



Hot Lines

By Al Coast

When the tide is not right, when the live bait is hard the get, when the moon is wrong, when the streams are high and dirty, and when the Yellow Tail are not around and the Halibut fail to cooperate, get your fresh water tackle—along with a can of night crawlers—and head south on the San Diego freeway.

Continue on to the Garden Grove freeway, then on to the Riverside freeway. Keep going until you come to Highway 71, turn right, and continue past Lake Elsinore—to a small hamlet known as Temecula. There are a couple of good eating places here. As you are some 90 miles from home, usually a fisherman's breakfast goes good about 6:00 a.m.

Continue on Highway 71 for about a mile, take the left hand turnoff and proceed some nine miles, and you will arrive at a small body of water—nestled in the green hills of what used to be called the Viel Ranch. It is now known as Butterfield Country.

Better known as Viel Lake, this small body of water produces, beyond the shadow of a doubt, the finest Bluegill fishing in California.

This member of the sunfish family grows to great proportions in these waters. Out of a limit of 20 usually a half dozen will weigh in at a pound or better.

Ernie Maloy and your writer took such a trip last week, but ran into some adverse conditions. At 6:30 a.m. there was a 20-mile wind blowing from east to west, churning the lake into very rough water.

With the boat dock located in somewhat of a cove, we procured a boat and made our way farther into the cove, out of the wind. Even with the water temperature at a cold 51 degrees and very dirty—due to windy conditions—we spent a very pleasurable morning basking in the warm sun and landing some 30 fish.

Our stringer was full of bluegill, bass, to 3½ pounds, and crappie to a pound and a half.

The following day found more ardent anglers from Torrance, in the persons of Paul Smith, Walt Gilliard, Mott Haudashelt and "Pop" Leon Smith, spending a day at Viel and bringing home limits of these scrappers.

They reported the brass were more prevalent. The second best bass fisherman in the club, Paul, weighed in the largest at almost four pounds.

The long-awaited yellowtail finally put in their appearance at San Diego. Maybe things will be looking up. By the way, there are a few silver salmon up to 14 pounds being taken at the entrance of the Long Beach Harbor by the bait receiver. They are being taken on live anchovies. These fish put in their appearance here about three years ago.

Barred perch going strong at Oxnard and Hollywood Beach, also at Torrance, Redondo and Hermosa beaches. Best time seems to be an hour before sunset until 10 p.m. and an hour before daylight until the surfers show up.

Lots of big spot fin croaker at the 101 Highway bridge in Newport Bay. Ghost shrimp is the current best attraction for these gamsters. For a great sport, try these with 4 to 6 pound moro and a superlight rod.

LATE FLASHES: Ernie Strong reports plenty of three-pound sargo at the Salton Sea. Best bait: worms and shrimp.

Gary Evans, one of our newer members, is setting a fast pace in the surf-fishing circles. He came up with a sting-ray weighing 75 pounds, along with a leopard shark of 25 pounds.

Anyone acquainted with this type of fishing knows he had quite a hassle landing these animals.

