

Welcoming Dave Graybill To The Nickel Ads Classifieds

The Fishin' Magician

I had a busy week of fishing. Most of the week I spent in southern Oregon as the guest of Jim Teeny, of fly fishing fame, on the Pronghorn Lake Ranch. We fished from u-boats for big rainbow trout. Then on Saturday, Eric Granstrom and I fished with guide Keith Jensen for smallmouth bass. Both of these adventures will be the subject of new Fishing TV Shows that will be aired soon on my web site.

Getting to the Pronghorn Lake Ranch to meet Jim Teeny meant catching the early flight out of Wenatchee to SeaTac, then taking a bus from Medford, Oregon to Klamath Falls, and renting a car the following day to drive to the lake. The lake is at just over 4,000 feet in the Juniper filled hills outside of the small town of Bonanza. Teeny met me there and after pumping up our tubes he outfitted me with one of his Temple Fork Jim Teen rods, four different spools filled with different sink rate lines, and a patch filled with his special flies. These were variations on his Teeny Nymph, which were the basis for his 42-year old business that now features his premium fly fishing lines. At least one of these lines is rated as the best saltwater in the world. Teeny and his wife Donna hold a score of world records of fish taken on his flies.

Over the next two days we had conditions that varied from brisk wind, flat calm, hot weather and rain. We switched from very slow sinking lines that kept our lines just under the surface to fast sinking lines that allowed us to keep our flies consistently at 12 feet deep. No matter what the trout were doing we had a line that would put our flies in the zone, and we were busy. We caught a couple of rainbow that were 15 to 18 inches, but the majority of them were 5 to 8 pounds,



and Jim got one that was over 9 pounds.

We tried a variety of the flies that Teeny had brought along. While large streamer styles worked at times, the smaller natural fly with a white head turned out to be the overall consistent producer of fish. One of the highlights of the video, other than the footage of seeing Jim land some whoppers, is a segment where he ties three different patterns of his own design. You'll be amazed at how quickly he can produce these highly effective patterns.

A copy of his book, "Fly Fishing Great Waters" was there in our cabin and it was a real treat to flip through the pages and have Teeny give the background of the photos of him holding up huge trout, salmon, steelhead, cutthroat and other species that he has caught across the U.S. and around the world. Jim Teeny has a true love of fishing. Even though there were trophy rainbow waiting for us on

Pronghorn Lake, he would start each day casting from shore to catch bluegill! He was a joy to fish with and I look forward to the next opportunity to do just that.

I had just a day to catch up on my e-mails and correspondence and charge the batteries of my camera gear. Then I was up again at 3 a.m. to pick up Eric Granstrom to head for Moses Lake. Keith Jensen, Banks Lake Bass Fishing, was eager to get on the water early for a day of smallmouth fishing. We were met with tough conditions. The wind was already blowing briskly when we launched. Jensen was focusing on bed fishing for smallmouth and between the wind and the overcast skies it was a challenge. He did know where to find fish, though, and he was able to take fish even when beds weren't sighted. We started south of the I-90 Bridge, and then ran up lake looking for calmer water. We fished shallow shorelines and the lee of small islands. We did get a break in the wind and some sun breaks, too, and ended our day where we started. Only now we could actually see the dark spots that indicated spawning beds.

The quality of the fish on Moses Lake was very impressive. For the most part, smallmouth we landed ranged from 3 to 4 pounds. These are very feisty pre-spawn fish and a blast to catch. The smallmouth fishing on Moses Lake is excellent right now, but will remain very good throughout the season. There is very good largemouth bass fishing on the lake, too. I think you'll enjoy watching the Fishing TV Show of our day on Moses Lake, and Jensen's instruction on how to catch them. Check

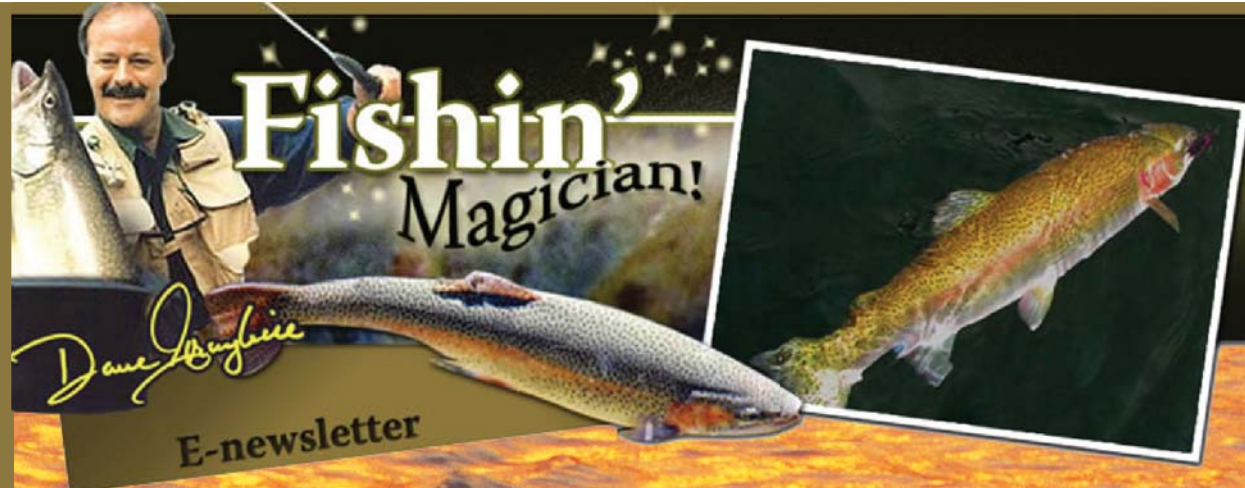
the web site, FishingMagician.com and the Fishing TV Page to see when it is available. If you would like to experience bass fishing with Keith Jensen, visit his web site at www.bankslakebassfishing.com.

The Icicle River opened to spring salmon fishing last weekend, and anglers turned out in force to try for them. However, there aren't many fish in the Icicle yet, and word is that success was close to zero. The river is high, but visibility not too bad. Conditions will improve and so will success as more spring salmon enter the Icicle.

Don't forget the seminar at Town Ford is tonight, Thursday the 23rd, beginning at 6 p.m. Featured speakers are Bobbie Loomis, of Macks Lure Company, and Shane Magnuson, of Upper Columbia Guide Service. Loomis will be talking about how to catch kokanee and Magnuson's presentation will be on fishing for spring salmon.

This weekend will be a busy one here in Central Washington. I may even get out there myself. It would be a great weekend to fish for walleye on Moses Lake. I saw people catching them while we were bass fishing and I want some walleye for dinner!

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