as simple as just cranking it right in, or as involved as enduring a long give-and-take battle for more than an hour. Regardless of what we do or do not catch, my clients always step off the boat knowing they've had plenty of casting practice!

And while they cast - I watch. Cast after cast, from atop my little poling platform I have a front row balcony seat and the opportunity to critique every presentation. Not that I really do that, but I do have to pay attention to the overall casting proficiency of each client so that I know their strengths and weaknesses and what I need to do help connect them to the fish. As a guide it's my responsibility not only to spot fish and get the boat within casting range, but also to coach my clients through any shortcomings they might have, from making the cast to fighting the fish, "instruction" is a huge part of most trips.

One reason even seasoned anglers have problems casting is that many have spent their entire fishing career just lobbing casts out into the water without any real need for distance or accuracy, so they never really have a reason to perfect the use of their tackle and to be sure, many pick up bad habits that, even after many years of fishing, they just don't shake. As long as anglers adhere certain fundamentals spinning tackle is some of the easiest equipment to use. Over the years I've noted that there are a number of mistakes that spin fishermen commonly make that when recognized are usually easy to overcome and will immediately improve their performance on the water.

Proper grip of the rod: A spinning rod should be gripped in the right hand with the reel seat between the middle and ring finger.

Holding the line: When preparing to cast the reel it should be cranked until the line coming off the spool is at the top of the reel closest to the hand holding the rod. The line should then be gasped by the index finger ONLY, and about two-thirds of the way from the tip of the finger to the first joint. Don't use more than one finger and don't put the line in the crease of the first joint as doing either will impede a smooth release of the line on the cast, and ruin accuracy.

Don't let go of the rod: While this might sound like a sound like a no-brainer, it's very common for anglers who use two hands to cast (right hand forward over the reel, and left hand aft toward the butt of the rod) to let go of the rod with their right hand when they release the line. This is a bad habit many anglers seem to acquire and one that everyone needs to stop. There is no time when letting go with the right hand is a proper technique as it ruins accuracy, limits distance, and increases the chance that the rod might just go overboard with the cast!

Don't use the anti-reverse lever: The little lever

under the reel that allows the reel to be cranked backwards (thus letting line out) is known as the anti-reverse. Many reel manufacturers don't offer this feature on their reels anymore and I wish none of them did. I cannot think of a single fishing situation when it would be appropriate to let line out by cranking the reel backwards. Line should always be let out by opening the bail - not by turning the handle! Using the anti reverse lever just gets anglers in trouble because they're always forgetting that they left it in the wrong position then they try to set the hook on a fish and end up actually backlashing their spinning reel.

Cranking over the drag: There are a lot of folks who fish many years without hooking a fish of size and stamina capable of pulling many yards of line OFF a reel during a fight. Not having experienced a running fish before their inclination is often to crank the reel even when line is going out. Aside from wearing down the angler unnecessarily, with conventional tackle this mistake is pretty much harmless (even to the fish). But when an angler cranks a spinning reel as line is going out, not only are they wasting their effort, they are also twisting the heck out of their line. At the end of a fight the line can be so twisted up that the rod and reel cannot be used again until it is dragged behind a moving boat and all the twists work their way out. Spin fishermen fighting strong fish must continually watch the spool of their reel and ensure that it is not revolving as they turn the handle of the reel.

Consider the wind: Trying to cast under breezy conditions can be problematic but it's not the end of the world for those who know how to adjust for the wind. Just as the wind can work against an angler trying to make long casts into it, it can also be an assist to those casting with it. Obviously the wind resistance of terminal tackle makes it hard to make long casts into the wind. But wind resistance can be minimized by the choice of what we put on our lines as well as how we cast. By switching to smaller-heavier lures or baits anglers can punch casts into the wind with less difficulty. Also, by firing fast horizontal casts rather than big arching casts there will be much less wind resistance on the line and better distance. If the boat can be positioned so that the anglers are casting downwind - the breeze can actually be an assist and anglers should use bulkier baits and lures and cast high so that their offerings have maximum airtime allowing the wind to push their cast all the farther.

At some point in their fishing career almost every angler will find themselves using spinning tackle, some just a little, but most will probably use it a lot. Yet as popular as this tackle is, mistakes and bad habits are common even among experienced anglers. Realizing these errors and taking the time to correct them can lead to greater success on the water and appreciation for spinning tackle.

