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LOST A SUBSCRIBER
Thank you for letting me know that you have renewed your subscription. I will not review, although I admit the magazine is
good. But I feel there is no change in the fishing lobby, and the way they are handled,
insane, will have to be fished to be caught, and if there are no fish I will have to go on.
I have fished the St. John's River, small and big, for 50 years, and I have
enjoyed every bit of that time over the fishing worse
than it is now.

I am not a critic, and don't criticize, but
my fishing was added to the destruction
of the fish that was the last straw.
I have been a commercial fishermen part of
my time on the St. John River and I know
commercial fishermen, also fishing for
theirs, and when this river was opened up
to them, it gave the chance of a lifetime.
A word to the wise is sufficient.
I read books, tell last, run a camp here,
and talk to thousands of fishermen each season.
Our business has dropped 80% this season in comparison to last year's. The
fishermen catch no fish — the guys going fishing.

Before the traps were put in, I could catch all the bass, crappie, or bass that I wanted.
.. since then I have not been able to catch a bass or a decent mess of bass.

Where are the fish?

Gerald L. Henely
DeLand

(The Cover...)
South Florida's magnificent Ever-
glades scenery.
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Florida’s Fishing and Hunting

LEE COUNTY
by PHIL FRANCIS
First Of a Series

Last year, Eddie Fitzpatrick, one of Lee County’s premier tarpon fishermen, had just finished subduing a 72-lb. silver king on a light flyrod after a somewhat frustrating battle. As it happened, Eddie hoisted his prize alongside a bridge in full view of a number of witnesses, one of whom made a classic remark, “He’s a tarpon!”

“Who said that more tarpon are caught in these waters than in any other comparable area in the world? While such statements are not easily proved, it cannot be denied that there are no more famous tarpon spots than Boca Grande Pass, Captiva Pass, and the Caloosahatchee River. Lee County’s reputation for tarpon is attested to by the fact that the local Chamber of Commerce receives more inquiries about tarpon fishing than any other outdoor recreation. This reputation is a solid one. Tarpon are permanent, year-round residents, particularly in the Caloosahatchee River and the spring run brings more of them in unbelievable numbers each year. I, myself, have seen tarpon so thick in the Caloosahatchee that it seemed almost possible to walk across on their backs. On several occasions, I have had strikes from over 100 tarpon in less than a day’s fishing with both fly and casting rods.

Tarpon may be taken in Lee County waters by a number of different fishing methods. If you like your tarpon deep-sea style, you’ll find guides who specialize in this type of tarpon fishing at Port Myers, Fort Myers Beach, Boca Grande, Captiva, Sanibel, Captiva, and Bonita Springs. The guides furnish the know-how, the tackle, and the boat; you

Lee County is famed for its royal palms, the symbol of Florida

Lee County’s baby tarpon are young, innocent, and easy to fool...ideal targets for light-tackle anglers who do not care to hire guides

More tarpon are caught here than in any other comparable area
Knots to Remember

Five simple fishing knots for practical fishermen

by DOC HOWE

Do you have trouble with your fishing knots? Do you have difficulty pronouncing, much less tying, those glamorous and well-named knots found pictured in many fishing catalogues? And, in actual practice, do those knots let you down when you have a prize-winning fish on your line?

Well, if so, don't worry about it. There are simpler knots to tie.

As far as I am concerned, an historical review of pretty, complicated knots is nice stuff to read on a rainy day, but, for practical purposes, I'd rather have an ugly knot that will hold a husky fish on my line than have a glamorous knot that will lose my fish for me. Actually, there is only one cardinal rule to remember about fishing knots: the knot is always the weakest part of your line. If it is the wrong knot, or the right one tied incorrectly, it will either weaken the line, or slip and loosen, and then your fish is gone.

One of my favorite knots may have a name. If it does, I don't know it, and don't care to know it. I do know, however, that it is pretty simple if tied correctly. How do I know? I used it while fishing commercially when fish meant money in the till. I learned the hard way that if a commercial fishing knot hits your pocketbook adversely by slipping, you had better not use it. But if a knot gives your pocketbook a delightful curve by helping you land valuable fish, that knot is something to remember.

If it also adds to your fishing pleasure and mental composure, and is a cinch to tie, why fight about its name?

My favorite "No-name" knot will hold with either matched or unmatched materials, such as a line to nylon monofilament, nylon braided line to nylon monofilament, or nylon braided monofilament to nylon monofilament. In a pinch, it will do also to connect a broker line that has to run through the level-end of your casting reel, if you aren't able to tie a tapered knot that is more desirable. Mostly, I use the "No-name" knot only for tying nylon leaders to your fishing line.

Before we get to the tying of this simple knot, which you should learn to tie in five minutes, let's discuss using nylon leaders on the fishing end of your casting line. What are the advantages? How long should the leader be? Why?