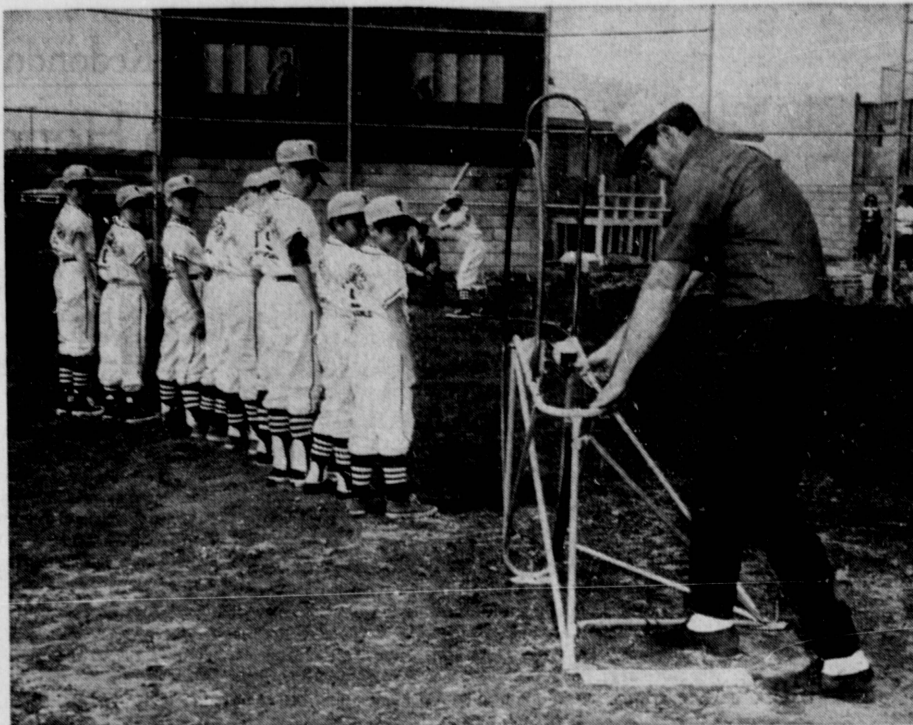
The big boomer is at it again. Jim Murphy mutilated 175 at the local trap range. I often wonder if he could hit a fast flying pigeon or a darting dove...

Now Qualified...

Thirty-three Southland SCUBA divers are official underwater instructors today after receiving 200 hours of study and training from County Department of Parks & Recreation aquatics experts.

Among the graduates are:

Torrance, Paul Burke; Anaheim, Rudy Miranda; Bell, Ken Graves; El Monte, Thomas Thornton; Fullerton, Gordon Kahrs; Gardena, Russell B. Cheney; Glendora, Ray Daugherty and Joseph S. Kieva; Hawthorne, Robert A. Hartmann; La Habra, David Golden; Long Beach, Edmund J. Burgueno; Los Angeles, Helene Jacobs, Ronald P. Kenny, James LaCroix and Isaac Sharon; Manhattan Beach, Robert Seaman, M.D.; and Mr. and Mrs. John Stearns; Norts Hollywood, Robert Carcia; Northridge, James L. Samuels; Norwalk, Frank Hartog; and Redondo Beach, Robert Baker and Leland G. Moler.



BATTING AID . . . Dick Gilbert, manager of the Major Yanks little league team of Torrance, places a ball in position to be thrown from the team's new pitching machine. The "Stri-Kall" machine was pre-

sented by the team's sponsor, Southwest Savings and Loan and John Tweedy, vice-president of the association. Tweedy is in the catcher's position while other team members observe the new innovation.

Press-Herald SPORTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1969

El Segundo Wins Hawthorne Tourney

There's a young freshman at El Segundo whom coach John Stevenson feels is a real prospect for the future.

Stevenson would get an argument from the North Torrance players. The Saxons would have to consider him a prospect right now.

He's Scott McGregor and Wednesday afternoon he threw a one-hitter against North, generally considered the top team in the South Bay, as El Segundo advanced to the Hawthorne Easter Baseball Tournament finals with a 4-0 win over the Saxons at Leuzinger, and eventually went on to win the tournament.

Earlier in the morning, North had qualified for the semifinals with a 6-0 win over West Torrance while Torrance was fighting off seventh-inning wildness to get past South Torrance, 7-6.

McGregor, a lefty, gave up a first-inning, two-out triple to Randy Beach, but nothing else. He didn't dominate the Saxons by any means. He was hit often and sometimes hard, but received fine support from his Eagle teammates on defense.

In fact, El Segundo would have fallen behind in the first inning except for a good play by third-baseman Bob Schaeffer on a hard-hit grounder by Dave Skaggs following the triple. Schaeffer and shortstop Bill Bue made the biggest contributions defensively.

The help he received takes nothing away from McGregor's

performance. He retired the Saxons in order in the second, third and fourth, hit one batter and walked another in the fifth and retired the side in order in the sixth and seventh.

Brad Rooker, also a southpaw went the route for the Saxons and pitched a fine game himself. He allowed just four hits and walked only one. Defensive lapses hurt his cause as all four Eagle runs were unearned.

