Torrance Rod and Gun Club

Hot Lines

By Al Coast

This might sound like something from outer space, but how would you like to catch a limit of **Paralabrat Clathratus?** All you need is a few lead heads, partially covered by plastic skirts and artificial worms. To put it plain, this, in short, is Calico Bass fishing at the breakwater, with lures instead of live bait.

This type of fishing is the ultimate in short excursions. We will try to relay a little information as to the where and hows of having a successful trip. As in all sorts of activity, there are the finer points that usually prove the difference in the end results. Bass fishing at the Long Beach and Federal Breakwater is certainly a good example of this.

First off, the best time is from an hour before dark until midnight. The second best time is the half hour before daylight until the sun comes up. Usually the evening fishing is the most productive because of the extended hours. Try to pick a night when there is a medium high tide that crests about 11 p.m. A little breeze from the west is very favorable.

These fish can be caught both on the inside and outside of the rocks. As for myself, I prefer the outside, because for one reason, you have a larger area to cover and it seems as though the bigger fish are in the moving water.

Twelve- to fifteen-pound test line is the best to cast but we have found that a bass in the five to eight pound class, has no respect for tackle this light, so it is preferable to use 20 to 25 pound mono filament. A medium size spinning reel works the best inasmuch as backlashes are eliminated. I forgot to mention, there are no street lights on the breakwater. Use a fairly light rod that can cast a one half ounce lure some 25 to 35 yards. I have found that the orange or yellow skirt and red worm works the best in the day light hours, while black skirts and black worms or porkrind work best at night. As in all types of fishing, the unusual will happen and someone will get a nice bass on white at midnight. As for myself, I deviate from form on occasion, but usually stick to the proven method.

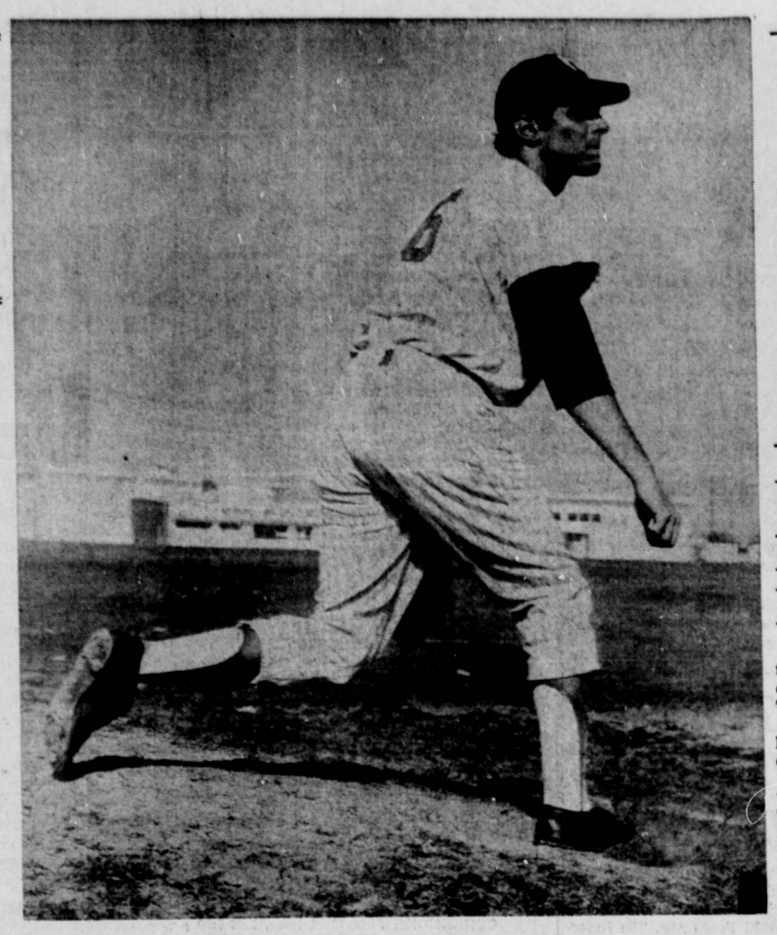
As you are drifting along the rocks, cast your lure to within a couple of feet of the breakwater and slowly retrieve, keeping it from snagging a rock. The breakwater is built like a long pyramid, small at the top and wider at the bottom. The idea is to make your lure tread along the face of the rocks. These bass lay in the holes and as the lure passes a hole, Mr. Bass will make a very fast exit, grab your hook, and make a faster return to his home.