Many fishermen advocate using a wire leader. They say a snook, a large pike, or any fish with a sharp something-or-other, will cut any other type of leader. I say that sports fishermen with a background of diversified fishing experience do not need wire leaders.

Did you ever get into a school of ladyfish? What did your wire leader look like after one of those fighting barracuda got on its share? Needed a new leader, didn't you? Or else you had a flock of strangling ducks. You need a leader that can take the punishment. The nylon leader is the answer. There is another consideration.

As you work out toward the end of the leader, you must pay it out evenly. It won't pay out in a tight little bunch, but the nylon leader will. It can take the punishment and still have a lot more line to give you when you need it.

"Turbo" Knot: 1. Run leader through hook eye and make loop, wrap end twice over center overlap. 2. Place loop over hook. 3. Pull tight.

"Carlin" Knot: 1. Run end through loop twice. 2. Pull tight.


"Leidy" Knot: 1. Take first loop through center overlap. 2. Pull tight.

"Chuck" Knot: 1. Run end through hook eye and make loop. 2. Wrap end twice over center overlap. 3. Pull loop through loop. 4. Pull tight.

"No-name" Knot: 1. Low ends together. 2. Make loop in each end and pull through each loop twice. 3. Pull loops tight. 4. Pull knot tightly together and trim.

With 500 miles of shoreline, Lee County is a topmatch spot for almost any type of angling.


SURF fishing in Lee County is something extra-special. Some of the beaches are unassailable anywhere in the world for quantity and variety of sea shells, and on such beaches Bud can fish to his heart's content while Mom and the kids try to outdo each other in the gathering of beautiful shells. Fishing is good, too, particularly near the pass. The surf is light here, and wonderfully suited to casting, fly fishing, and spinning. Snoek, jack, trout, and channel bass are the usual fare on these beaches, but anything can happen in the surf, and the anything may be a tarpon, pompano, kingsfish, or even a permit. Bonita Beach, Captiva, and Sanibel Islands are the best for shallow fishing, but fishing is fine on all the beaches.

Worth of special mention as a place for fishing in these waters, is the snook. The snook of the surf is an unbelievably rough fish, a much harder fighter than the snook of the rivers or canals. Battling with the bulldog tenacity of the jack, coupled with tarpon-like acrobatics and change-of-pace, surf snook are tough customers to strike to gaff. If you land one of Lee County's beaches when the snook are in, you never forget the experience. They'll bark your knuckles, burn your thumbs, and bust your line to bits, but are they ever fun! The best tackle for this fishing is a light casting outfit with plenty of line on the reel so you can let 'em run. (Don't forget your thumb-stall!) Surface and semi-surface plugs and feather lures are the most productive lures for surf snook.

The public fishing pier at Port Myers is a favorite family fishing spot of Lee County folks. Bait and tackle may be purchased at the pier. Salt-water panfish are always abundant here, as are trout, snook, and jack. Mackerel, tarpon, pompano, and bluefish are occasionally around to liven things up a bit. Incidentally, H. W. Van Duyk, the pier concessionaire, says that it is not necessary to fish at night for snook from the beach pier, as they are active during daylight hours. This is not true of most pier snook, which always seem to be feeding at night.

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There's No Doubt About It... Archery is Amazing!

By CHARLES SCHILLING

I WATCHED with amazement as two expert bowmen drove a number of broadhead hunting arrows through a grain sack filled with sand. A 30-30 caliber hunting rifle had failed to drive a bullet through this same sack. From that moment on, I stopped thinking of archery in terms of kid stuff.

The bow and arrow sport is as old as the hills, and will probably be with us just as long. The National Archery Association is the oldest sporting organization in the United States, dating from 1897, and indications are that the sport is about to get an invigorating arrow in the arm, particularly in our sunshine state. One of the reasons for this is a group, with headquarters in Jensen Beach, named the Indian River Field Archers. First organized in 1948 with four members, its ranks have now swollen to 32 permanent members, and there are as many more associate members among the winter visitors. Their well-designed field course has been officially recognized by the National Field Archers Association, making it the only official course in Florida.

Archery has a romantic appeal to man's imagination, which probably can be traced to the awe with which the first bowmen were regarded by their contemporaries. The long bow, as developed in western Europe, played a decisive part in driving back the Mongol hordes of Genghis Khan, who set out to conquer the world almost 800 years ago. The names of Robin Hood and William Tell are still well known for their archery skill rather than for any other reason.

Crossbows were widely used in Europe up to and following the general use of gunpowder. These short shafts, were powerful that they were "cocked" by using a hand crank working through a set of gears. A modern archer has recently developed a crossbow that is not only highly accurate but is also a repeater, with five shots in the magazine. (I suppose he will have to plug it for the hunting season.)

