

## Joes Valley Reservoir may see Changes

PRICE, UTAH--The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) is considering making two changes at Joes Valley Reservoir starting next year. First, the DWR is considering a regulation change at the reservoir. Currently, the creel limit is two trout, only one over 22 inches, and all trout between 15 and 22 inches must be immediately released.

The DWR is considering a new regulation that would increase the limit back to four fish. Only one fish could be greater than 18 inches. This regulation would allow anglers to harvest a few more fish while still giving protection to the large splake (a brook trout/lake trout hybrid). Splake are being managed in Joes Valley Reservoir to serve as a biological control for Utah chubs. Current management is producing a trophy splake fishery, but overall abundance of Utah chub appears unchanged.



The still abundant Utah chub population has led to the consideration of the second change at Joes Valley Reservoir, the addition of tiger musky. The tiger musky is a hybrid cross between the muskellunge and the northern pike. This highly managed reservoir has had two basic management goals over the last 5 years: 1) to increase angler participation and interest in the fishery, and 2) to control the Utah chub through biological and mechanical means.

The DWR believes that tiger musky would aid in achieving both of these goals. Tiger musky have been a popular fish in Utah over recent years and the prey base available in Joes Valley

Reservoir has the potential to create a very attractive trophy fishery for a second species in this water. Information from other waters around the state, such as Johnson Reservoir, indicates that Joes Valley would be a suitable environment for this species.

Additional predator control is a priority for Joes Valley Reservoir. The tiger musky is an excellent option for several reasons. The species is sterile and would not over-populate. Additionally, escape of a sterile fish into downstream resources is of little concern. The tiger musky also has the potential to be a superior predator compared to what is currently being used and considered.

Reducing the density of Utah chub in Joes Valley Reservoir would have numerous benefits. It would allow a more diverse trout community to be developed. Currently, competition between small trout and chubs makes it impossible to stock rainbow, cutthroat, brown, or tiger trout for sport fish purposes. Public perception of this water would increase greatly with a reduced chub population. The DWR believes that with proper predator control a balance could be achieved allowing a trophy splake/tiger musky fishery to be developed and continued, while simultaneously providing a more traditional family fishery with rainbow, cutthroat, or brown trout. This ideal management strategy would be attractive to a diverse group of anglers.

Please share any concerns you may have with these proposed changes with Sport Fisheries Biologist Justin Hart. Justin may be reached at 435-613-3723 or [justinhart@utah.gov](mailto:justinhart@utah.gov). Anglers are also invited to attend the Fisheries Informational Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Meeting on May 28th at 6:30 P.M. at the John Wesley Powell Museum in Green River.



### **See Rocky Mountain Goats April 12**

Salt Lake City -- Colorful flowers and warmer weather aren't the only signs that spring is here—so are mountain goats at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon.

You can see and learn more about the goats at a free wildlife-viewing event. The event will be held Saturday, April 12. Free activities for kids also will be offered.

“This event will be a great opportunity to get out and enjoy the sure-footed antics of these goats,” says Bob Walters, Watchable Wildlife coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources.

The event will be held at the Park-and-Ride lot at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon in Salt Lake County. DWR biologists will be at the lot from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To reach the canyon, travel east out of Salt Lake City on 9400 South. “We’ll have powerful spotting scopes and binoculars available so you can get a close look at the goats,” Walters says. “You can also pick up a Rocky Mountain goat fact card and a poster.” And activities for kids will be held from 9 a.m. to noon.

“Your kids can stamp goat tracks using ink stamps and paper we’ll have on hand,” Walters says. “We’ll also have some mountain goat horns and fur for them to handle.” For more information, call Walters at (801) 538-4771.

### **Time Running Out to Help Songbirds and River Otters**

Tax season over on April 15

A few days are still left to help songbirds, river otters and other wildlife that people don’t hunt or fish for.

You can help by giving a few dollars to Utah’s Nongame Wildlife Fund before the income tax deadline on April 15. To give a donation, go to line 19 on your 2007 Utah State Income Tax form. Once you’re there, enter code 01 and the amount you want to donate.

If you’ve already filed your taxes, there’s another way you can provide Utah’s nongame wildlife with some much-needed help.

Nongame wildlife need funding

“Most Utahns don’t realize it, but hunters and anglers provide almost all of the funding to manage the state’s wildlife,” says Greg Sheehan, Administrative Services Section chief for the Division of Wildlife Resources.

“Hunters and anglers provide this funding when they buy hunting and fishing licenses and equipment,” Sheehan says. “Because sportsmen are paying the cost to manage Utah’s wildlife, we use most of the money we receive from them to manage wildlife that people hunt or fish for.”

Money from the nongame wildlife fund is used differently. “Money from the fund is used entirely to help wildlife for which people don’t hunt or fish,” Sheehan says. “For people who care about nongame wildlife, donating to the fund is a convenient and easy way to help.”



If you've already filed your taxes

If you've already filed your taxes, you can still help. The DWR accepts donations for nongame wildlife throughout the year.

You can send your donation to Division of Wildlife Resources, P.O. Box 146301, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84114-6301. Please indicate, either on the check or on a note attached to the check, that the money is for Utah's Nongame Wildlife Fund.

How nongame wildlife money is used

Last year, Utah taxpayers gave more than \$37,000 to the Utah Nongame Wildlife Fund. The DWR uses these funds to support several important programs.



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For example, the DWR's nongame avian program uses the money to survey raptor and songbird populations in Utah. Information obtained through the surveys allows biologists to make decisions that will help ensure birds as common as yellow warblers and American robins, and as rare as peregrine falcons and yellow-billed cuckoos, thrive for years to come.



The DWR has also used the money to learn more about the amount of habitat that's available in Utah for Mexican spotted owls. Biologists developed this habitat model using GIS technology and results from almost 15 years spent surveying owls in Utah's remote canyons.

Biologists in the DWR's nongame mammals program use nongame wildlife fund

money to help endangered and sensitive species. Through their work, river otters now live in southern Utah, a black-footed ferret population is establishing itself in the northeastern part of the state and important information about pygmy rabbits and prairie dogs is being gathered.

“We appreciate every dollar we receive from Utah’s taxpayers,” says Kevin Bunnell, mammals program coordinator for the DWR. “The more funding we receive, the more we can do to keep these animals off the federal Endangered Species list.”

## **Second Annual Wasatch Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo scheduled**

The Stonefly Society and Cache Valley Anglers, chapters of Utah Trout Unlimited, are pleased to announce the Second Annual Wasatch Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo. The Expo will be held Friday and Saturday, May 2-3, 2008 at the Karen Gail Miller Convention Center, Salt Lake Community College, 9750 South 300 West, Sandy, Utah.

This two-day Expo will feature fly tying demos from some of the best fly tiers in Utah, casting clinics, fly tying and fly fishing workshops, activities for kids, prize raffles, exhibitors, and more.

Last year’s inaugural event was a great success and we anticipate this year’s Expo to be bigger and better. Saturday evening we will conclude the Expo with a banquet and auction featuring

renown author and fly shop owner Kelly Galloup

([www.slideinn.com](http://www.slideinn.com)) as our keynote speaker.

Expo activities on Friday will go from 4 p.m. - 9 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. The banquet Saturday evening will start at 6:30 p.m.



