

All Outdoors . . .

Minimum lengths raised

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Higher minimum lengths on bass and pickerel have been set, as have the dates for the annual shad derby sponsored by Northeast Utilities' Holyoke Water Power Co.

The Mass. Fisheries and Wildlife Board has increased minimum sizes on black bass from 10 to 12 inches, statewide, effective next year.

In accord with the wishes of the majority of bass fishermen, the board pushed aside the recommendation of chief aquatic biologist Pete Oatis, who wanted a pond by pond minimum set according to the status of the pond bass population.

Pickerel minimums have been changed from 14 to 15 inches.

The Lake George area of New York has an interesting system on a number of lakes there. They have very high minimums on lakers, trout and salmon.

The philosophy is that many people have the chance to catch a large fish over and over again, and then someone eventually has the chance to take a super lunger home.

Of course this only works in a body of water that can hold the fish year round. Releasing fish in waters in which they cannot survive during the warm months does not make sense.

The shad derby will be held the weekends of May 24 and 25, May 31 and June 1.

More than 100,000 shad have been lifted since the lift, in its 26th year of operation, opened this season.

The competition is free of charge and open to comers of all ages who register in the derby booth located on the access road to the Hadley Falls Station at the Holyoke-South Hadley Bridge.

First prize is a 12-foot boat with many other prizes to go for the 10 heaviest shad caught by licensed adults and juniors. The largest shad taken last year was five-pounds, nine-ozs.

Charlie Sasseville of South Hadley will give a demonstration on how to fillet shad and anyone planning on eating this very delicious fish should watch.

The derby, in its 15th year of sponsorship by HWP, is believed to be one of the largest inland fishing derbies in the nation.

The company has tentatively scheduled June 1 as an open house at the fishlift facility and anyone who hasn't taken the tour is missing the boat. It is interesting.

More than a million fish have been lifted over the years and in 1956 HWP received national recognition for the first and only successful elevator-type fish lift on the Atlantic Coast.

So with Charlie Sasseville showing you how to fillet and with a Yankee Pedlar Inn shad Muniere recipe from Frank Arthur Banks, don't waste these beautiful fish by tossing them up on the

bank.

Frank's recipe follows: take boneless shad filets and the roe, place in slightly salted milk, dredge in seasoned flour and saute in 1/4-inch of clarified butter.

When lightly brown, place in oven for a few minutes while you prepare the Muniere butter. Place a pat or two of fresh butter in saute pan, heat until it bubbles, squeeze fresh lemon juice in pan, allow to bubble up twice, then place over the plated shad and roe.

When sauteing the roe, a low heat must be used or the fish eggs will explode like popcorn.

Konnecticut Valley Firelock Marksmen, the black powder division of the Westfield Sportsmen's Club, will sponsor the Northeastern Primitive Muzzle Loaders Championship May 24 to 26 at the Westfield club grounds with registration opening day at 7:30 a.m. There will be tomahawk and knife throws, open and flint Seneca matches, mountain man aggregates and shoots where period clothing (1750 to 1850) must be worn. The public is invited to view the shoots.

The matches will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Ron Tetreault is chairman and can be reached at 81 Pearl St., Holyoke, Mass. 01040 or by calling 413-532-7923; or call Jim Clayton at 732-4903.



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Perez will be giving away autograph picktures of himself, plus there will be a drawing for Red Sox tickets at Outfits.



PEREZ

JOHN LEAHY, a senior at Cathedral High has been chosen as a member of the U.S. High School All-Star Baseball team that will play in Ecuador June 19-July 6 in international competition. The trip is being sanctioned by the United States Baseball Federation. Head coach of the U.S. team is Ken Kezer, from New Britain, Conn.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Leahy of 100 Mayher Street, Leahy has played four years on Cathedral's varsity nine, as well as two years on the varsity basketball team. He made first team All-Western Mass.

and first team All-City baseball squads in 1979.

TWO PERFORMANCES will be held at Hartford Jai-Alai on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26. A special holiday matinee will kick off the day's action, with game time at noon. The evening program starts at 7. "Senior Citizens' Day" will be featured during the matinee. All fans 60 years old and older will be admitted for \$1.

GREG ORLIK, a Springfield College junior from Ludlow, has been elected captain of the 1981 golf team. In addition, Orlik was chosen the Most Valuable Player on the 1980 team which ended at 6-7. Peter Harper, a senior from Greenfield, received the Ed Bilik Trophy for personal development.

Meanwhile, Doug McKenney, a linebacker from Dover, N.H., has been elected captain of the 1980 SC football team.

FOUR SENIOR lacross players, two from Deerfield Academy, and one each from Williston and Wilbraham-Monson, have been selected to the Western New England All-Star team and will participate in a East-West game Sunday at Noble and Greenough School in Dedham. Chosen were goalie Steve Feuerstein of Williston, attacker Eric Magnuson and defenseman Bob Starbuck of Deerfield, and attacker Chris Smith of Wilbraham-Monson.

Game time is 2 p.m.

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