Field archery is designed to train the Bowman to meet actual hunting conditions in the woods, but so engrossing are its problems that many of its devotees find it sufficiently in itself. Bow hunters feel that their sport tops all other methods of hunting, and, as most kills are made within the 20- to 40-yard range, it can be readily seen that a great deal of woods knowledge is required to bring home the bacon. As an example of the problems that face a Bowman, it is estimated he must do 18 things correctly and simultaneously to drive an arrow true to the mark.

In field archery, a standard regulation course, such as the one the Indian River Field Archers have, consists of 14 shooting positions. The positions progress in much the same manner as holes on a golf course. Running through 10 acres of woods, and designed to retain as much of the area's natural aspects as possible, it would be easy for strangers to wander across the Jensen Beach course unaware of its presence. The targets are placed at random distances that range from 20 feet to 80 yards.

Four arrows are shot at each target, generally from the same stand, but on a few positions, called "walk-ups," single arrows are shot from four different stands, such a few yards closer to the target. Half or whole halves of hay or straw make the best target butts as they offer just the right resistance without deflecting or damaging the arrow. In tournament or competitive shoots, groups of four archers generally shoot together, but there is no hard or fast rule on this. Individual scores are kept, and members of official archery clubs are handicapped on the basis of past score, thus keeping competition keen.

Many of the northern states—Michigan, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, and Wisconsin—to name a few—have hundreds of archery clubs and thousands of enthusiastic "Robin Hoods." Special bow-and-arrow hunting seasons, generally preceding the regular season, are provided, and considering the difficult nature of the Bowman's sport, a surprising amount of game is accounted for. Last year a formal request was made in Florida for a special deer hunting season for archers, and, if the sport continues to grow, some concessions will doubtless have to be made.

In the matter of equipment, the modern archer is in a very enviable position. A modern $20 will buy an outfit completely adequate for a field course, or to take in the woods, and many archers using a weapon of this kind have bagged their deer. Hickory, Osage orange, yew and lemon wood are still the favorites in cold bow, with lemon wood being the most popular. Lemon wood is not of the citrus family, but, instead, is an imported wood named for its lemon color. All these types of woods may be purchased in stove form from which Archery offers interesting and healthful sport to outdoorsmen of all ages, especially those who organize themselves into groups like Indian River Field Archers. Shown are (left to right): president—W. J. Draiman, Archers' president; Dick Nolan; Gus Lemond; Bruce Goldich, stand; Charlie L. Smith; Dick Forrest; Allen F. Kendall, secretary-treasurer; Ed H. Frederick, secretary; Gordon McCabe; Robert Nolan; Neil Martin; Johnny Roby; Charles McBride; Jack Buss, vice-president.

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As an example, Wisconsin bow-and-arrow hunters killed 583 deer during the 1950 season, and 551 deer during the 1949 season. One fourth of the deer were taken with running shots, and the average shot distance was 28.7 yards. —Ed.
Introduction to

Florida

Shooting and Firearms

By EDMUND MC LAURIN

Certified Rifle Instructor—National Rifle Association & U. S. War Dept.

ONCE OF my contemporaries, writing for a national magazine some years ago, beat me to the punchlines when he referred to shooting as "the typical American sport". Shooting is all that— and more! To many people, it's the most fascinating, enlightening and comprehensive subject in which a person can interest himself.

It's true that one's active interest in the subject of firearms may, perhaps, waver at odd times, but, once the virus has entered the bloodstream, it never dies. I should know. For over 30 years, I have been shooting an almost endless variety of firearms—talking about guns, and writing about the shooting game, until now I am more generally referred to as a gun nut than as a firearms editor and a certified marksmanship instructor, both of which I also happen to be. I believe we come by our interest in guns naturally, something like a birthright handed down through generations. We all know how firearms in the hands of our pioneer ancestors contributed as much to the making of America as the axe and the plowshare, and how our individual right to own and bear arms is incorporated in our Constitution. I believe that the average boy or man, if he is typically American, is sooner or later going to show an interest in firearms; if not in outright personal ownership, then by association and hearsay. Like modern advertising, our seldom escapes the influence of modern firearms.

What makes firearms such an interesting subject, anyway? Well, speaking from actual experience, and aside from the basic pleasure of actual shooting, I'd say that it is the broad scope of the subject that makes for perpetual interest in shooting. No one can possibly learn all there is to know about guns; no man has yet. There are recognized experts, of course; and some of them know a great deal about firearms, but they don't know it all and they never will. You can bet with confidence on that. The recognized experts, though quite qualified as such in their respective fields, can never exhaust all of the possibilities to be found in the shooting field and therein, I firmly believe, lies the basis for continued interest and fascination.