The goals we have are threefold: 1) raise funds for future conservation projects for Utah’s streams, rivers, and lakes, 2) celebrate fly tying and fly fishing in the state of Utah, and 3) have some fun.

In addition to the Expo event, we are pleased to announce the first annual Wasatch Fly Fishing

Film Festival which will be held on Thursday May 1st, 2008 at 7 p.m. The film festival will feature 5-7 mini fly fishing film segments of 2008. We hope to make this an annual event that will draw some of the best fly fishing film producers from around the world. It will be held at the Miller Free Enterprise Center in the Auditorium, Salt Lake Community College, 9750 South 300 West, Sandy, Utah. Tickets will be \$8 per person, \$10 at the door. We will be giving away some great door prizes and holding a few raffles. It should be a great event.

The workshops, classes, and casting clinic schedules will be posted on the Stonefly Society website and our expo website. Check the websites often for updates and announcements.

([www.stoneflysociety.org](http://www.stoneflysociety.org)) ([www.wasatchexpo.com](http://www.wasatchexpo.com))

You'll find attached a Raffle and Banquet package list along with an RSVP form for Workshops and Classes. Please review the different raffle/banquet packages and workshops/classes and fill out your RSVP and send it in. RSVP's for the banquet are due April 15th. Signup forms for

workshops/classes are due April 25th.

If you would like to be a volunteer fly tyer to exhibit your fly tying skills, please contact Curtis Fry via email at [frito1@gmail.com](mailto:frito1@gmail.com).

Discount lodging is available at the Country Inn & Suites in Sandy, UT. Call 801-553-1151 and let them know you're attending the fly fishing expo for the \$89.00 a room discount. Located at 10499 South Jordan Gateway, Sandy, UT 84095

## Early Spring Fishing Report

**GENERAL:** Lower elevation waters have thawed. Ice may be soft at mid- or even upper elevation waters. It's extremely important to observe the "buddy system." Carry a rescue rope and floatation device. Each person should carry a pair of hand-held ice picks. Follow trails made by others. Drill a test hole close to shore to determine ice thickness and hardness.

**HUNTINGTON CREEK:** On March 21, Tom Ogden fished below the forks. He used a #10 beadhead Montana nymph and caught an equal number of browns and cutthroats. Several weeks earlier, Tom had good success with a #14 beadhead hares ear. Fish range from 11 to 14 inches. The water is clear with no sign of snowmelt.



**HUNTINGTON NORTH STATE PARK:** State Park Manager Dan Richards indicates that the shoreline is opening up daily. Ice fishing is definitely unsafe. Please wait until bank fishing becomes available.

**JOE'S VALLEY RESERVOIR:** No recent report. The reservoir remains ice covered. Angler pressure was low, suggesting slow fishing conditions. This water has special regulations. Please refer to the 2008 Fishing Guidebook.

**LOWER FISH CREEK:** On March 24, Tom Ogden checked the creek to find that the downstream flow had been shut off, and heavy equipment were active, working on the spillway project. More than a week earlier, Tom had good success with a size 14 hares ear and caught one fish after the next until his fly had been bitten to pieces. Most of Tom's fish ranged from 11 to 14 inches, but he did catch one that measured 16 inches. Two were rainbows and the rest were browns.

**MILLSITE RESERVOIR:** The reservoir is open, and fishing was fair. Recommended baits include PowerBait or nightcrawlers. A bronze or silver Jakes has also been effective. Fly fishermen should try a #10 black/green wooly bugger. Rainbows range from 11 to 14 inches.

**SAN JUAN COUNTY:** Aquatics Biologist Darek Elverud fished Recapture Reservoir a week ago. Much of the reservoir still had ice, but the shoreline was fishable. Ice-off is imminent. Darek hooked one five- to six-pound pike that broke off at the bank. Darek didn't have any other bites and rated fishing as slow. He tried spoons, spinners, jigs and bait with equally poor results.

**SCOFIELD RESERVOIR:** Conservation Officer Ben Riley has reported fair to good fishing in the bays and dam cove. Ben saw some anglers taking limits of fish with neon green PowerBait. A week earlier, Lt. Carl Gramlich fished at the mouth of the dam cove and caught seven fish in 2.5 hours, using a white jig, baited with minnows or crawlers. Carl's fish were around 14 inches, although he saw other anglers with larger fish, somewhere around 17 to 19 inches. Carl advises anglers to either bring an auger extension or shovel to remove the top layers of snow, slush and bad ice. Carl recommends fishing from 9 a.m. to noon.

On the Utah fishing forum at [www.bigfishtackle.com](http://www.bigfishtackle.com), a thread posted on March 15 indicated fast fishing action until 10 a.m. with a white jig, tipped with a piece of crawler.

On March 10, Conservation Officer Mike Milburn and party fished the west side in 12 to 14 feet of water. Mike caught a limit using a small attractor with a 10-inch dropper and small ice fly.

The ice fly was tipped with a piece of night crawler.



**STRAIGHT CANYON:** Fishing success was fair for anglers using nymphs or worms. The creek is expected to open within a week of warm weather.

**BAKER RESERVOIR:** The reservoir is full but the water was murky. Catchable-sized rainbow trout have been stocked and fishing should be fair to good using bait, lures, and flies.

**BARKER RESERVOIRS, NORTH CREEK LAKES:** All lakes except Barker and Lower Barker Reservoirs are closed to fishing through April 20. Dougherty Basin is closed until July 12. All lakes are frozen over. Access is limited to snowmobile and ATV. Special regulations on many of the Boulder Mountain waters include a trout limit of four of which only two may be over 14 inches.

**BEAVER MOUNTAIN LAKES:** All lakes are frozen over. Access to most lakes still by snowmobile only.

**BEAVER RIVER, LOWER:** Flows are low and clear, so fish are easily spooked. Fishing is fair to good for rainbows and browns using streamer patterns in the deep holes. Flows will increase when irrigation releases begin in mid-April. Much of the river is on private property, so please treat the area with respect. Much of the private land is open to walk-in access, but some is closed to trespass so watch for signs.

**BEAVER RIVER, UPPER:** Some of the anchor ice is breaking up. You should be able to find some fishable water. Please prevent the spread of whirling disease by cleaning mud from waders and equipment. Do not transport any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

**BOULDER MTN LAKES:** Most Boulder Mtn. lakes are closed to fishing through April 20. Check the Utah Fishing Guide (proclamation) for which lakes are still open. Access on most of the mountain is limited to snowmobile and ATV. No recent reports. Special regulations on many of the Boulder Mountain waters include a trout limit of four of which only two may be over 14 inches.

**CHALK CREEK:** Wild rainbows are abundant and can be caught with spinners and flies. Best fishing is away from the campground and more heavily fished spots. The North Fork provides a good spot for those willing to hike. Meadow Creek and Pioneer Creek are other small streams in the area that contain populations of small, wild trout.

**CLEAR CREEK:** The lower section in Fremont Indian State Park is getting muddy some days with afternoon runoff.

**CORN CREEK:** Wild brown trout are abundant and can be caught with spinners and flies. Though trout get sluggish during the winter, stream fishing can be very productive throughout the colder months. Successful winter tackle includes nymphs, spinners, and natural baits.

