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RMR Weekly E-News

Hello RMR Faithful!

I hope you all enjoyed a safe Independence Day weekend. We were blessed with a GREAT rain on the 4th, and no hail...that is a real blessing! The crops are starting to pop and the rain will really kick them in. We are so excited about the cover this year. Bill did a great job of spraying weeds...that is a never ending job... and with the new no-till drill the cover will be outstanding. We planted two different types of sorghum (milo) and this is a stronger variety that should not be affected by the winds we get. It will stand up better than the previous crops, but we just need some critical rains to make it happen.

You should take some time and come see the new PYRAMID. They did an awesome job on it and it is really nice. Bring the shotgun and let's bust some targets!

We treated the big pond in Winchester for weeds, but it is fine for the dogs to swim in now. If you are coming out to train, bring some bug dope...the little bite-ers are nasty in the morning and at dusk!

CHANCE OF A LIFETIME

If you have not already bought some tickets for the statewide deer license or the guided deer hunt, you can still get in on the drawing!

The Colorado Chapter of SCI will be drawing the winning tickets on July 15th and you can go to their website at www.scicolorado.org and print off the information to get in on the drawing. The odds are great since there has not been a huge amount of tickets sold.

You have three things to win:

A tag for deer that is good from September 1 until the end of December anywhere in the state.

A guided deer hunt for next fall with a landowner voucher with Doyle Worbington near Montrose.

A Rock River .223 rifle.

Money raised from the drawings stays right here in Colorado and funds a variety of wildlife and humanitarian projects. Buy a few and GOOD LUCK!!

RMR MEMBER NEWS

Wes Metzler is home in Colorado now and responding to treatment. He will go back to Texas sometime later in the summer.

It has been two weeks since Danny Berry was in the roll over car accident in New Mexico. He is starting to wake up and his Mom and sister are with him during the day at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs. Things are looking up, but he is not out of the woods yet. Keep them in your prayers.

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11 year old Garrett Ross is home from Children's Hospital and continues to make improvements with his heart treatment.

We continue to keep Barb and Steve Selvig in our prayers as she is in hospice. They are doing a bit of traveling and seeing family this summer.

Please keep all of these folks in your thoughts and prayers.

ORDER GUNS AT COST

High Tech Customs is still ordering guns for us at cost plus a \$30 transfer fee. Call Laura with what you need and she will find it for you. 719-667-1090. A lot of RMR folks have taken advantage of this opportunity and you should too! It can really save you money!

GUN SAFETY CLASS SET FOR JULY 24

Our next basic pistol gun safety class is scheduled for Saturday July 24th at RMR. The class is perfect for those of you who have been shooting forever, or for those that have never shot before. Cost is still \$80 and starts at 8am and runs until 4pm. Once you have passed the course, you can get your concealed carry permit in Colorado, if that is something that you want to do. Email me for details or to register.

YOUNG ANGLER CATCHES RECORD

WHEAT RIDGE, Colo.--A 14-year-old Golden resident became the newest member of Colorado's angling elite after landing a 51-pound grass carp while fishing at Prospect Park Lake on June 4. The mammoth carp, caught by Cody Moreland, set a new species state record and ranks as the heaviest fish ever caught in Colorado.

Moreland, who regularly fishes the small Jefferson County lake, caught the record-setting fish using a Rapala Dives-To lure, 14-pound line and a Zebco rod and reel. Moreland says he was initially targeting bass but changed tactics after seeing large carp within casting distance of his lure.

"When I got to the lake, I could see carp 'tailing' quite a ways out from the shore," said Moreland. "I knew they would probably hit the Rapala because I've caught smaller carp using that same technique before."

At approximately 3 p.m., Moreland cast his line toward the feeding carp and started retrieving the minnow-like imitation. Within seconds, the monster fish grabbed the lure and then charged in the opposite direction, peeling monofilament line from the Zebco reel.

"This was my first cast of the day but I could tell right away that this was a huge fish," said Moreland. "I had to make sure my drag was set just right to keep from losing it."