Under the general subject of firearms, one has a wide choice of specific categories, and, while most of us want to actually shoot—and that means hunting, formal and informal target shooting, bench-rest shooting, and aerial and trick shooting, among other things—there are still wider fields of knowledge and activity for those who are interested. A few such categories which go beyond actual shooting include collecting antique guns, amateur gunstocking, re-loading ammunition for others, collecting cartridges of past and present years, organizing and promoting shooting clubs, and, in view of our present national emergency, training in practical defense of nation and home. Anyone who maintains any reasonable degree of interest in any of the above-named phases of the subject of firearms will, aside from the fun and knowledge derived, very likely add to his general knowledge of history, geography, inventions, physics and psychology.

Shooting, then, embraces many technical fields, and any or all of them may prove both entertaining and of lasting advantage to you. But most of us want to shoot. Let's look over a few of the various forms of personal participation found herein.

Ted Aborn, Courtesy: Florida, many years and prongs target for prominent by spectators at an annual event at open competitions held by a Florida hunting club.

Beaumont, Courtesy: Florida quail hunters show decided preference for light, fast-handling shotguns which are deadly at range of 18 to 35 yards.

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There is a few of the various forms of personal participation found herein, Florida, close to home:

Hunting

Perhaps closest to the hearts of all of us is the pleasure of hunting afIELD, with chosen rifle or shotgun, for the many species of legal game to be found in Florida's thousands of acres of fields and streams.

Since shotguns are favored game-skillers here in Florida, suppose we review that product from a practical standpoint, and discuss only shotguns suitable for duck and upland game. Selecting a shotgun is something like deciding what flavor of ice cream to order at a Howard Johnson restaurant: there are many possible choices, what with so many models, gauges and makes on the market. Even so, selection is restricted to two basic types—the double barrel side-by-side and that type of shotgun having a single barrel place, whether the latter be single shot, a pump re­­peater or automatic, or the over­­under.

My personal preference is decided­ly in favor of a single barrel gun, for I am convinced that it is easier to point naturally and more quickly with it than with the double. You're entitled to dispute my opinion, of course, but first consider: When you pick up a rifle and sight it at a some­what near point, you don't use the broad side of your eye; you use the narrow one. No, sir. You normally sight along the top of the narrow edge, because the rifle can be more quickly and accurately aimed that way. This principle holds true when applied to the alignment of a shotgun on a chosen target. A single barrel in one narrow plane is much easier to align than a double barrel where the tubes are side-by-side and the sighting plane is broad. You get the single sighting plane in the single shot, the popular pumps and automatics, and in the over-and-under, but not in the double-barreled shotguns.

Conventional double-barreled shot­­guns admittedly have the feature of offering the shooter the two different bore­ings, as compared to the choice offered by the pumps and auto­matiques but, again, this advantage can be offset by installation of one of the recognized selective choke devices that give the hunter's choice of choke that will meet any field condition encountered.

During the years I have hunted in Florida, it has been my observation that all too many hunters are handicapping themselves by being over-gunned. A heavy shotgun with a long, full-choke barrel may be fine for long-range duck shooting, but not for consistent killing at 15 to 50 yards—the average range limits in which most winged game is killed, contrary to all conceptions.

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Lee County 'Cat Hunt

A wild bobcat is no playmate for a human being. Wildcats are notorious for their quick tempers, fearsome fighting powers, and nervous, if not mean, dispositions.

Wildcats flourish throughout Florida wherever there is sufficient rough country to afford them protection from their chief enemy—mankind. They generally feed on rodents, rabbits, and small birds, including occasional farmer's chicken. Despite the best efforts of experienced hunters and hounds, bobcats are still holding their own within the state.

Few people have the nerve to invade the home territory of a wild bobcat. But Bill Piper, who, with his brother Lester, hand-rears many of the Florida animals found at their Everglades Wonder Gardens in Bonita Springs, is accustomed to meeting wild animals face to face. Both of the Pipers are fond of studying wild animals in their natural habitats, and capture an occasional live specimen for exhibition purposes.

In this remarkable series of action photographs, a Lee County wildcat, that possibly never saw a human before, meets his masters. (Picture Story Continued on Pages 14-15)
Old Mr. Bobcat doesn't think too much of his new home, but he'll soon get used to easy life.

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By Phil Francis

DEEP LURES PAY OFF

Some years ago, while betting at a fishing
contest on the Spokane River in
Idaho, I noticed a fisherman on the
opposite bank who appeared to be fishing
deep. I was intrigued and asked him if he
was using deep lures for fishing.

"That's right," he replied. "It's the only way to
fish in this river." He explained that the
Spokane is known for its abundant supply
of trout, but the fish are widely dispersed and
difficult to locate. By using deep lures,
he could cover more water and increase his
chances of catching a fish.

I was impressed by his approach and started
fishing with deep lures myself. Over the years,
I've found that deep lures are an excellent
method for catching trout in many
locations. Here are some tips for
fishing with deep lures:

Choose the right lure: Select a lure that
matches the depth and type of fish you
expect to find. For example, a small, slow-sinking
lure is suitable for fishing in shallow water, while
a larger, fast-sinking lure is better for deeper waters.