**DUCK CREEK SPRINGS/ASPEN MIRROR LAKE:** Closed to fishing until April 20. This closure includes Duck Creek stream.

**EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER KINGSTON CANYON:** Flows are low and only slightly turbid. A fair amount of pressure lately, but fishing was slow to fair. Recent sampling found that trout numbers are down from recent years. Water levels will be fishable until May 1. There is public access on a section of Kingston Canyon midway through the canyon that was purchased through the Blue Ribbon Program. Look for the signs. Most of the remainder of the canyon is private and posted, so ask permission first.

**EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER BLACK CANYON:** Flows have been fairly turbid and fishing is generally slow. Action should pick up any time the water clears. For the section of river from the BLM property boundary (about four miles south of Antimony) upstream to the confluence with Deer Creek, special regulations include the use of artificial flies and lures only and a limit of two trout. Some private land is closed to trespass, so watch for the signs.



**EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER ABOVE TROPIC RES:** No word on access or fishing conditions.

**ENTERPRISE RESERVOIR:** (Upper and Lower): The upper reservoir will not be stocked this year. The reservoir will not be filled past its current level because work on the dam will not be finished until later this summer. Irrigation needs will drain the reservoir again by summer. The lower reservoir is full and will be stocked with catchable rainbows in April. Extra fish will be stocked in the lower reservoir to help compensate for the loss of the upper reservoir this year. A fish consumption advisory was issued for rainbow trout in Upper Enterprise Reservoir due to elevated levels of mercury. It is recommended that adults limit their consumption to one eight-ounce portion per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one two-ounce portion per month. For further details, visit [www.fishadvisories.utah.gov](http://www.fishadvisories.utah.gov).

**FISH LAKE:** Ice is still 20 inches thick and mostly solid. Keep an eye out for soft and slushy spots they could appear at any time. Fishing continues to be good to excellent for splake, rainbows, and perch near the weedline. Tip your jigs with meal worms or perch meat. Remember that the perch limit here is 50 and harvest of perch is encouraged. A few lake trout are being caught by very patient anglers. If you are not having success, vary your location and depth to find the fish. Note: A few tiger muskies have moved up from Johnson Reservoir. The general statewide limits on tiger muskie apply here—one fish, which must be over 40 inches.

**FORSYTH RESERVOIR:** State Road 72 is still closed just past the Mill Meadow turnoff. No word on when the snow will be plowed. Access by snowmobile and ATV. Ice is still safe. Very little fishing pressure and slow to fair success for splake. Slow for tiger trout. Try jigs tipped with sucker meat. Please prevent the spread of whirling disease. Do not transport any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

**FREMONT RIVER:** Though trout get sluggish during the winter, stream fishing can be very productive throughout the colder months. Successful winter tackle includes nymphs, spinners, and natural baits. The lower sections of the stream can be good at any time of year if the water is not turbid. Much of the lower stream is on private land. Ask for permission before fishing on private land. Please prevent the spread of whirling disease by cleaning mud from waders and equipment. Do not transport any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

**GUNLOCK RESERVOIR:** Water temperature is in the mid 40s. Fishing is slow. Remember special regulations for bass: four bass under 10 inches and two over 20 inches. A fish consumption advisory was issued for largemouth bass from Gunlock due to elevated levels of mercury. It is recommended that adults limit their consumption of largemouth bass to two eight-ounce portions per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one four-ounce portion per month. For further details, visit [www.fishadvisories.utah.gov](http://www.fishadvisories.utah.gov).

**JOHNSON RESERVOIR:** Musky fishing will be nonexistent until spring. The reservoir contains an abundance of suckers, Utah chubs, and small yellow perch. Special regulations: Whole fish and amphibians are not allowed as bait. Cut bait must be no longer than one inch in any

dimension and only one piece per hook. Limit one tiger musky over 40 inches—all tiger muskies less than 40 inches must be immediately released.

**KOLOB RESERVOIR:** Access is limited to snowmobile and ATV. No recent reports. Special regulations include artificial flies and lures only, with a limit of one trout, which must be over 18 inches. Scented jigs are not allowed. Tributary streams are closed to fishing until July 12. Please call the poaching hotline (1-800-662-DEER) to report violations.

**KOOSHAREM RESERVOIR:** Not much pressure. Still capped with ice, but there is some softening at the edges.

**LOWER BOWNS RESERVOIR:** Limited access due to snow. Ice should be coming off soon.



#### **MAMMOTH**

**CREEK:** Flows are generally low and clear, though the river can get turbid with runoff at any time. Though trout get sluggish during the winter, stream fishing can be very productive throughout the colder months. Successful winter tackle includes nymphs and spinners. Public access is possible on some of Mammoth Creek west of Highway 89 please watch for and respect private property postings. Special regulations apply to a section of Mammoth Creek check the proclamation for details. Please prevent the spread of whirling disease. Do not transport any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

**MILL MEADOW RESERVOIR:** Ice is unsafe at the edges. Some open water at the Fremont River inlet. One angler reports good success for browns in the open water using Krocodiles on a very slow retrieve. Remember that the perch limit is 20. Please prevent the spread of whirling disease. Do not transport any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

**MINERSVILLE RESERVOIR:** Lots of pressure lately. In the last week, the water has cleared up a lot and fishing has picked up. Fly anglers are doing well with beadhead nymphs and midges about six feet below a strike indicator. Fish are right next to shore. Some of the best fishing is found late in the afternoon and when the wind is up. Lots of 20-inch rainbows are being caught. Special regulations include artificial flies and lures only, with a limit of one trout, which must be over 22 inches. Scented jigs are not allowed. Please call the poaching hotline (1-800-662-DEER) to report violations. Please prevent the spread of whirling disease. Do not transport any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

**MONROE MOUNTAIN LAKES:** Snow limits access. These lakes typically don't get much ice fishing pressure. Manning Meadow Reservoir is closed to fishing until July 12.

**NAVAJO LAKE:** The gate is closed access by snowmobile. Little pressure. Ice fishing is a good way to target splake. Try jigs tipped with sucker meat or stillfishing dead minnows.

**NEWCASTLE RESERVOIR:** The reservoir is filling and the ice is gone. Anglers are catching a few 8- to 10-inch rainbows from shore using bait. Also some surface activity just before dark. Catchable rainbows will be stocked the first week of April. Note: Dead golden shiners are no longer legal to use as bait. See the Utah Fishing Guide (page 27) for details. A fish consumption advisory was issued for rainbow trout in Newcastle Reservoir due to elevated levels of mercury. It is recommended that adults limit their consumption to two eight-ounce portions per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one four-ounce portion per month. For further details, visit [www.fishadvisories.utah.gov](http://www.fishadvisories.utah.gov).



**OTTER CREEK RESERVOIR:** The ice is completely gone and the water temperature is around 40. Fishing from shore is picking up as trout move in shallow. Action could get very fast within the next week. Try natural baits, as well as lures and flies. Look for lots of pressure on the

weekend. Please prevent the spread of whirling disease. Do not transport any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

**PANGUITCH LAKE:** Ice is still nearly two feet thick and not softening much. Not much pressure recently, though fishing is still fair to good with white jigs tipped with mealworm. Stillfishing with PowerBait is not as consistent and is not recommended because it is more likely to injure fish that you need to release. All fish are very fat and healthy but most are in the slot, so don't plan on keeping a limit.