El Segundo scored twice after two outs had been recorded in the second. Schaeffer reached base on an error and a two-base error on a grounder by Dick Stump put runners on second and third. Then Bill Bue picked up the first El Segundo hit, a single up the middle, driving in both runs.

McGregor left off in the fifth and reached base on an error. Kirk Allison followed up with a drag-bunt single on an 0-2 pitch and McGregor advanced to third on a fly out by Steve Ray. McGregor scored on a single by Jim Helvey and a force at second left the Eagles with runners on first and third. Allison scored on a steal play while Dave Marikos was being run down for the final out of the inning.

There was still another fine pitching performance in one of the earlier Torrance bracket games.

North's Terry Smythe gave up just one hit to West as the Saxons posted their 6-0 win. Smythe walked only one man

while striking out 11 and retired the side in order four times.

Larry Farrah came up with the Warriors' lone hit in the second inning, leading off with a first-pitch single through the hole to left field.

North scored twice in the second inning on a single by Beach, a double by Art Frasquillo, a single by Gary Prior for one run and a balk.

Beach doubled in the fourth and scored on a single by Frasquillo. Dave Skaggs unloaded a two-run homer between the right and center fielders in the fifth and the Saxons added a run entirely on walks in the sixth.

Torrance built up a 7-0 lead in its game with South, but was on the ropes at the end.

After scoring once in the second, the Tartars sent 10 men to the plate in the fourth and collected four runs.

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Fernley hit a solo homer in the fifth and Torrance added another run in the sixth.

South scored twice in the bottom of the sixth and four times in the seventh.

With one out, Steve Jarvis reached base on an error. Then the Spartans received five consecutive walks for three runs.

Track Leaders Posted

Five area high school trackmen are in the current CIF Southern Section listings for the best track marks of the 1969 season.

South High's Decker Underwood, one of the best distance runners ever to come out of the Torrance School district, has the top mark of the year in the mile, having run a sizzling 4:13.8, and is nine-tenths of a second behind the best time of the year in the 880 at 1:55.9.

Ranking ahead of Underwood in that event is Hank Merrill of Bishop Montgomery, who traveled the distance in 1:55.5.

Steve Smith, another South High star, currently leads the CIF in pole vault this season, having cleared 15' 8½". Ranking behind him in sixth place is Jim Nunnally of Mira Costa.

Ron Johnson of West High is the owner of the second-best two mile effort, posting a 9:09.1, a heartbeat off the CIF's best time of 9:08 turned in by Ruben Chappins of Excelsior.

Workshop Set

A nature workshop for volunteer leaders of youth groups in this area will be conducted April 25 in Torrance. The session, scheduled from 9 a.m. until noon, will be held at the Torrance Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd.

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Technology Aids Little-Leaguers

This season the Major Yanks Little League Team of Torrance is out to win 'em all. And just to make sure that each Little Leaguer on the team turns out a Big League performance something new has been added to the Major Yanks equipment.

A new Stri-Kall pitching machine has been presented to the league by the Yanks' sponsor, Southwest Savings and Loan, and John A. Tweedy, vice president of the association.

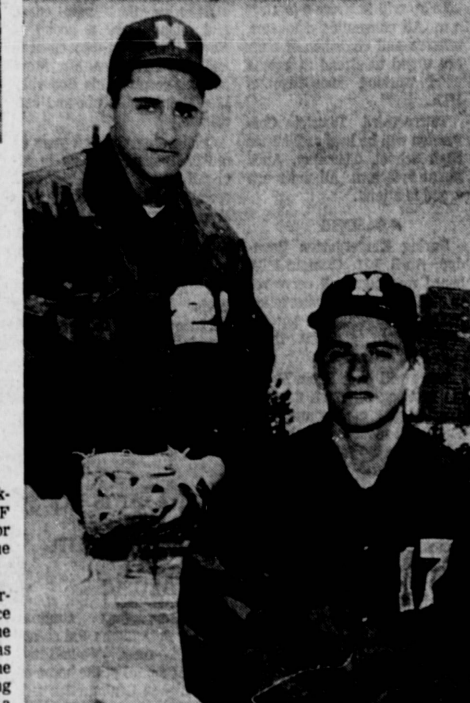
The machine which is built by Vac-Hyd for K-Lin Specialties of Manhattan Beach was put in operation at the first batting practice of the year.