Set the right depth: Test different depths to
find the level where the fish are most active.

Twitch and retrieve: Use a combination
of twitching and retrieving to entice the
fish. Twitch the lure upward, then
retrieve quickly to mimic the
natural movements of
fish in the water.

By Scott Rich

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Captain Nickerson

Lines for Fishermen

Are you having trouble catching fish?

Here are some tips for improving your fishing
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DOGS

and

HUNTING

By Fred W. Jones

MEDICAL CARE AND HOUSING
We have previously said that it was an economically sound practice to secure a good blooded dog when obtaining a puppy for hunting purposes. But whether you have paid a big price for the puppy, or whether you was a gift from a friend, the fact remains that by the time the pup is ready to hunt you will have a substantial investment in it.

So it is always a sound economical practice to spend a little more money to assure that the pup will reach maturity and serve you for many years as a hunting companion. If we have started with a good pup, and spent our time and money in training it until it has reached the age of one year, the outlook we can expect is that it will return a great deal of better money. It will not need a great deal of bedding—In fact, it doesn’t need any—but a feed sack or a few shavings won’t do any harm.

We will also provide a yard, or a wire with a chain and a chain, so that the dog can run, jump, and play, at least to some extent. We will keep the shelter, and yard, clean and free from boards.

The dry shelter is doubly important; for it serves both the comfort of the dog and his health. Cold, damp housing is conducive to distemper, a young dog’s greatest hazard.

It is likely that more dogs, and the money invested in them, are lost each year in Florida due to distemper than any other hazard. From puppyhood to the age of three, a dog is very susceptible to this disease because of distemper being a stage in its life. We have a number of cases where the disease has been contracted under the shelter, and it is impossible to prevent its occurrence.

The disease is, therefore, an economically sound investment to have the pup vaccinated against distemper as soon as possible (usually at three or four months of age). Permanent protection may be obtained by the three-shot method given by most veterinarians. The cost for the three shots averages about $4. They are almost always effective.

Temporary shots are given to younger pups by some vets. We have had excellent success by using the “oral vaccine cold treatment”, available at all drug stores for human consumption, as distemper preventive. But we neither recommend nor guarantee this treatment since it has been used in only a few emergency cases.

Dry housing and distemper precautions as a long way toward assuring the pup a good chance to reach a ripe old age, but, of course, proper feed and care are also contributing factors. It has been said that the best insurance for livestock is the watchful eye of the owner, and nothing could be more true.

The first sign of lassitude, a dry rough coat of fur, or other unusual conditions, will bring prompt action from a good dog handler. Early treatment, or preventive measures, are important in a pup’s life. He can get in a bad, or even hopeless, condition in a very short time.

Your vet should be consulted regularly. You should follow his directions. He should also warn your dog, and administer other medicines, or you should do it under his direction.

Above all, don’t indiscriminately “doctor” your dog with home-made remedies. Such treatment is often worse than no treatment at all.

Of course, such things as bathing, “powdering,” and nail trimming, can be done without a vet’s supervision and direction. A dog’s toenails should be regularly checked, and, if necessary, trimmed at least once a year. Our soft, sandy soils in Florida do not ordinarily furnish enough abrasive action to keep a dog’s nails from growing too long. When overlong, nails will catch and tear out, causing a sore-footed and useless dog.

It is best to trim the dog’s nails every few weeks, adding to the bath water tends to prevent skin ailments, and encourage slick, glossy coats. However, the dog shouldn’t be bathed too often—about once each week or two is sufficient.

There are plenty of flea powders on the market that are both safe and effective. Some have added disinfectant powders that tend to prevent skin troubles. We recommend those that contain DDT, since they are less lusty and seem to be more effective against ticks.

And one more tip: If your pup should run, or try to run, out to greet you some day, and his legs appear to be made of rubber, or he otherwise appears to be quite happily drunk, check him over for ticks! Puppies, especially, are subject to “tick fever.” The removal of the tick, or ticks, will cause recovery from an alarming-appearance condition, usually within 24 hours.

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LEE COUNTY

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The many bridges at Fort Myers Beach and Pine Island offer fishing fun galore, and bridge fishing can be a very fascinating sport.

Recently, I stopped at the wooden Fort Myers Beach bridge to see how a friend, A. L. Bursley of Pittsburgh, Pa., was making out. He told me he loved bridge fishing, especially with a County bridge fishing.

"You never know what's liable to happen when you're fishing off one of these bridges," he commented, as he made a cast and set the rod down on the bridge to await developments.