**Special Regulations:** Limit is four trout, which must be less than 15 inches or over 22 inches. All trout 15 to 22 inches must be released. Trout caught at Panguitch Lake cannot be filleted, or the head or tail removed, until you get home. Some tributaries are closed until July 12 check the Utah Fishing Guide for which streams are closed. **TIPS FOR RELEASING FISH IN THE SLOT (15 to 22 inches):** If a fish swallows the hook, please cut the line to avoid mortality. A fish can pass a swallowed hook and survive, while digging the hook out will almost certainly kill the fish. Also try fishing with single hooks instead of treble hooks.

**PARAGONAH (RED CREEK) RESERVOIR:** Access is limited to snowmobile or ATV. Larger vehicles are not recommended. Some people have gotten stuck trying to drive to the reservoir. Ice fishing could be productive, if you can get there. Tributary streams are closed to fishing until July 12. Rainbows are very abundant. Harvest is encouraged to allow fish to stay in balance with the food base. Bait is not as successful for wild fish, so try flashy lures or flies.

**PINE LAKE:** The ice should be coming off soon. No word on road access.

**PINE VALLEY RESERVOIR:** The ice is coming off. Little pressure and fishing was fairly slow. Catchable rainbows will be stocked in May.

**PIUTE RESERVOIR:** The ice is gone. Shore anglers are reporting good success for 18-inch rainbows using night crawlers and Power bait, as well as wooly buggers, flashy lures, and Rapalas. Some trollers are also doing well. A few larger fish have been caught.

**QUAIL LAKE:** Water temperature is 48 to 50 degrees. A few bass have been caught 20 to 30 feet deep. Bass fishing probably won't pick up for a couple more weeks. Remember the special regulations for bass: four bass under 10 inches and two over 20 inches.

**SAND COVE RESERVOIRS:** Both reservoirs were drawn low this winter while Pacificorp made repairs to the canals. No fish kills were ever reported, however, and it is likely that the bass and bluegill populations made it through just fine. Both reservoirs are currently being refilled. Catchable rainbows will be stocked in the upper reservoir at the beginning of April.

**SAND HOLLOW RESERVOIR:** Water temperature is in the low 50s. Bass fishing is slowly getting better. Fish are being caught at 10 feet. Success should pick up within a week. New

regulations: bass limit is six, with one over 12 inches. Public access to the reservoir is available only through the State Park.

**SEVIER RIVER (UPPER), ASAY CREEK:** The river is generally low and clear, but it can get turbid at any time with runoff. Fair fishing reported for browns and rainbows fishing in the deep holes. Most of the trout water on the upper Sevier is located upstream (south) from the town of Hatch. Intermittent sections of good habitat are present above Hatch and easily accessible from Highway 89. Asay Creek west of Highway 89 is on private land and access is restricted.



**SEVIER RIVER MARYSVALE CANYON:** The river is ice-free and access is good. Lots of fishing pressure. Fishing is fair to good for browns and rainbows. Spinners and rapalas have produced a few nice browns.

**THOUSAND LAKES MTN:** Access is limited by snow. Ice fishing can be productive in the Solomon Basin lakes.

**TROPIC RESERVOIR:** Most ice should be gone. Be cautious with spring road conditions. There may be a few catchable rainbows left, though most would not have survived the previous low water levels. Catchable rainbows will be stocked in May. Spring is a good time to target large brown trout. The local favorite technique is a dead minnow fished on the bottom.

**URBAN PONDS:** Washington County ponds: Catchable rainbows have been stocked several times since November in all the ponds, with the latest stocking during the last two weeks. Lots of pressure on the weekends, moderate on weekdays. Fishing is good with any technique, though adults are encouraged to use flies or lures. Iron County: Catchable rainbows have been stocked in Parowan Pond.

**WIDE HOLLOW RESERVOIR:** The ice is gone and the State Park boat ramp is open. Fishing was slow, though action for bluegill and bass could pick up anytime. Catchable rainbows will be stocked in April.

**YANKEE MEADOW RESERVOIR:** Ice condition is unknown, but access is limited.

### **The Original Winchester Name is Back**

The Morgan, Utah based makers of Winchester rifles and shotguns have announced the historic

return to the original name given the brand nearly 150 years ago. In 1866 Oliver Winchester named his company - and the brand of rifles he was selling - Winchester Repeating Arms. Going forward all Winchester branded sporting firearms will fall under the Winchester Repeating Arms banner.



In the mid 20th century the usage was often shortened to just "Winchester." In recent years reference to Winchester firearms fell under the umbrella brand of Winchester Rifles and Shotguns. Today, with the launching of the 2008 product line, including the new Model 70 and the entry of the new Speed Pump shotgun, it is fitting for the company to return to its roots. Other Winchester Repeating Arms products include the Super X3 autoloading shotgun (known for its extreme speed and reliability), the Super X Rifle (an autoloading centerfire rifle with impressive, bolt action-like accuracy), the Wildcat 22 bolt action, and the impressive line of Model 101 and Platinum over and under shotguns (made in Belgium).

The Winchester brand is licensed to the makers of Winchester firearms by the Olin Corporation. Olin is the owner of the legendary Winchester Ammunition brand and owns and licenses the brand to a number of quality companies who make hunting and shooting related products. Winchester Repeating Arms and Winchester Ammunition are the anchor brands for the Winchester family of products.

### **Free Hotdogs and Hamburgers this Saturday**

Saturday, March 29th... Mark your calendars and join us for lunch!

Spring has sprung and we are ready to welcome the season with our Annual BBQ!

Stop in Saturday for FREE LUNCH! We will be serving Hotdogs and Hamburgers at Honda World.

Check out all of our Previously Owned inventory as well as our 2008 Honda models.

Hope to see you this Saturday...

Our hours are 10:00am-5:00pm

We will be doing the BBQ from 11am-3pm

Bring the Kids too!

### **Browning Introduces New Cynergy Classic Trap Unsingle Combo**

MORGAN, UTAH - The newest addition to Browning's diverse line of high-performance trap shotguns is the Cynergy Classic Trap Unsingle Combo that will give trap shooters one of the most advanced over and under shotgun designs to use in either singles or doubles competition.



The new Cynergy Classic Trap Unsingle Combo set includes an adjustable Unsingle Rib with single barrel and an over and under barrel set, all in an aluminum case. The Unsingle Rib can be easily fine tuned for sight picture and point of impact adjustments.

The Cynergy's low profile receiver design aids in controlling recoil with its Monolock hinge technology that gives the Cynergy the lowest profile receiver in the industry. This ingenious new hinge system pivots on significantly more surface area than other over and under shotguns with low profile receivers.

The Cynergy also features the unique Reverse Striker ignition system. This is a mechanical trigger system that uses an actuator to reverse the direction of the impact force from the pin to the striker. It offers the benefits of crisper feel and lighter pull, plus greatly reduced locktime and overtravel.

The new Cynergy Classic Trap Unsingle Combo will be supplied with a gloss finish Monte Carlo grade III/IV walnut stock with right-hand palm swell, adjustable comb and modified semi-beavertail forearm with finger grooves. It will be offered in 32"/34", 32"/32", 30"/34" and 30"/32" barrel combinations with HiViz® Pro-Comp fiber optic sights. Four Invector Plus™ Midas Grade™ chokes tubes will also be supplied. Suggested Retail with aluminum fitted case, \$4,942.00.