Now this is where the trouble starts if you are not prepared. Using the heavier line you have a much better chance, because Mr. Bass gets pretty unhappy when you try to keep him from getting back in his front door. If it happens to be one with a lot of muscles, you are in trouble.

These fish run in size from 1 to 12 pounds. They can also be taken on live anchovies, squid and mud suckers. Our space prohibits us from giving you all the dope, but will divulge more info later.

The Club fishing trip to Cachuma Lake, Sunday, was not too well attended. The expert on fresh water bass, Chic Hill, landed the largest: a 4½ pound large mouth, along with three others. Ray Wright came in with two and Fred Bickar also landed one.

The Hardware expert, Forrest Bartlett of the Torrance Hardware, along with your writer, landed 16 Barred Perch last Thursday. We fished Oxnard beaches with hardshell crabs. This is good right now, inasmuch as the fish are close in and anyone can cast far enough.



WHITEWASH . . . Pitching a 1-0 shutout over West High in his Bay League debut this season is Brian Smith of North High. Smith had 10 strikeouts and hurled a 5-hitter against the Warriors on Tuesday.

Baseball Campaign Well on Its Way

The pace setter in the Sky League baseball race is Palos Verdes. The Sea Kings have won four of their first five games while the team expected to win the pennant is floundering in the second division.

Misfortune is the only way to describe Rolling Hills' fourth place stand. The Titans were beaten by Torrance in eight innings Tuesday, 2-1. Torrance tied the game at 1-1 in the bottom of the seventh and knocked pitcher Daryl Arenstein out in the process.

Bob Fernley, who led off the bottom of the eighth with a double, scored the winning run with two away when Don Goss fanned. Goss ran to first when Catcher Rene Treveno dropped the third strike. The runner was ruled safe when Arenstein, now playing first base, failed to make the putout.

Terry Waters, who went the distance for Torrance, has a 1-1 record. He gave up four hits against Rolling Hills.

Mike McGuire and Fernley got two of the Tartars five hits.

It was Torrance's first win in four outings and left Rolling Hills with a 2-2 record.

Palos Verdes beat Culver City, 3-2, while Morningsile (2-1) downed Leuzinger, 9-2.

Three shutouts were turned in by Bay League pitchers Tuesday. Brian Smith of North High edged Jim Mullens of West, 1-0. Dave Skaggs doubled in the seventh to score Gary Gonzales with the winning run. It broke a 20-inning scoreless streak by Mullens.

Smith, one of the winningest prep pitchers a year ago, had 10 strikeouts and one walk.

South's Dennis Rector was given a 2-run margin in the third inning against Mira Costa and went on to post a 3-hit shutout. He fanned seven.

Mike Hrehor homered with a man aboard for the two Spartan runs.

Rector got out of two bases loaded situations to gain the victory.

In other opening games in the Bay League, Redondo's Paul Kargl blanked Hawthorne, 4-0, and Santa Monica topped Inglewood, 9-2.

Games today match West at Mira Costa, North at Hawthorne, Santa Monica at Redondo, and South at Inglewood.

Bishop Montgomery is holding a slim grip on the lead in the Camino Real League. The Knights made it three straight by defeating Daniel Murphy, 17-2, Tuesday, They slammed 17 hits to back Rick Constantino's four-hit pitching.

St. Monica's is playing at Montgomery today.