"I might get a big grouper on the live grunt I've got on, or I might get a snapper on the shrimp I've got on the other hook." We talked for a while, and then Bursley turned up to pick up his rod. It had disappeared! Walter Whitehead, who was standing by, walked off the bridge and came back with a grappling hook tied to a length of clothesline. He threw it into the water and dragged it along the bottom in front of the spot where Bursley's tackle was last seen. Sure enough, up came rod, reel, and line. Bursley took the rod and broke for the pull of a big fish. It didn't come, as he reelled in the line.

"Feels like something's on there," he said, and a moment later he hoisted a 12-inch whiting onto the bridge.

"Like I said," Bursley calmly remarked, "anything can happen in bridge fishing.

In bridge fishing, the catch may run from grunts to grouper, sheepshead to shark, or jacks to flounder. The Pine Island Bridge, which spans Matlacha to Paas, consistently produces amazing catches of all sorts of saltwater fish. Bottom fish are always plentiful here, and snook, trout, and channel bass (redfish), frequently show up in surprising numbers. Most of the snook fishing from this bridge is done at night; fall, when the run is heaviest, is not unusual for such a run, or a married one, if his wife lets him out at night—to land 500 pounds of snook in a single night's fishing.

Perhaps the most staple item of fish-catch for the County bridge and pier fisherman is the sheepshead. It is a simple matter to pick up a mess of these buck-toothed fish from the Pine Island or Fort Myers Beach bridges at almost any time during daylight hours. No beforehand arrangements for bait are necessary, for the mess of sheepshead is plentiful around all the bridge entrances: tidier crabs. All you need do is rig a casting rod with the lightest sinker capable of holding the bait down in the tide, a short wire leader, and size #2 O'Shaughnessy hook. Break the large claw off a fiddler crab and hook him through the back part of the shell. Fish around the bridge pilings just off bottom, and when you feel a tug so slight that you think you're only imagining it, strike hard!

LEE County's creeks and rivers offer wonderful opportunities for the bait caster, fly fisherman, or spinner to discover what salt-water fish can do on bass tackle. Headley Creek and the Imperial, Estero, and Caloosahatchee Rivers are probably the best bets for this type of fishing.

Channel, jack crevalle, tarpon, snook, jack crevalle, tarpon, and ladyfish and snapper the principal plug- and fly-fishing. Casting a plug or fly on the mangrove-lined shores is very much like shore-line fishing for bass. The same lures, rod, reel, and line may be used as in bass fishing, but the lure should be attached with a wire trace from 9 to 12 inches long. Generally,

in Lee County... 13 of them in creeks and rivers. These salt-water fish of the creeks and rivers lie back under the mangroves and around fallen trees and other obstructions, just like black bass. Accurate casting to the little pockets under the mangrove roots, and right up against the shore, is of prime importance, just as in bass fishing. The fish strike hard, just like bass, but there is no resemblance to black bass fishing.

To any fisherman who has caught only fresh-water fish with his freshwater tackle. To any bass fisherman who doubts this statement, I say: Take a trip to Lee County and see for yourself. Insist at any tackle shop about the hottest spots for casting, and you'll be sure to find the fish. And bring your fish, please.

PINE Island is famous for very fine redfish (channel bass), trout, and trout fishing to be had in its surrounding waters. There the plug or fly should be fished faster for salt-water fish than for bass, but this is not always the case and sometimes it pays to experiment.

One of the most exciting and persistently rewarding of fishing I have ever experienced resulted from what started out to be a few casual fly casts at Jack Martin's Deep Lagoon, on the road between Fort Myers and Fort Myers Beach. I had a rise from a baby tarpon on the first cast, landed a nice angler on the second, another snook on the third, then jumped another tarpon on the fourth cast. The fifth cast produced a big channel bass, another snook, 14-inch tarpon, 2 trout, 6 jacks, 2 channel bass, 2 snapper, and 2 ladyfish.

In all, I have caught 16 varieties of salt-water fish on artificial lures.

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Fishing The Trowbridge Flats

Trowbridge, Edith and many other Florida sportsmen and sportswomen have been fishin' with C. C. Trowbridge, Jr., at his camp near Boca Grande, or St. James, for a short run in the fishing grounds. Trowbridge is practicing the method of working the flats with the same rig used in Canada, except for a cardboard box which he carries on the chest to hold the sandcrusts for decoys. Trowbridge is famous for his skill in decoy making and will catch 100 max for a 100 minnows. His boat is a 28 ft. cuddy cabin cruiser, and he carries 100 minnows in his box. Trowbridge is a retired physician and has been fishing with his daughter, Edith, for the past 23 years. They have caught many large fish, including tarpon, on this trip. Trowbridge is a well-known fisherman and has been fishing for more than 50 years. His knowledge of the flats and his skill in catching fish are legendary. He is also a skilled artist and has painted many beautiful pictures of the flats and the fish he catches. Trowbridge is a true Florida sportsman, and his dedication to the sport is unmatched. His love for the outdoors and his passion for fishing have inspired many others to pursue their own passions. Trowbridge is a true Florida legend, and his contributions to the sport of fishing are immeasurable. His legacy will live on for generations to come. 