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Captain Jay Gould of Hollywood, Florida landed this 5,500-pound manta ray in 1933. It may be the biggest fish ever hooked and landed. (Photo courtesy of *Fishes and Fishing in Louisiana*)

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By Steve Huettner

“The Last Word”

Changes for the Maryland 2016-2017 Hunting Season

August is a family month of barbecues, beaches and vacations. For the hunters of Maryland it's also the time when we start to prepare and ponder for the upcoming hunting season. July is when licenses go on sale and when all the new regulations either via law changes from Annapolis or via DNR go into effect. There are several changes for hunters come this season.

For those of us who are fortunate enough to draw a bear tag in Maryland, you will not find a more beautiful place than the mountains of Western Maryland to hunt them. Fortunately for hunters black bears are in good shape and expanding their range. In order to better manage the population the amount of permits issued will increase from 500 to 750 permits. With an increase of 250 permits, 2250 hunters could potentially be hunting bears this fall (each hunter is allowed to sub permittees). Along with the increase in permits, the area you will be able to hunt bears with now be open now include Frederick and Washington counties along with the existing counties of Allegany and Garrett.

Since deer baiting on private lands is allowed, there has also been the issue of what does and does not constitute baiting since baiting of bears in Maryland is illegal. The new regulations state it is not considered to be hunting with the aid of bait if a hunter AND any bear that hunter shoots at are at least 150 yards from any bait the hunter knows or should have known is present. Salt and mineral supplements are not considered as a source of bait for this species.

For those who have never hunted for bear in Maryland or never applied for a tag, you are doing yourself a huge disservice. The hunt coincides when bears are up and 14-16 hours a day putting on weight for the winter. Add in ample public land, public camping, and gorgeous fall foliage and you have the makings of a great adventure.

For those of us who like to hunt with stick and string good news in certain counties. With deer in suburban zones living in in small woodlots Maryland hunters have adapted and learned to hunt among people grilling, playgrounds and dog walkers. To allow archers more access the

safety zone for archery hunters has changed to 50 yards in Calvert and St. Mary's counties and 100 yards in Anne Arundel County. In Harford County, the safety zone for archers is now 50 yards, however, archers must use a tree stand when hunting within 50 to 100 yards of an occupied dwelling or other building. Kudos to the elected officials in those counties who realize that archery hunting is safe and is an effective way to manage the deer population.

Gun hunters chasing deer in Caroline County no need to use the shotgun this season as the Caroline County Commissioners in conjunction with MD DNR has made Caroline County a rifle hunting county this year. Deer in the field be warned.

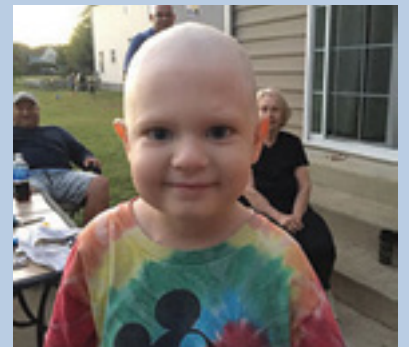
16 year old youth waterfowl hunters were given a stay this year, as the age to participate in the youth only waterfowl days was increased from age 15 to age 16. Carroll County continues to provide more opportunities for Nimrods to hunt by adding Sunday hunting for the Junior hunt day and the spring season on private land. Sunday hunting opportunities continue to expand throughout most counties in the state (except Baltimore County- still zero days). Hopefully one day in the future our legislators will be able to do away with all the different days and rules and allow for Sunday hunting across the state. 13 years have passed since the law was changed to allow Sunday hunting. During that time Sunday hunting has shown that hunters utilize it, deer are killed, and its safe to the non-hunting community (despite the doom and gloom predictions by the ant-Sunday hunting crowd).

The biggest news (which has been covered in previous articles) is the dramatic increase for the penalties for illegally killing white-tailed and sika deer. The sportsmen community was tired of rampant poaching and the minimal fines for those that were convicted for hunting illegally. Maryland now has one of most stringent poaching laws in the United States. I'm fairly confident that those that poach, spotlight, and trespass don't read the Maryland Hunting Guide but will be in for a shocker when they find out just how much the deer is going to cost them. Many thanks to those who worked with our legislators this year to pass the bill.