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Finals coverage begins at 10am MST, followed by the Super Finals action that goes off at around 12:30pm MST.

Tune in to [www.usfreeskiing.com](http://www.usfreeskiing.com) or any of the following partner websites:

- [www.powder.com](http://www.powder.com)
- <http://thegoat.backcountry.com>
- [www.newschoolers.com](http://www.newschoolers.com)
- [www.biglines.com](http://www.biglines.com)

Don't forget, a re-broadcast full show can be seen again tonight, beginning at 6pm MST



See you on the mountainside!

## 2008 SUBARU U.S. Freeskiing Series & Freeskiing World Tour SCHEDULE

**Stop 1:** Subaru Telluride Freeskiing Open, Telluride CO, February 7-10

**Stop 2:** Subaru Squaw Valley Freeskiing Open, Squaw Valley, CA, February 14-17

**Stop 3:** Subaru U.S. Extreme Freeskiing Championships, Crested Butte, CO, February 19-23  
(World Tour #1)

**Stop 4:** Subaru Jackson Hole Freeskiing Open, Jackson Hole, WY, March 13-16

**Stop 5:** Subaru U.S. Freeskiing Nationals, Snowbird, UT, March 18-23 (World Tour #2)

**Stop 6:** Subaru Freeskiing World Championships and Subaru U.S. Freeskiing Series Finals, Alyeska, AK, April 9-13 (World Tour #3)

Special thanks to our sponsors:

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Special thanks to our Resort partners:

Snowbird Ski & Summer Resort	Jackson Hole Mountain Resort
Telluride Ski Resort	Squaw Valley USA
Kirkwood Mountain Resort	Alyeska Resort

### **Dave Emary Named One of Outdoor Life's Most Influential People**

Dave Emary, Chief Ballistic Scientist at Hornady® Manufacturing, was named one of the "Outdoor Life 25" by Outdoor Life magazine. This annual award honors leaders, innovators, conservationists and unsung heroes who have impacted the outdoor sports in a positive and significant way. Honorees were recognized during a reception hosted by ECHO Incorporated at the Shooting, Hunting, and Outdoor Trade (SHOT) Show in Las Vegas in February, and were profiled in the January 2008 issue of Outdoor Life magazine.



Photo: Lane Hickenbottom

Emary is largely responsible for designing some of the most innovative and technologically advanced bullets and ammunition on the market today, to include the AMAX™ bullet, 17 HMR and 204 Ruger cartridges, as well as LEVERevolution® ammunition featuring the new line of FTX™ bullets.

Humble in demeanor, Emary is quick to share credit for his accomplishments. "I would not have been able to accomplish what I have done without the hard work and help of other people," he said. "I'm most excited about the attention this brings to Hornady and the affirmation that we are doing good things in the industry."

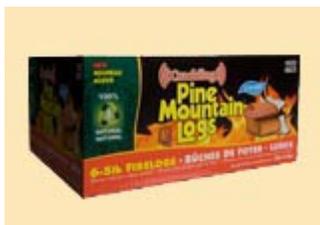
Hornady Manufacturing President and CEO, Steve Hornady, is extremely pleased to see Emary honored in this way. "Dave is a vital part of the Hornady team," he said. "His intelligence, passion and true devotion to his work make him a great asset to our company."

Before joining Hornady in 1994, Emary built his career through a host of military and government-sponsored projects. He holds Bachelors of Science degrees in Physics and Aeronautical/Astronautical Engineering from Bowling Green State University, and the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1981 to 1987, achieving the rank of Captain, with service in the Ballistic Missile Office of Norton AFB, and the U.S. Air Force Headquarters at the Pentagon. As a civilian he developed and tested ballistics at the Los Alamos Laboratory in New Mexico, and the Olin Corporation in Florida.

### **Buying Firewood may hurt Forest**

As millions of Americans plan their first camping trips of the season and head into the great outdoors this spring and summer, foresters hope they will leave one thing behind: firewood.

**Problem:** The U.S. Forest Service says transporting firewood lets tree-killing insects hitch a ride into the woods. These insects cause about \$120 billion in damage, lost revenue, and prevention expenses every year. To learn more about the culprit\*, see below.



**What to burn?** Bringing firewood into parks is discouraged – or even banned in some states. In-park firewood collection is prohibited because downed wood is a necessary part of the eco-system.

**Solution:** Shopping may be more eco-friendly than chopping. All-natural store-bought firelogs produce 80 percent fewer emissions (ash, dust, creosote, & carbon monoxide) than wood – and are bug free:

#### **Java-Log**

Java-Log is the first and only firelog made with recycled spent coffee grounds and all-natural wax -- 100 percent renewable resources! Java-Log firelog diverts more than 20 million pounds of coffee waste each year that would otherwise end up in our landfills! [www.java-log.com](http://www.java-log.com)

#### **Pine Mountain**

All-Natural Pine Mountain firelogs are made from 100 percent renewable resources, including recycled sawdust and all-natural wax. [www.pinemountainbrands.com](http://www.pinemountainbrands.com)

Both Java-Log and Pine Mountain firelogs are longer-burning than firewood (2-3 hours per log) and require no kindling or stoking (simply light the paper wrapper). Available at all major retailers, the firelogs cost \$2-3 per log or can be purchased in cases.

#### **The Culprit:**

The emerald ash borer, a half-inch long, metallic-green beetle, has killed more than 20 million ash trees in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Maryland, and Ontario.

In New Hampshire, half of all campers come from other states and half of all campers bring firewood from home. Minnesota has over 50,000 loads of firewood being brought into areas where it does not belong.



### **Woolrich to Sponsor National Hunting & Fishing Day**

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. -- Woolrich, a perennial supporter of National Hunting and Fishing Day, has again come aboard as a major sponsor of the annual commemoration set for Sept. 27.

At the urging of the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), Congress formalized the day in 1972 to acknowledge the conservation achievements of hunters and anglers.

The new sponsorship from Woolrich provides vital support for Wonders of Wildlife museum, the official home and national organizer of National Hunting and Fishing Day. The Springfield, Mo., facility is the only hunting- and fishing-focused museum that's both affiliated with the Smithsonian Institution and accredited by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association.

"Woolrich is proud to once again be associated with this celebration of conservation through hunting and fishing," said Tim Joseph, Woolrich director of marketing and media. "As a company with a rich heritage in the outdoors, Woolrich applauds the efforts of those who support the recreation and conservation that come from hunting and fishing."



[www.nhfd.org](http://www.nhfd.org)

Wonders of Wildlife also receives major sponsorship from NSSF, Bass Pro Shops, The Sportsman Channel, National Wild Turkey Federation, Realtree and Cabela's.

"Woolrich's generosity will help us continue to offer free tools and promotional items for National Hunting and Fishing Day event planners, and renew our special campaign to encourage more nationwide media coverage of hunting, fishing and conservation," said Denise Wagner, event coordinator for Wonders of Wildlife.

Today, through fees and excise taxes, over 34 million hunters and anglers generate \$100,000 every 30 minutes for fish, wildlife and habitat programs. For more information, visit [www.nhfd.org](http://www.nhfd.org).

