

Welcoming Dave Graybill To The Nickel Ads Classifieds

The Fishin' Magician

I have been busy this week, but mostly planning for what I am going to be doing the rest of January. I can't believe that my whole month is booked already, and I have some things to do that I have to squeeze in somewhere. I am going to get out on the water, though. I have trips planned to Rufus Woods and Rocky Ford Creek.

I am going to be fishing with Joe Heinlen, Lake Chelan Adventures, on Rufus Woods. We have been trying to get together for a few weeks now, and I appreciate him taking the time to accommodate me. We'll be taping video for my new Outdoor Insider TV Show that will air in February. I have wanted to fish with Joe on Rufus Woods for a long time. We will be starting out at the bottom end of Rufus Woods, near Bridgeport and working our way up the reservoir. He likes to troll and cast at the same time. It's a great way to fish for triploids. He did say that since the water temperatures have cooled down the action isn't like it is in late fall and spring. During that time of year he has consistent days of high double digit catch and release fishing. I have faith in him, though, and I know that we'll get some fish. He got an 11-pounder recently with this method, and he has taken triploids over 20 pounds! I am very excited about having Heinlen share his secrets for success on Rufus and being able to share them with the viewers of the TV Show. In addition to keeping busy on Rufus Woods this winter Heinlen is catching an incredible number of lake trout on Lake Chelan. This is a great time of year to fish Chelan for lakers, and he is not only catching a bunch of them but some really big lake trout, too. To learn about Joe Heilen's guide service, you can log onto www.lakechelanadventures.com.



Later in the week I am heading down to Ephrata to do a show with Darc Knobel at the Desert Fly Angler. Most folks don't think about fly fishing this time of year, but Rocky Ford Creek is a great place to fish in the winter. Rocky Ford is fed by an underground spring and the water temperature stays fairly constant year-round. The fish stay hungry and frisky even in the winter. I am fortunate to get Darc to agree to do a show. He opened his shop in Ephrata years ago to serve the anglers that visit the quality waters near there. Many of the lakes in the area; Dry Falls, Lenore, Rocky Ford and others, are popular destinations with the fly fishing crowd. The plan is to shoot a "seminar style" session in his shop and then grab our rods and hit the Ford to show everyone how to fish this stream that is

noted for really big rainbow. I have fished Rocky Ford for many years in the winter and have had some fabulous days. I am very pleased that Darc is willing to take the time to show us the finer points of fishing there.

One thing that my wife reminded me that I need to do as I plan the new TV shows for the coming year is to ask you what you'd like to see. I value your input and will take your suggestions to heart. After all, that's why I am doing the shows, to inform you and want to make sure that I am doing things that are of interest to you. If you have an idea, suggestion that follows the format of part interview and part action, go to my web site, www.fishingmagician.com, click on the Contact button and send me a note. I would really appreciate it.

Here's a mark your calendar item. The CCA meeting in January is going to be something special. The directors from the Northwest Coastal Conservation Association will be coming to give everyone an update on what this group has accomplished in the past year and what they are working on in 2012. Also, there will be an announcement about the new Salmon Derby that will

be taking place in Wenatchee in mid-July. Pete Flohr, organizer of the event will be on hand to give everyone details about the new derby and even have tickets available for sale. Flohr has also invited some of the area's expert anglers to be there, too, to talk about their techniques for taking salmon and other species here in Central Washington. The general public is invited and there is no charge to attend. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. It is held at the Eagles Lodge meeting room, at 1208 N. Wenatchee Avenue. If you have questions give Flohr a call at 509-665-9803.

I have mentioned that I thought that Rat Lake near Brewster would be a good bet for ice fishing this year, and I got a note from Keith Roe, who is a fish checker for the Department of Fish and Wildlife. He was on the lake the other day and checked some guys that were fishing there. Roe reported that the ice was four to six inches thick and they had eleven rainbow among them that were 10 to 12 inches long. They had only been fishing for a couple of hours.

I am glad I have a couple of fishing trips planned this week because I will be going to a lot of the sport shows in January. I am looking forward to seeing a lot of folks at these shows, but I also need to get out, shoot more video, and fish myself. I'll keep you posted on what I learn!

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