

# Welcoming Dave Graybill To The Nickel Ads Classifieds

## The Fishin' Magician



It has been a tough couple of weeks. I haven't been fishing at all! I hope to make up for it in the coming week. I don't care what the weather is like I am going out and doing it wherever I can. I'm sure that I am repeating what a lot of your are saying when I say I sure miss fishing for steelhead. It is probably not logical but I am hoping that we see the opening of some steelhead fishing sometime before March, but as I say it probably isn't going to happen.

I did have fun over the weekend. I attended the KOHO Radio Chili Cook-Off at the Ski Hill in Leavenworth. It was really fun and I got a great new program for the Cooking TV Show that you can see next month. I also have a second program available on the new Outdoor Insider TV Show. I did three shows on steelhead fishing for the month of January. This was well before the season was cancelled. They are great show, though! You can watch them, learn some things and try to remember them until next year. Actually, you'll be able to watch them again. They won't go away. Just go to my web site, FishingMagician.com, click on the Outdoor Insider TV button on the Home Page and then scroll down and click on the show you want to watch. Be patient, you wait for a 30-second ad to play and some TV station stuff, then you will get to see it.

I do have a busy week planned. Three days of fishing right now. Two trips to Rufus Woods and another to Rocky Ford, and then I am off to Pasco for the Tri-Cities Sportsmen's Show. I have always liked this show, and it's even more important this year. With steelhead closed at least we can go to shows and dream about other kinds of fishing. If you go to these shows very often they become like reunions. You get to see



folks that you usually don't except at these shows. I like these smaller shows on the east side of the mountains, too. They have everything the larger shows do, but on a smaller scale. You have a better opportunity to meet and chat with the exhibitors and seminar presenters than at the larger shows.

I need to mention something. Did you know that my wife Eileen does all the editing and puts the TV shows together? This week for example, I will go fishing for three days, dump the raw material off with her and then take off for the weekend. She will be sitting at home spending hours putting the shows together for delivery to the TV stations. This is hours of work. I wanted to be sure that you knew who was doing

all the hard work behind the scenes and publicly thank her for the work she does, for me, the advertisers and you that watch the shows. I really appreciate all of you that take the time to send me a note of thanks for what we do, too. Pretty good gig, though. I go fishing and she does all the work!

I am looking forward to my trip to Rufus Woods. I'll be fishing with Stuart Hurd, and he called and said he had a really good day there recently. He'll be bringing along a couple of buddies so we can have some extra lines in the water. I hope to have a good action sequence to follow the how-to portion of the video I will be taking. I have had some other good reports on Rufus Woods recently, too. Joe Heinlen, who I will be fishing with on Thursday, has taken some big fish. I am hoping the weather holds. I have been looking forward to fishing with Joe Heinlen for a long time.

I called the folks at Coulee Playland the other day to get a report on the fishing at Lake Roosevelt. I fished up there last year at about this time with Shane Magnuson. We had a boat load of people on his big sled and we caught a bunch of fish. I wanted to get back up there, but the word is that Roosevelt

isn't as good as last year. I was told that many of the regulars that fish Roosevelt near Spring Canyon have given it up, and are fishing the north end of Banks Lake instead

I did some checking on the Okanogan River steelhead fishing. I would have mentioned it earlier, but it appears that the fishing isn't that great. Jerrod Gibbons said that the river can be floated from Omak to Okanogan, but don't start early in the day. It takes until at least 10 a.m. for the slush and shelf ice to clear off enough for decent fishing. Even then it is pretty slow. If an angler gets one fish it counts as a good day on the Okanogan River right now.

I know it's over a month away, but don't forget to mark your calendars for the tagged trout derby that the Quincy Valley Tourism Association will put on again this year. It will be the first weekend in March. Since we are having such mild weather confidence is high that both Burke and Quincy lakes will be ice-free for fishing. Remember, there will be thousands of dollars in prize money and lots of other stuff to win at this one. I'll have more details soon. Keep an eye on my Home Page.

Looking forward to giving you a great report on my week in the next column!

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