The Wyatt Russum Heroes Invitational ~Fishing Party~

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Wyatt's Story

August 3rd 2015 we took Wyatt to the doctor with a mild fever that wouldn't go away. After some blood work was performed his pediatrician called and told Jen to take him immediately to the hospital. Less than 12 hours later we learned Wyatt had cancer. After additional testing of his bone marrow and spinal fluid we learned his complete diagnosis – Very High Risk Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. The cancer was found in his blood, bone marrow, and spinal fluid (which surrounds the brain). For the next five weeks we didn't leave the hospital. Wyatt received a very rigorous phase of treatment in order to aggressively attack the cancer cells. Being able to go home and only return for treatments as part of his regimen was a welcome change. But it didn't last too long. During the past 9 months of intensive treatment, Wyatt's immune system was so fragile that even catching the common cold would put him back in the hospital. Since then we have had numerous week-long stays. A fever in October kept Wyatt there for 21 days.

During our stay, we were connected to an incredible group of young men from the Theta Chi Fraternity at the University of Delaware. These young men “adopted” Wyatt into their Fraternity. Wyatt looks forward to the boys visiting every time we are in the hospital. Their visits allowed Jen and me to eat lunch in the cafeteria or just get out of the room for an hour. I can't even begin to tell you what these young men have done for my son and for my family. I tried to think of how to pay these young men back (just a little) for what they have done. Then all of the sudden it hit me, what's better than a fishing trip? So that is where the idea of a fishing tournament came. I told Kyle, the young man in charge, I want to provide the guys from the Fraternity a free fishing trip. The Frat guys will have to pay the entry fee into the tournament, but I am going to provide boats for them to fish on. Hell, it's the least I could do! I am also looking to provide a boat for other Heroes who are fighting childhood cancer like my son Wyatt. The reason I am asking for Sponsors is to help pay for boats for these Heroes and offset the cost of the tournament. If I am lucky enough to make this work, any money made from the tournament will go towards Wyatt's health bills for the next 2 1/2 years. Unfortunately at this point Wyatt still has a long journey ahead. We have been shown so much kindness and generosity during this difficult time. In the future, we really want this to be our way of “paying it forward”. To create an annual event to help local families going thru the same things we are going thru. Thank you all in advance for your consideration and generosity.

~JR and Jen Russum~

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Maryland Hunter, Virginia Crabber Charged

An Anne Arundel County man has been charged with 125 counts of wildlife violations following a year-long investigation into his hunting activities.

Richard Norman Warren, 64, of Glen Burnie, was arrested Friday on a criminal warrant issued by an Anne Arundel County District Court Commissioner.

Charging documents say that last year a search of freezers, a shed and a cargo-style container at his former business found 134 sets of antlers with skull caps attached, untagged venison and turkey, several containers of deer tails and boundary signs belonging to the Department of Natural Resources. The current proprietor told police the out buildings still belonged to Warren.

Warren told officers the antlers were his and the result of 50 years of hunting. He later amended his remarks to say some of the antlers were given to him by friends.

State hunting records indicate that in the last 15 years, Warren checked in nine antlered deer, 25 antlerless deer and no turkeys or sika deer.

A hearing date in Anne Arundel County District Court has not been set.

A Virginia man has been charged with six counts of violating Maryland's fishing regulations after he was caught with 625 undersized crabs as part of his harvest.

Daniel Mercado Mariano Jr., 40, of Tangier, was offloading his catch in Crisfield, Md. on July 5 when officers on patrol arrived to measure. All six bushels contained undersized crabs, which were seized and returned to Maryland state waters.

This is not Mariano's first offense in Maryland. In 2012, he was found guilty in Somerset County District Court of possessing unmeasured oysters and was ordered to pay \$550 in fines and court costs. He is scheduled to appear in the same court on Aug. 9.



Larry Sheffey of Annapolis, Md with his 50" cobia caught aboard the Kingfish II on 7-1-16 in the lower Chesapeake Bay.



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Feisty fish rub is great on other foods as well. One of our favorites is Feisty Fish Rub on French Fries which was discovered and shared with us by our customer. The key to our baked haddock feisty fish fillets recipe is do not overcook the fish. Haddock is a light fish and cooks fast. The fillets are not usually very thick, another reason it cooks fast. Bake it covered to keep it moist.