FLY ALL THE WAY

One of the best ways to enjoy the beauty of Florida is to experience the fish in the waters. Fly fishing is a popular activity that allows you to connect with nature and experience the thrill of catching fish. In Florida, you can find many great fly fishing locations, including the famous Trowbridge Flats. This area is known for its abundant fish populations and is a popular destination for fly fishers from around the world. Fly fishing in Florida is a great way to escape the stress of everyday life and connect with the natural beauty of the state. Whether you are an experienced fisherman or just starting out, there is a place for you in the world of fly fishing. 

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SHOOTING AND FIREARMS  
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For the taking of teal, Florida duck, ballpits and pintails, mallards and black ducks, there is more common wildfowl found off Florida's flyways, a 12-gauge shotgun of full choke, loaded with #4 shot, that gets fine for those long shots that are over 50 yards from the gun muzzle. Most of your shots, however, will come under 50 yards, I can assure you. As range is reduced, one can successfully use smaller shot—#4, for example—without losing essential velocity, and also use less choke boring. For those ducks that shot under 50 yards, #6 is recommended. A modified choke and small shot (#6 or #7) are done, deadly patterns, whether your chosen gauge is a 12 or a 16. For the upland bird gunner, a heavy, full-choke, long-barreled shotgun is a definite handicap. Successful upland hunters show a decided preference for light, well-balanced, easy handling pumps or automatics in 16 or 20 ga., most of them with fast-pointing 26-inch barrels, bored improved cylinder, or, at the most, modified choke. Used with #7 1/2 shot, the most useful of all shot sizes, such guns are deadly within the previously mentioned average killing range limits of 15 to 18 yards.

Where a double barrel is the choice, you won't find the hot-shots using guns having marked differences in barrel boring, either. If one barrel is bored, improved cylinder, the other will likely be modified. Light short barrels make for faster alignment; this means you get on the target quicker, thereby actually reducing the distance between gun and target at the moment of firing, and miss fewer shots.

American shotguns are built to each high standards that any nationally advertised product is a reliable buy. Just make sure that the one that you choose fits you in all its major features, and that it is practical for the use intended.

Competitive Small Bore Shooting

Right here in Florida, and dispensed to an extent that at least one unit can be found in your immediate vicinity, are some 34 active rifle clubs affiliated with the National Rifle Association. These clubs offer plenty of open, fast competition to an ambitious rifleman. Open shoots are held annually at Clearwater, in November, and at Key West and Orlando, in intervals, as do other community shoots. There is plenty going on.

Equipment for formal 22-cal. target shooting is rather special, and the match marksman will find the average top-notch shooters using the Winchester Model 52 in heavy standard barrel weights, or the popular Remington Model 37. These rifles are designed especially for serious competitive target shooting, and shoot more accurately than a man can hold, as machine-rests have established. They are well made, and must be seen and properly held to be fully appreciated.

Before purchasing the 22-cal. rifle for serious match shooting, visit an active club and talk with some of the shooters and examine their equipment. Meanwhile, get basic knowledge by doing a little reading. One of the best texts ever written on rifle shooting is the non-commercial "Small Bore Rifle Handbook" printed as a joint educational and promotional enterprise by the firearms and ammunition companies, and free for the asking by writing direct to the Winchester, Remington, Savage, Marlin and other dealers.

Ask the NRA to send you detailed information, without any obligation, on your part, about a program of home rifle marksmanship that has enabled over half a million boys and girls to participate in an active way without a single firearms accident, while providing fun and health. You can use the rifle you already have, or, maybe, after acquainting yourself with the thrill of competitive rifle shooting, you will want a more suitable rifle—say, a Winchester Model 75, Remington's M917 or M17; or, if you can handle a man's-sized rifle, either the heavier Winchester Model 52 or Remington Model 57. (And I'll let you in on a secret! To be a true youngest, when properly trained and equipped, will likely make some of the older shooters wish that they had been fishing, when the final range scores are posted.)

Handguns

Few of us are so expert with a handgun that we can put one to practical use in hunting, though a few are. A shooting companion who bags squirrels and other small game, quite consistently uses a handgun, especially deadly on running shots—such a difficult feat even with a good rifle. Your handgun shooting, I take it, will either be that enjoyable pastime known to all who plink at black, white and red cans, bottles, and other improvised targets are endangered, or attendance on the open competitive pistol matches, like those held on club ranges at Tampa and Coral Gables, and at convenient points throughout the state. My roster of "Coming Events" lists a big, Southeastern Regional Pistol Shoot at Jacksonville, August 13-19, inclusive, to name one. For all-around shooting, selection of a 22-cal. handgun from among the Colt Officer's Model and the Smith & Wesson K-22 Masterpiece revolver, the Colt Match Target and Colt Sport Model "Woodsmen," and the rival High Standard automatics, can be made with safety of investment and confidence in quality and incorporated features.