After 25 minutes of give-and-take, Moreland landed the enormous fish in front of wide-eyed spectators who had gathered to watch the nearly half-hour-long battle. Moreland's grandfather also witnessed his grandson's stunning achievement.

"Everyone was in awe when I finally landed the fish," said Moreland. "Even my grandfather was shocked. He just kept saying, 'Wow, that is the biggest fish I've ever seen.'"

Moreland's carp measured 42 inches in length, 28 inches in girth and weighed exactly 51 pounds--nearly 7 pounds heavier than the previous 44.8-pound record, caught in 2006 at a private Lake in Larimer County.

In addition to breaking the state record for grass carp, Moreland's catch is the heaviest fish ever recorded in Colorado, surpassing a 50.35-pound lake trout caught by Donald Walker at Blue Mesa Reservoir in 2007.

"This carp is the heaviest fish that we have ever entered into our record books," said Paul Winkle, Colorado

Division of Wildlife fisheries biologist. "Grass carp can grow to enormous sizes, so it's not surprising that this species has now taken the top spot in this category."

Widely considered a "rough fish" by most anglers, carp are not members of Colorado's sport-fish group. However, due to their hard-fighting nature and tendency to grow to enormous sizes in neighborhood lakes and ponds, carp deserve a spot in Colorado's record books.

"Grass carp and the more plentiful common carp provide tremendous angling opportunities for Front Range and metro area anglers," said Mark Cousins, DOW hunter education coordinator. "Anglers who have discovered the thrill of carp fishing have coined carp the fresh-water bonefish because of the tremendous battle they pose on a fly rod or light spinning gear."

The DOW stocks grass carp selectively in small lakes and ponds across eastern Colorado, using the herbivorous fish as a biological control to manage overabundant aquatic weeds and vegetation. The grass carp are sterilized in hatcheries before stocking, so they won't reproduce. According to stocking records, the DOW planted grass carp in Prospect Lake Park in 1988, 1992 and 1993.

Moreland, who has aspirations of becoming a professional angler someday, hopes this is just the first of many record-breaking fish and angling accolades.

"I started fishing when I was 3 or 4 years old and have been hooked ever since," said Moreland. "It's my favorite thing to do and I hope to become a professional fisherman someday. My goal is to keep improving my fishing skills."

The DOW added the record carp to the Colorado State Fishing Records and issued Moreland a Master Angler award certificate and patch, further recognizing his outstanding achievement.

"We want to congratulate Cody Moreland for his exceptional fish," said Winkle. "It's always exciting when a record is broken and we get to enter a new name into the record books. I think it's even more rewarding when a youth breaks the record and can share the moment with their family."

The DOW tracks fish records by weight in 43 different species categories. Potential record holders must have a valid Colorado fishing license or be under the age of 16. The fish in question must be weighed on a state-certified scale, and a weight receipt must be signed by a person who witnessed the weighing. The fish, before being frozen, gutted or altered in any way, must be examined and identified by a DOW biologist or wildlife manager before an application is submitted.

TWO FOR THE ROAD

Bob, a 70-year-old, extremely wealthy widower, shows up at the Country Club with a breathtakingly beautiful and very sexy 25-year-old blonde-haired woman who knocks everyone's socks off with her youthful sex appeal and charm and who hangs over Bob's arm and listens intently to his every word. His buddies at the club are all aghast. At the very first chance, they corner him and ask, 'Bob, how'd you get the trophy girlfriend?' Bob replies, 'Girlfriend? She's my wife!' They are knocked over, but continue to ask. 'So, how'd you persuade her to marry you?' 'I lied about my age', Bob replies. 'What, did you tell her you were only 50?' Bob smiles and says, 'No, I told her I was 90.'

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While living in Denver the weatherman said, expect 10 to 12 inches of snow tonight so park on the right side of the road so we can plow the left side. Willie's wife ran out and parked on the right side. The next week the forecast called for another 10 to 12 inches of snow, but this time he said park on the left side. So Willie's wife ran out and parked the car on the left side of the road. The following week he said 16 inches of snow expected park, the lights went out and all our power was lost. Willie's wife said, my goodness, now I don't know where to park the car. "Why don't you just leave it in the garage?" Willie said.

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