Baked Haddock is a long time favorite of ours. Fast and easy to cook, and delicious. A great fish to try for those who are not sure they like fish. Not "fishy" at all!

Ingredients

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Book of the Month

BUCK, BUCK, MOOSE: RECIPES AND TECHNIQUES FOR COOKING DEER, ELK, MOOSE, ANTELOPE AND OTHER ANTLERED THINGS

by Hank Shaw

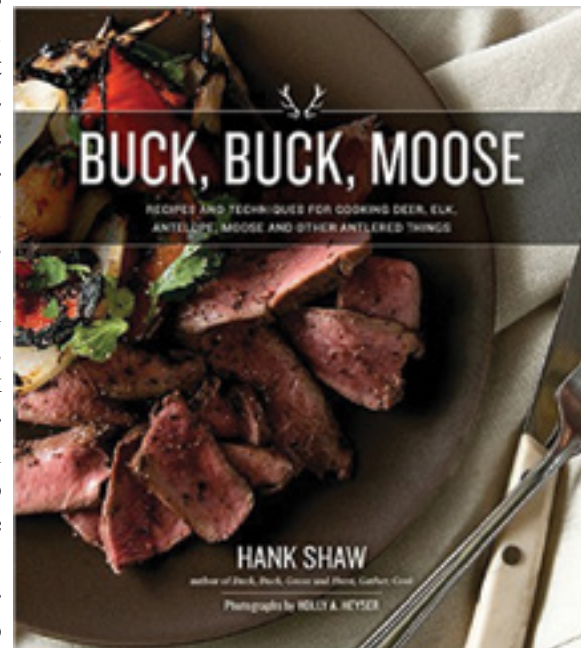
This is not your father's venison cookbook. Buck, Buck, Moose is the first comprehensive, lushly photographed, full-color guide to working with and cooking all forms of venison, including deer, elk, moose, antelope and caribou.

Buck, Buck, Moose will take you around the world, from nose to tail. The book features more than 100 recipes ranging from traditional dishes from six continents to original recipes never before seen.

You'll also get thorough instructions on how to butcher, age and store your venison, as well as how to use virtually every part of the animal.

Buck, Buck, Moose also includes a lengthy section on curing venison and sausage-making.

Peppered throughout are stories of the hunt and essays on why venison holds such a special place in human society. Venison is far more than mere food. It is, in many ways, what made us human. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to publishing books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked by other publishers and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.



What's in the book? How is the book content divvied up?

"It will be a lot like my last book 'Duck, Duck, Goose' (thus the name) in that I'll have a big basics section with lots of info on field care, storage, butchering, aging venison, etc. After that, I go to primal cuts, backstraps, roasts, ground meat, other cuts like shanks and flanks, then a whole section on the Fifth Quarter, i.e., the heart, liver, kidneys, etc. Finally, I wrap up with a long section sausage, curing, salami etc."

You indicate that 'Buck, Buck, Moose' basically follows the 'Duck, Duck, Goose' format (which is a great format, btw). Does BBM differ in any way from DDG other than the specific subject of waterfowl vs. antlered meat?

"I think the biggest difference in structure is the section on field care and butchery. It's not hard to take apart a duck, but people get lost when faced with a deer or elk. Other than that, if you like the duck book you'll love the venison book."

About the Author

A former restaurant cook and journalist, Hank Shaw is the author of two successful wild game cookbooks: Hunt, Gather Cook, and Duck, Duck, Goose -- both of which won critical acclaim. Shaw also runs the wild foods website Hunter Angler Gardener Cook, (honest-food.net) which has won both the James Beard Award as well as the International Association of Culinary Professionals award for best food website. His work has appeared in magazines ranging from Food & Wine to Organic Gardening, Field & Stream, Garden & Gun, Petersen's Hunting, Outdoor Life and Sunset. He lives near Sacramento, California.

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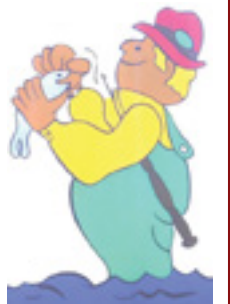
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