Bookmaker Talks Through His Hat

Race tracks belonging to the Thoroughbred Racing Associations (TRA) operate under a self-imposed Code of Standards, one section of which rules against direct or indirect dissemination of race results to other than legitimate news media. Illegal bookmaking operations go to great lengths to smuggle news of results out of the track, and the files of the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau contain cases ranging from simple wig-wag operations to use of walkie-talkie radios. None, however, are as colorful as a case which occurred at Brooklyn's Gravesend Race Track in 1891.

Attempts to smuggle out the news by the Poolseller's Association, a syndicate of Manhattan bookmakers, included carrier pigeons, hollow balls which were tossed over the fence, and the building of towers outside the grounds. All were thwarted by the Brooklyn Jockey Club, but the news still leaked. The leak was finally traced to a gay party which arrived every afternoon in a handsome horse-drawn coach. The coachman always remained in his seat atop the coach. His high silk hat had a hole at the top and inside was a battery powered light. The coachman was in a fact a telegrapher and the light in his hat was connected to a telegraph key on the floor of his box. Results were flashed in Morse code to an agent outside who relayed the news by Western Union.

FIVE-MAN SOCCER PLANNED

The Lomita Recreation and Parks Department, 24428 Eshelman Ave., announces it will sponsor a 5-Man Soccer League open to boys born between 1957-1960. Registration will be on Saturday, April 5, and the fee will be $1. Games will be played on Saturday mornings.

Five-man soccer uses the same rules as the 11-man version. "Football," as soccer is called in other countries, is said to be the world's most popular and exciting sport.

Underwood In 1:55.9 Half Mile

South High scored a 63-53 track and field victory over Redondo in a Bay League meet on Tuesday.

Decker Underwood ran the half mile in the scorching time of 1:55.9.

Steve Smith, also of South, topped 15-feet in the pole vault. The Spartans took first place in seven varsity events.

100 — Hernandez (S), Palombo (S), Rogo (R), 10.2.
220 — Anderson (R), Hernandez (S), Rogo (R), 23.1.
440 — Anderson (R), Eby (R), Harland (S), 50.9.
880 — Underwood (S), Eby (R), Alton (R), 1:55.9.
Mile — Manlarrez (R), Stevens (R), Lawlor (S), 4:28.2.
Two Mile —Strichman (S), Barker (S), Bland (S), 9:45.1.
120 HH — Hanson (S), Brenner (S), Smith (S), 15.5.
180 LH — Hanson (R), Brenner (S), Hererra (R), 20.6.
SP — A. Morrow (R), Geisseit (S), S. Morrow (R), 51-3.
HJ — Smith (S), Brenard (R), Wilkinson (R), 6-2¾.
PV — Smith (S), Rubka (R), Combs (S), 15-0.
LJ — Soabee (S), Wielin (R), Hererra (R), 20-0½.
440 Relay — Redondo, no time, default.
Mile Relay — Redondo, 3:30.2.
Varsity—South 63, Redondo 53.
Bee Score: South 67, Redondo 28.
Cee Score: South 55½, Redondo 30½.

Recreation Program Set For Spring

Registration for the spring recreation program at Lomita Recreation Center will take place on Saturday, April 5. Lomita residents may reigster from 12 noon to 3 p.m., and nonresidents from 3 to 6 p.m.

Programs include tennis and archery instruction, adult volleyball, youth canteen, crafts, art club, and Senior Citizens' Club. In addition, new programs will be boys' soccer, girls' volleyball, adult volleyball league, and boys' weight training.

Copies of the recreation program will be distributed to school children at Lomita School, Eshelman Avenue School, and St. Margaret Mary School.

PRECAUTIONS MADE AT MARINE STADIUM

Long Beach Marine Stadium's famed drag boat timing course will be moved 100 yards to the west for safety reasons Sunday when Long Beach Boat and Ski Club presents a combined program of drags and circle races.

Competition starts at noon, featuring a main event and semi-main event for flatbottom circle racers and drag elimination for the elite classes of that branch of boating — the blown fuel hydros and blown fuel flatbottoms. A purse of $4,000 will be at stake.

