

HUNTING AND FISHING

Anglers' Hopes on Rise After 'Better' Weekend

By JOHN GEISER
SEASIDE PARK — A handful of striped bass were caught over the weekend to buoy angler's hopes as the season enters its fourth week.

"One robin doesn't make the spring," said El (Cap) Colvin, tackle dealer here, yesterday. "But you've got to start somewhere." And that's what it appeared to be over the weekend — a start.

Dr. Irving Baer, Toms River, broke the ice in the Barnegat Bay fishery as far as weigh-ins at Colvin's were concerned.

His six-pound bass was the first bay bass "I've seen," Colvin said. It was caught on a Rapala in four feet of water on the Island Beach flats.

Colvin said he wasn't certain where Baer was fishing but it was assumed he was working the flats along the northern half of the island. The fish was half full of tiny grass shrimp.

Another fish caught yesterday was a 14½-pounder taken in the surf by George Yankus, Philadelphia. He fished near the end of the road on the state park.

Blood Worms Work
Yankus used blood worms. His fish takes the lead in the Seaside Park Tournament of Fish. Another fish was taken but Colvin wasn't sure who caught it. Two others were caught Saturday.

It's interesting to note that of the 14 or 15 fish caught since the Seaside tourney opened, practically all were taken within a half-mile of the end of the road.

Colvin's son, Butch, and Bob Struck, of Toms River, toured the bay with their fly rods for six hours yesterday without raising a fish. They started at Toms River, working Holly Park, Johnny Allen's Cove, the flats in back of Coast Guard 111, etc. and on down to Ware-town and back.

Joe Matthews, of Forked Riv-

OUTDOOR TIPS



WHEN CARRYING A FULL BUCKET OF WATER SOME DISTANCE, TRY FLOATING A LARGE CLEAN WOOD CHIP ON THE SURFACE TO PREVENT WATER SPLASHING OUT OF CONTAINER

of 100 for a rowboat were not unusual.

LBIF Club

Dan Fedele was appointed first vice president of the Long Beach Island Fishing Club.

Other appointments were: George Lauderbach Jr., secretary; Bill Cloud, trustee and Dave Hunter, house chairman. The club will hold its annual "Good Fellowship Tournament" with the Beach Haven Surf Fishing Club April 3.

Annual Dinner

The Beach Haven Surf Fishing Club held its annual dinner at High Bar Harbor Saturday.

Forests Threatened

Recent Washington decisions to meet growing world food commitments could accelerate clearing of bottomland hardwood forests in Mississippi River delta areas.

A 10 per cent increase in rice and an additional one million acres of soybeans has been ordered this year. The timber industry and sportsmen are worried about the loss of the forests.

Deer Absolved

Southeastern white-tailed deer have been ruled out as likely carriers of anaplasmosis, a dread disease of cattle that causes estimated annual losses of \$40 million to livestock farmers.

Reports from some areas had suggested that deer were potential carriers of the disease, but this has been shown not to be so by research work recently completed under the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease program.

NRA Meeting

The National Rifle Association of America will hold its 95th annual meeting at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, from April 2 through April 7.

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George Yankus takes a 14 1/2 lb bass with blood worms

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