### **2008 Refuge System Photo Contest Results Announced:**

*Louisiana's Mack Barham, M.D. wins with "Egrets in Fog"*

Washington, DC – The National Wildlife Refuge Association (NWRA) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2008 Refuge Photo Contest, a digital photo contest showcasing America's

national wildlife refuges and the diverse wildlife that depend on them. The winners are announced in celebration of the 105th anniversary of the establishment of the first National Wildlife Refuge on March 14, 1903, and will serve to help promote the Refuge System for years to come.



More than 2,000 images from over 150 refuges from 45 states and territories were submitted to this third annual Refuge Photo Contest, undeniable evidence that refuges are outstanding places to view wildlife and experience America's diverse heritage. Images were submitted by upload through the contest website from October 15 until December 15, 2007.

“The contest results are testimonial both to the wealth of talent possessed by amateur outdoor photographers across the nation, and to the spectacular beauty that can be found at our national wildlife refuges,” said Evan Hirsche, President of the NWRA. “These photos will help us illustrate why it’s so important to protect and strengthen our more than 548 national wildlife refuges.”

Top prize, a 2008 Toyota Highlander Hybrid generously provided by Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A., goes to Mack Barham, M.D., for a spectacular photograph of great egrets taking flight in the morning fog at Black Bayou Lake NWR, LA. “We applaud Dr. Barham and all the winners of the Refuge Photo Contest for their spectacular images that capture the magnificence and grandeur of our national wildlife refuges,” said Mary Nickerson, national external

communication manager for Toyota Motor Sales. “As a company that focuses on environmental sustainability, we are pleased to sponsor a program that helps to raise public awareness of the National Wildlife Refuge System and America’s diverse wildlife heritage.”



The top 5 prize winners are Mack Barham, M.D. of Monroe, LA (First Place); Steve Byland of Warren, NJ (Second Place); Robert Baker of Emmett, ID (Third Place); Ray Foster of Salem, OR (Fourth Place); and Jim Burns of Scottsdale, AZ (Fifth Place). The 15 honorable mention

winners are: Gerry Abbott, Bryan Aulick, Mark B. Bartosik, David Goldberg, Steve Greer, Richard Henry, Daniel Kaiser, Mary Konchar, Mike McBride, David Redman, Roger Smith, Ted Steinke, Carol Wolfe, Gail Diane Yovanovich, and Les Zigurski.

To view the winning images and Image Library, visit:

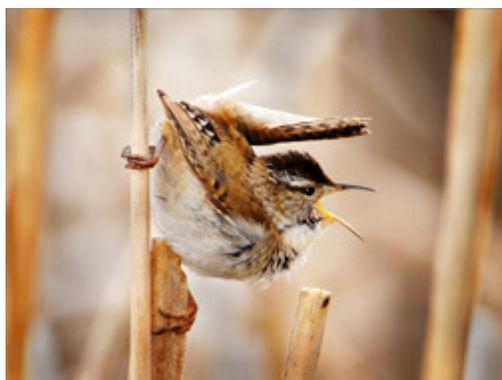
<http://www.refugenet.org/contest/2008Winners.html>

In addition to the top prize Toyota Highlander Hybrid, second through fifth place winners will receive: an Art Wolfe Photography Package; a Canon EOS 40D Camera outfit; a pair of Steiner Peregrine Binoculars; and a Trek-Tech TrekPod. First through fifth place winners will also receive a Barbara's Bakery camping snack package. The 15 honorable mention photographers will receive field guides from Houghton Mifflin.

The National Wildlife Refuge Association wishes to express its great appreciation to all sponsors for their tremendous contributions in support of this program, and would like to recognize Zenfolio in particular for hosting the contest on its elegant website, <http://www.zenfolio.com>. The NWRA also thanks the photo contest judges who contributed their time and expertise to selecting the winners. They are Maria Cecil, Jim Clark, Keron Psillas, and Deirdre Skillman.

Images from the contest will be added to the NWRA Refuge Image Library, a gallery of high quality photographs showcasing the rich and varied wildlife and habitat protected by our country's National Wildlife Refuge System. The collection is searchable by subject category and state, and provides contact information for each photographer.

The National Wildlife Refuge Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, nationwide membership organization, established in 1975. The NWRA's mission is to protect enhance and expand the National Wildlife Refuge System, lands and water set aside by the American people to protect our country's diverse wildlife heritage. Over the years we have worked to make the Refuge System stronger and better able to address the growing challenges of conserving wildlife in our country. For more information, visit <http://www.refugeassociation.org>.



#### About Toyota's Philanthropy Activities

Toyota focuses its commitment to the community in three principle areas: education, environment and safety. These range from teacher grants and scholarships to cultural enrichment program, vocational training and family literacy. In 2007, Toyota USA contributed more than \$57 million to U.S. philanthropic programs, with a majority supporting education. Some of Toyota's signature community programs include the Toyota

TAPESTRY Program, the nation's largest science teacher grant of its kind and the Toyota International Teacher Program, a fully-funded two-week study-abroad program for grades 6-12 U.S. teachers. In partnership with the National Environmental Education Foundation, Toyota serves as the national sponsor of National Public Lands, a national one-day effort to renew and

refurbish America's public lands. Since 1991, overall donations total nearly \$400 million. For more information visit <http://www.toyota.com/community>.

Sponsor Links: Art Wolfe (<http://www.artwolfe.com/home.html>), Canon (<http://www.usa.canon.com/consumer/controller?act=ProductCatIndexAct&fccategoryid=111>), Steiner (<http://www.steiner-birding.com/>), Trek Technologies (<http://www.trek-tech.com/>), Barbara's Bakery (<http://www.worldpantry.com/cgi-bin/ncommerce/ExecMacro/barbarasbakery/home.d2w/report>), Houghton Mifflin (<http://www.hmco.com/indexf.html>), Wild Bird Centers of America (<http://www.wildbirdcenters.com/>)

## **NEW Buggspray Insect Repellent for Ticks Clothing Treatment**

*An innovative clothing treatment that repels and kills mosquitoes and ticks that may carry Lyme disease, even after repeated laundering!*

LONG LAKE, Minn. (Spring 2008) – Whether you are backpacking, camping, hunting, fishing or just out for a day enjoying nature’s beauty – these activities are not without hazard. While biting flies and mosquitoes are a common nuisance, the presence of ticks that carry Lyme disease is a growing risk. The Centers for Disease Control statistics show that during the past 15 years, cases of Lyme disease have risen 250 percent\*.



Buggspray Insect Repellent for Ticks is an innovative solution to safely treat your favorite outdoor apparel (shirts, pants, socks and even shoes) to help protect you from ticks and mosquitoes. Each six-ounce container provides enough product to treat two complete outfits to repel and kill ticks that may carry Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. Combining this “Insect Repellent Clothing” with Buggspray containing 25 percent DEET on exposed skin, provides virtually 100 percent protection from ticks, mosquitoes and other flying insects.

The treatment is easy and straightforward. In a well-ventilated area, simply spray your clothing with Buggspray Insect Repellent for Ticks and allow it to dry for two hours prior to wearing. Once dry, the odorless and non-staining formula binds to the fabric providing a minimum of two weeks effectiveness that stands up to repeated washings. Now your favorite outdoor apparel doesn’t just look good, it also protects you. For camping, Buggspray Repellent for Ticks can also be safely used on tents and other gear for added protection.