Southwest Savings chose the Stri-Kall pitching machine, because it so ideally suits the requirements of Little-League-

age baseball players. This portable machine duplicates the action of a pitched ball, at regulation distances.

Each pitch is individually triggered, and a simple adjustment allows changes in heights, even between each pitch. Two speed adjustments are provided, one for the 8 and 9 year olds, and one for the 10 through 12 group.

In addition to standard baseballs, it readily accepts a variety of "whiffle" balls so that backyard practice will not make a batting cage necessary. Mr. Tweedy explains, "We feel that this pitching machine is an excellent teaching tool for the team and will give the league coaches a real chance to study and improve the hitter's form."



TOP BATTERY . . . Bishop Montgomery's top hurler, Jeff Annis (standing), who is 2-1 in league play, and catcher Paul Pettit, batting an even .300 will combine their talents Monday against Crespi in hopes of assuming sole ownership of first place in the Camino Real League. (Press-Herald Photo)

Ascot Sets Full Card For Season Openers

One of the strongest fields for an opener in years will be on deck at Ascot Park in Gardena tonight for the first 1969 motorcycle racing meet. First race on the 18-event program is at 8:15.

Friday night cycle racing has been a Southland institution since before World War II, the last decade under the J. C. Agajanian banner at the fast 183rd and Vermont Avenue course.

There also will be steeplechasing action the first Saturday night of each month, the initial event set tomorrow at 8:15.

Heading the invaders for the opener is Cal Rayborn of San Diego, winner of the recent Daytona Beach 200-mile nationals, cycle's equivalent of the Indianapolis "500."

Others who figure to contend Friday or Saturday or both times, include Mert Lawwill, San Francisco; Gene Romero, San Luis Obispo; Eddie Wirth, Manhattan Beach; Mel Lacher, San Diego; Sammy Tanner, Long Beach; Skip Van Leuwen, Sherman Oaks; Dusty Coppage, Hollywood; Eddie Mulder, Burbank; Dan Haaby, Sacramento; and Ralph White, Torrance.

Bus Tickets Go On Sale For City Baseball Night

The Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce is hoping for a large turnout for "Torrance Night at Dodger Stadium," a sportnight spectacular for the whole family.

The event will take place April 21, but a deadline of April 12 has been set for ticket sales.

When the Los Angeles Dodgers Baseball Club designated "Torrance Night," Mayor Albert Isen officially proclaimed the city's recognition of the good will gesture. The Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, under the leadership of Bill Melville, chairman of the sports and recreation committee, is coordinating plans for the event.

Three buses will be leaving Torrance for the Stadium the night of April 21 from the following locations:

- The San Franciscan restaurant, 2520 W. Sepulveda Blvd.;
- The Torrance City Recreation Department, 3335 Torrance Blvd.; and
- A restaurant at 3848 Sepulveda Blvd.

Bus tickets may be purchased at each of these three locations. Tickets from the two restaurants, which will include food, cost \$4.50 per person.

Tickets for the Recreation Department bus cost \$3.75.

TICKETS FOR those who wish to provide their own transportation may be purchased at \$2.50 per person at the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Torrance Area Youth Band has been invited to play both before and during the ballgame, and a Torrance city official will be given the honor of throwing out the first ball.

Torrance is being recognized for its contributions to industry, finance, and business in the Southern California area.



PEANUTS AND CRACKERJACKS . . . Rooting for the home team at "Torrance Night at Dodger Stadium" will be (from left) Mayor Albert Isen, George M. Ebert, and Bill Melville. The event, slated for April 21, will honor the City of Torrance for its contributions to business and industry. Three busloads of Torrance residents will troop to Dodger Stadium to see a Torrance city official throw out the first ball. The gala event is being coordinated by the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, under the leadership of Chamber President Ebert and Sports Committee Chairman Melville. Mayor Isen has officially proclaimed the citywide event. (Press-Herald Photo)