The decision to move the drag timing traps toward the stadium's closed end was made last week at a meeting among boating promoters, sanctioning organizations including the National Drag Boat Association, officials of the City of Long Beach, and representatives of the 11th District of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Moving the course westward will provide an added 100 yards for deceleration.

The Business of Little League

The bienneal Little League Baseball Congress will be in session for four days in Detroit, Mich., commencing Sunday evening.

More than 400 field representatives from the Canada, Mexico, and the United States will confer with the Little League staff from Williamsport, Penn., to evaluate the merits of the youth baseball program.

Charles "Red" Mochan of Torrance, Henry Burke of Redondo Beach, Anthony Sully of Westchester, and Ron Pollard of Inglewood will represent California Districts 27, 26, 36 and 37 at the convention.

A meeting of the 60 District Administrators from California will precede the Congress Sunday morning. The moderator is California International Advisor Edward Martins of Hayward.

The delegation of District Administrators has jurisdiction over all Rules and Regulations outside of Tournament Rules.

Since the inauguration of the Congress in Chicago in 1955, almost every major contribution to the growth of Little League Baseball has been attributed to the convention.

The realignment of the mandatory age requirements for major team stimulated the acceptance of the minor league and farm league programs. Since 1961 when Congress was held in Los Angeles, the Senior Division has become a focal program in youth baseball.

The delegation to the 1969 Congress will determine whether a "Big League" baseball program for boys 16, 17, and 18 will be fostered by Little League Baseball.

The economy of operating a youth baseball program in the local community is a priority item on the Little League agenda. Fund raising, a most essential condition for the perpetuation of a baseball league, will be throrughly reviewed.

Little League Baseball has been built on the concept that all boys, who reside within prescribed league boundaries and who provide proof of age, shall play baseball without any other prerequisite.

League officials have expressed that relief is needed without disturbing the principle of the regulation. It is not uncommon that the burden of maintaining the financial survival of a local league has been dependent upon a significant "few."

Little League Baseball is of great value to the community for its volunteer traditions — people providing for themselves and for others. This idea has been carried on for 30 years with more than 15,000 small ball diamonds having been established through "charity."

Never before has Little League Baseball seriously evaluated the role it has played in terms of charity until the time was placed on this Congress agenda.

Leadership will also command attention of the convention. From Sunday night, when Rev. Bob Richards opens the Congress with an inspiration address, until the close when all resolutions have been voted upon, the delegation will be concerned with the ability of Little League to captivate a 10-year-old boy with a ball, bat, glove and a uniform — all adapted to a baseball stadium of his own imagination.

DEATH NOTICE

DARROW, Donald Ray—passed away March 26. Born Jan. 29, 1939, in Livingston, Montana. Survived by wife, Joyce, of Torrance; 2 sons, Robert F. & David P.; daughter, Kathy Lynn; father & mother, Mr. & Mrs. Frannk Darrow of Los Alamitos; brother, Douglas of Los Alamitos; sisters, Carol Van Hemerryck of Crestline, Linda Darrow of Los Alamitos. Services 11 a.m. March 29 at Chapel of the Bells, Stone & Myers. Interment, Green Hills.

KINNEY, Gus — passed away March 24. Born Dec. 5, 1884 in West Virginia. Private services were conducted by Stone & Myers Mortuary.

WHALEY, Geneva J. — passed away March 23. Born in Colorado, Feb. 15, 1939. Survived by husband, Richard; sisters, Marvel Emmons of Hotchkiss, Sharon Templey of Paramount, Florence Daron of Golden; brother, Cleo Addis of Grand Junction, Colo.; father & mother, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Johnson of Torrance. Services March 28, Chapel of the Bells, Stone & Myers at 1 p.m. Interment, Roosevelt Memorial Park.

LANG, Elsie Violet, passed away March 25. Born Oct. 30, 1889 in Pennsylvania. Survived by 2 daughters, Lorraine Watson of Torrance and Elsie Di Gangi of Kenmore, New York; 6 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren. Services will be 7 p.m. Friday, March 28, Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel. Private cremation to follow, Saturday, March 29.

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