Additional steps that you can take to help prevent tick bites and the potential for Lyme disease include:

- Applying a repellent to your skin that contains at least 25 percent DEET, like The Original Buggspray Insect Repellent.
- Wear long pants, long sleeves, and long socks to keep ticks off your skin.
- Wear light-colored clothing to easily spot ticks.
- Tuck pant legs into socks or boots and tuck shirts into pants to keep ticks on the outside of clothing.

- Check your body daily for ticks. Finding and removing a tick that has attached itself to your skin within 24 hours greatly reduces your chance of becoming infected.
- If symptoms such as rash, headaches and joint pain occur, see your doctor immediately. If detected early, treatment with antibiotics is highly effective.

## **Buggspray Insect Repellent for Biting Flies**

*A superior mosquito repellent PLUS enhanced biting fly protection*

LONG LAKE, Minn. (Spring 2008) – Whether you work outside or enjoy outdoor activities, biting flies are relentless and often times more difficult to deter than mosquitoes. While DEET is the most effective EPA registered repellent for mosquitoes, it is generally not effective in keeping flies from taking a painful bite.

Buggspray Insect Repellent For Biting Flies is a unique product formulated with 25 percent DEET PLUS two additional EPA-registered ingredients to create enhanced protection from stable flies (ankle-biters), no-see-ums, deer flies, horse flies and black flies (biting gnats). These insects have a painful bite that can cause allergic reactions, swelling and are a nuisance to those enjoying hunting, fishing, golfing and other outdoor activities.

Buggspray Insect Repellent for Biting Flies also has the same unsurpassed mosquito and tick protection as The Original Buggspray Insect Repellent. That means it protects against mosquitoes that may transmit West Nile Virus, Encephalitis or Dengue Fever.

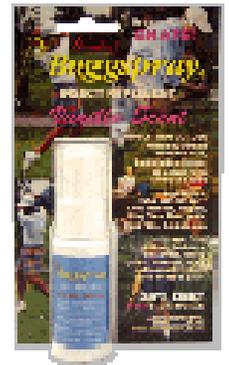
According to a 2007 report from the Centers for Disease Control, West Nile Virus was responsible for 177 deaths in the United States during 2006 – the highest number since

2003 when 264 persons died. Due to climate change, Dengue Fever is also becoming a significant threat in the Caribbean. There is no vaccine for Dengue Fever and its neurological effects can be debilitating.

Because it's fragrance-free, Buggspray Insect Repellent for Biting Flies is a great choice for hunters, fishermen and those who prefer a traditional non-scented product.

### About Bugg Products LLC

Bugg Products offer a full line of EPA-registered outdoor products designed to keep insects away from you and your home. These products include Original Clean Scent Buggspray, No Fragrance Buggspray Insect Repellent for Biting Flies, Buggins Natural Insect Repellent, Buggspray For Ticks and a complete line of Buggsayer Insecticides for outdoor use. Created by Minnesota-based Chemical Engineer and Scientist Brian Weekley, Bugg Products has been producing quality products since 1994. Their repellent products are distributed to hundreds of



grocery stores nationwide through SuperValu and sold mainly at retailers such as Cub Foods, Shop 'n Save, Coborns/Cashwise, Byerly's & Lunds, Walgreen's and Ace Hardware. For more information on Bugg Products, an extensive list of retailers or to order products online, visit [www.buggspray.com](http://www.buggspray.com).

### **Sanetti Named President and CEO of NSSF**

NEWTOWN, Conn. -- The National Shooting Sports Foundation's Board of Governors has announced that Steve Sanetti has accepted the position of president and chief executive officer of NSSF, effective May 1.

The Board of Governors began the search for a new president and CEO following its annual meeting in late February.

Sanetti is well known throughout the firearms industry, having spent 28 years with Sturm, Ruger and Company as an executive and general counsel, and been a member of the NSSF Board of Governors and the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute (SAAMI) Board of Directors.

"Steve is one of the most well-respected individuals in our industry," said Robert Scott, chairman of the NSSF Board of Governors. "His experience and good judgment have been valued at Sturm, Ruger for decades and by the industry at large for his role in helping defeat the municipal lawsuits filed against our industry."



Sanetti

Sanetti said he was thrilled to be taking the helm of the 47-year-old trade association. "Although I've been in this industry for 30 years and associated with the NSSF Board of Governors for 15 of those years, the challenges we all face will be new and constantly changing. The only way we will survive and prosper is to be flexible in our thinking and creative in our problem solving.

New situations demand novel approaches, and I am confident that with the skilled staff and thousands of loyal members of NSSF we will continue to help increase participation in and understanding of the shooting sports we are so passionate about. "I am excited to begin this new phase of my career at a place where I can have a positive and lasting impact on the future of hunting and shooting," he added.

Sanetti was hired by Bill Ruger in 1980 to be the company's first general counsel and rose up through the executive ranks to become, in 2003, president, vice chairman of the board and chief operating officer, the position he currently holds. A founding member of the Firearms Litigation Support Committee, Sanetti helped direct the successful coordinated response to municipal lawsuits that threatened the firearms industry in the late 1990s.

In addition to his legal and executive experience, Sanetti brings strong communications skills to the position, having written numerous articles and given many interviews defending the lawful

and responsible ownership and use of firearms. He has spoken on 60 Minutes, ABC News Nightline, CNBC, National Public Radio and before various federal and state legislative bodies. Sanetti is an avid hunter, target shooter, firearms collector and amateur gunsmith who was a three-year member of his college rifle team and later the team's coach. He was the enthusiastic captain of many victorious Ruger shooting teams at industry competitions and says his favorite hobby is to spend a day target shooting with his family.

A 1971 Distinguished Military Graduate (with honors) of the Virginia Military Institute, Sanetti earned his law degree from Washington & Lee University Law School. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army from 1975-1978 and was chief of criminal law for the First Cavalry Division at Ft. Hood, Texas.

At the Board of Governors meeting last month, Doug Painter, president and CEO of NSSF for the last six years, requested a change of position to become senior advisor and trade liaison. Painter praised the choice of Sanetti as his successor, "Steve has a tremendous knowledge of our industry and a real passion for our sports. He is a true believer in our cause."

### **Great Backyard Bird Count a Big Success**

Thanks to you, the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) broke yet another record this year! You



and your fellow birders submitted more than 85,000 checklists during the four-day event, surpassing last year's all-time record by several thousand. Participants also identified a record 635 species and sent in thousands of stunning bird images from around the continent.

To view this year's top 10 most-reported birds, visit

<http://gbbc.birdsource.org/gbbcApps/top10>.

Some species showed up in GBBC reports for the very first time, including a Masked Duck in Texas—a bird that is usually found in the tropics. An Arctic Loon, seldom seen outside Alaska, was spotted in California. An Ivory Gull wandered down from the high Arctic to show up on a checklist in South Dakota.

For an even more detailed summary of this year's results, visit the GBBC web site at [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org). You can explore maps, see beautiful photos, prize-drawing winners, and the list of cities and towns that topped their state or province for the number of checklists submitted—our “checklist champs.”

Each year, awareness of the GBBC seems to spread. Visit the GBBC web site to read about some of the ways individuals, nature centers, parks, and schools adopted the GBBC as their own.

Our thanks to Wild Birds Unlimited for sponsoring the GBBC, helping to spread the word about the event, and donating great prizes for the photo contest!