For the beginner, the revolver is safer to use and tends to have ammunitions that have more deliberate firing; for the expert and the match-target aspirant, an automatic is a likely choice. I prefer the 4½-inch barrel length in a handgun of the automatic class, as this barrel length is most practical for both field and formal match shooting. On the other hand, many shooters prefer a serious-minded match competitor, is the text "From Tyr to Master," obtained from the National Rifle Ass'n, 1600 Rhode Island Ave., Washington, D.C., for $1.

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Ben L. McLauchlin Appointed As Game Agency's Director

Ben L. McLauchlin, assistant director of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, was appointed as director to succeed Coleman Newman June 15.

Since joining the Commission in April 1952, McLauchlin has served as an aide to the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission and as assistant director, heading the latter post since April 1, 1950. He has been a native of Marion County, and is a graduate of the University of Florida College of Agriculture, in 1947, serving as a professor of the vegetable industry for over ten years. He attended the U.S. Naval Academy in 1954, and also had charge of the vegetable and industrial education program. He was selected as Florida's master teacher of vocational agriculture by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1941.

During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army Air Force for four years, two of which were overseas. He held the rank of lieutenant colonel and was released from service.

General Officer John E. Swift Passes May 20

John Edward Swift, Sr., 52, chief wildlife member of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, passed away Sunday, May 20, at his home in Clearwater, death was attributed to heart trouble.

Born December 20, 1898, in Jacksonville, Swift took up residence in Clearwater in 1932, where he joined the city police department in 1937, he served as police officer for two years prior to his resignation in 1947, at which time he was director of the State game agency on March 15. He was appointed to assistant chief of wildlife officers on November 18, 1949. He was a member of the Clearwater Baptist Church, Masonic Lodge 127, and Elks Lodge 1525.

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George's Sinclair Station, 521 Magnolia Ave., Tampa, Florida, is served by his wife, Lavern Peete Swift, 52, and her son, John Edward Swift, Jr., and his mother, Mrs. Charles Swift, all of Clearwater.
New Hunting Laws Discussion Sought For July 16 Meet

Discussion of the 1961-62 hunting rules and regulations will be considered at the semi-annual meeting of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission July 16 at the State Capitol, according to Louis C. Morris, Morrisville, chairman.

At a Comission meeting Tuesday morning, Morris also announced that all future commission meetings would be held for the express purpose of paying primary attention to each one phase of the State Fish and Game program. Former practice was to consider all and all projects suggested by any members of the group during the course of a meeting.

Future meetings and agenda will be announced far enough in advance in order to give all sportmen an opportunity to air their views, Morris stated.

Dr. J. N. Kennedy
Retires From Agency

Dr. J. N. Kennedy, 70, administrator of public relations for the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, retired July 1 after 22 years of service.

Kennedy started as a commission fieldman in 1939, became executive secretary in 1945, and director in January 1949. A native of Virginia, he moved to Florida at the age of 11, and now resides in Eastlak. A graduate of the University of Florida and Emory University, he served as representative from Lake County for 14 years, and member of the State Fish, and Game executive committee. He also was active in various programs of the Game association throughout Florida.

Fred W. Jones
Chief I. & E. Section
Of Game Commission

Fred Jones, Lakeland, was appointed chief of the Division of Information and Education effective June 15 by Ben L. McLeod, director of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

Jones, former outdoor editor of the Lake- land Ledger and Radio Station WELK, as well as director of the Lakeland Chamber Fishing Information Bureau, succeeds Charles E. Anderson, who resigned to enter private business.

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The camera need not be big and bulky. Swing a .35-mm camera over your shoulder. That’s the size that sometimes is referred to as the “candid” camera. Use a fairly fast film, with an emulsion speed of 30 or 100, then ask your camera shop to develop your film in a fine grain developer.

Little box cameras are good, too. Hold them steady and they’ll take surprisingly good pictures. If you can afford one, get an adjustable camera that you can shoot at 1/200th of a second with an aperture of f/16. This will stop action, and give you good exposure with fast film.

Whatever camera you use, add a sunshade. In the excitement, many pictures have been ruined by sun reflecting on the lens.

And one more important thing is to try to shoot your picture when the subject least expects it.

Practice photography and you will never regret it. Slip those pictures into your kit for those around-the-fireplace chats so that you can illustrate and prove your story. And preserve the negatives so that some day you might send a selection of your better photographs to an outdoor magazine. Who knows, your stories and pictures might bring dividends. Even if they don’t, the day will come when you can thumb through your photo album and relive many of those thrilling outdoor experiences that come only once in a lifetime.

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