Mark your calendar: the next Great Backyard Bird Count is February 13-16, 2009!

Count birds year round and help track the declining Rusty Blackbird  
Your bird counting does not have end with the GBBC. We invite you to participate in eBird, a free, year-round bird-monitoring project developed by the National Audubon Society and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. With eBird, you can track your life list as well as explore reports from other parts of North America, Mexico, and the Caribbean.

eBird is also being used in a brand new initiative to track what is happening to the Rusty Blackbird whose numbers have dropped as much as 98% since the 1960s. You can help too. From April 1st through the 7th, look for migrating Rusty Blackbirds and file your reports online at [www.ebird.org](http://www.ebird.org).

Help science and have fun! Introducing NestWatch



[cornellbirds@cornell.edu](mailto:cornellbirds@cornell.edu).

Revel in the wonder of birds with the new NestWatch citizen-science project from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Visit open cup nests and/or nest boxes to collect information about location, habitat, species, number of eggs, and number of young in the nest. Then submit your observations online at [www.NestWatch.org](http://www.NestWatch.org). Your reports will be used by scientists studying bird biology and help measure the impact of such things as climate change and habitat destruction on a broad geographic scale. And check out the updated, interactive NestCams web site with live cameras showing nesting birds around the country. More cameras will be going online in the weeks ahead at [www.nestcams.org](http://www.nestcams.org).

And when fall rolls around, be sure you're ready for more bird monitoring by signing up now for Project FeederWatch, which runs from November through April. Find out more at [www.FeederWatch.org](http://www.FeederWatch.org).

Thanks for your interest and commitment. If you have any ideas or comments, please send them to [citizenscience@audubon.org](mailto:citizenscience@audubon.org) or

## Lake Powell Fish Report

By: Wayne Gustaveson  
Lake Elevation: 3590

March 25, 2008  
Water Temperature: 52-58 F

Finally, the lake is starting to warm and consequently fishing has improved. Do not expect super fast fishing that happens when bass spawn or stripers stage. The expectation now is that the fishing excursions will be rewarded with a few fish instead of none.

Largemouth bass fishing is still the most productive. Run a spinnerbait through a brush pile or drop a tube along the breaking edge of a flat to entice a strike. There will be long stretches of fishless shoreline punctuated by a certain spot where 4 or 5 bass can be caught in quick succession. Study the fishy spot and try to duplicate the productive elements in other canyons or coves. The pattern is very important. It may include water depth, sun exposure, amount of brush present, substrate of sand or rock, and a myriad of minute details. The reason for the popularity of bass fishing is that it takes some critical analysis and ingenuity to be successful. The reward of catching a bass from a spot that "looks just like" the successful spot in the last canyon is very gratifying.

Smallmouth bass are coming on with many more caught this week than last. The bonus of pattern fishing is that smallmouth bass do not know that you are fishing for largemouth. They will bite every time the bait is placed in their strike zone. Fishing a watermelon green tube jig may result in an encounter with a largemouth, smallmouth or walleye. Find the pattern and



the fish will sort out the rest.

Here is a hint. Some fishermen are better at fishing a plastic grub while others excel with a tube. If you are not a proficient tube angler keep using the grub even though the tube is working better at the moment. If you decide to become more experienced with different terminal baits make sure you can feel what the bait is doing in the water. Grubs are easier to feel as they are retrieved

along the bottom. Tubes are in a weightless condition more often and harder to maintain direct

contact between angler and bait. But when a new bait is mastered it may become your best weapon.

Stripers are finally coming up in the backs of the canyons. Good reports recently came from Warm Creek on the shoreline east of the floating restroom. Crankbaits cast along the white rocky shoreline were taken by 1-2 pound fat stripers. This is what I have been waiting for. Stripers in the main channel (near the dam) are often disconnected from their food supply and may not be in prime physical condition. Those that live with the forage in the back of the canyon are often in better condition.

The parting shot is a plug for spring weather. It has been very nice here this week. Spring storms make it difficult to enjoy the scenery but calm warm days are unforgettable.

### **Growing Japanese-American Recycling Partnership**

The partnership of recycling leaders in Japan and America, Teijin Limited of Japan and Patagonia, Inc., of the USA, is making an environmental impact worldwide with Teijin's world's first recycling technology and Patagonia's revolutionary Common Thread Recycling Program.

By the end of 2007, Patagonia (Ventura, CA), the outdoor-gear and -apparel company, had collected over 1.5 tons (about 5,000 pieces) of worn-out Capilene baselayers (a.k.a. long underwear) and over 1 ton (about 2,000 pieces) of worn-out fleece garments, and shipped them to Teijin to be recycled.

Patagonia collects not only its worn-out cotton tee shirts and its used Polartec-brand fleece garments, but also fleece garments made by other companies. This has made Patagonia the world's first global company to recycle competitors' garments because "it's the right thing for us to do," says Casey Sheahan, Patagonia's CEO.

Teijin and Patagonia will jointly expand the recycling program by adding Patagonia's worn-out Hard Shell jackets in the fall of 2008.

### **The Win-Win Eco-Friendly Collaboration**

More than 80 apparel- and sporting-gear manufacturers in Japan and overseas are participating in Teijin's sustainable environmental initiatives known as ECO CIRCLE®.

In collaboration, Teijin provides product development, collection, and recycling. ECO CIRCLE is the world's first and only closed-loop recycling system that enables repeated recycling of old polyester garments.

The partnership with Patagonia started in 2005 when Teijin began to recycle Patagonia's Capilene baselayers. Patagonia, featured in Fortune (April 9, 2007 cover story, "The Coolest Company on the Planet"), has proved to be a perfect partner for Japan's Teijin. Both companies

share the same passion of realizing a sustainable environment, helping create a society that recycles everything, and achieving growth on sustainability.

Patagonia's founder, Yvon Chouinard, is well known for his passion for the outdoors and conservation. Patagonia introduced fleece jackets made partly from discarded plastic soda bottles in 1993, pioneered organic cotton, helping establish a whole new organic-cotton industry in 1996, and began ECO CIRCLE-based apparel-recycling in 2005. Recycling polyester is "a home run," says Chouinard. "We use 76% less energy than if we made it out of virgin petroleum."

ECO CIRCLE breaks down the fabric at the molecular level to create raw polyester. By this revolutionary recycling system, material can be recycled repeatedly without decreasing quality, a big technological challenge until now. Furthermore, ECO CIRCLE greatly reduces oil and energy consumption and CO2 emissions in the production process.

Compared with production of new polyester from petroleum, ECO CIRCLE reduces energy consumption by 84% and cuts CO2 emissions by 77%, according to Teijin, a global technology-driven group operating in five main fields: synthetic fibers; films and plastic; pharmaceutical and home health care; IT; and new products. The company had consolidated sales of USD 8.5 billion in fiscal 2006 and employs approximately 19,000 people worldwide.

Worldwide, polyester accounts for more than 40% of all fiber production and 80% of synthetic fiber production. Japan consumes 2.1 million metric tons of fiber products annually and disposes of 1.7 million metric tons—but only 10% of this is recycled, according to Teijin.

Teijin and Patagonia, with a shared passion for helping to create a society that recycles everything and, at the same time, helping to achieve growth on sustainability, are set to inspire people through business and implement solutions to our ever growing environmental problems.