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## IF IT'S SPRING - IT'S TIME FOR THE STAN'S SPIN!

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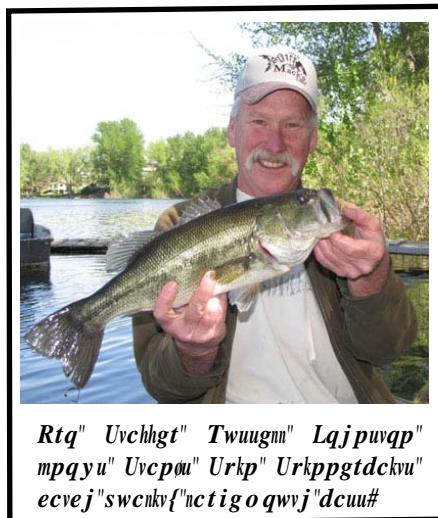
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I love bass fishing, and have found over the years that different seasons call for changing techniques if you hope to get bass in the boat. During the spring months, using a Stan's Spin Spinnerbait is one of my "go-to" lures when it comes to catching largemouth bass.

As bass begin moving on - and off - spawning beds they often hold off brushy points and other structure. That's when I toss a Stan's Spin and work it back using a stop-and-pause retrieve. When I stop reeling the lure drops and the mylar blade on the spinnerbait helicopters down,

giving the lure a unique presentation you won't find with metal blade spinnerbaits. Watch your line as that lure falls, because that is usually when that bass is going to strike. If you want to improve your chances for success put a 3 to 4-inch plastic grub or on the spinnerbait.



The Stan's Spin also holds its own in the fall when the water cools and bass are often found off of points and defined weed lines. Again, using a stop and pause retrieve will get bass to strike.

The Stan's Spin, it's one of my favorite spring/fall lures for largemouth bass. Give it a try and I suspect it will be yours as well!

## RECORD KOKANEE CAUGHT

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A new record Kokanee, a land-locked blueback salmon, was caught recently by Wan Teece, of Enterprise, Oregon at Wallowa Lake. Her fish measured 26.25-inches in length and weighed 8.23-pounds. The fish had a girth of 16-inches.

It appears that the fish is a record for the entire United States and not just the State of Oregon.

Records maintained by the National Fishing Hall of Fame show the all time kokanee record to be 9-pounds, 6-ounces. That one was caught in Canada in 1988. No kokanee of 8-pounds or more, except for the one Teece recently caught at Wallowa Lake, have been previously recorded for the United States.

She used a Wedding Ring with a Smile Blade to catch the record fish. "Specifically a Wedding Ring - Double Whammy Kokanee Pro," says Bobby Loomis, director of sales for Mack's Lure.

The Smile Blade is getting more and more attention from anglers all over the country. Three years ago Mike Hepper used one ahead of his bait to break the Washington State walleye record, still standing at 19.3-pounds.

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## Cookin' Your Catch

### Cajun Bass & Rice

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- 1 pound of fresh bass
- salt and pepper to taste
- 4 ounces of butter
- 2 ounces of white wine
- 1/2 ounce of peppercorns
- 2 cups of heavy whipping cream
- 2 ounces of dijon mustard

Clean, skin, and debone the bass. Place the bass in a baking pan in 4-ounce portions. Season with salt and pepper. Add 4 oz. melted butter, and 1 oz. white wine. Cover with aluminum foil and bake at 350 degrees F until consistently cooked, about 15-20 minutes. Heat saucepan. Add peppercorns, 1 oz. wine, heavy whipping cream and Dijon mustard. Cook until you have a sauce. Spoon sauce over the bass and serve.

## Take a Kid Fishing!



**You will be glad you did!**

## Stan's Space

### "They're Smiling All The Way To The Bank"

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The headline you see at the top of this column doesn't refer to some lucky dude who just won the lottery.

And the bank I'm talking about might be the shoreline of darn near any Pacific Northwest river that carries a run of steelhead.

I use that heading for this column because of the building interest in Mack's Lure Smile Blades among Pacific Northwest steelhead and salmon anglers. If you're a regular reader of this column, you know I've mentioned this before. The way these little plastic blades are catching on big time for this fishery is reminiscent of how the same thing transpired, especially among wall-eye anglers in the Midwest, over the past couple of decades.

This time around let's get into some of the specifics as to just how some of the Pacific Northwest's top guides are using Smile Blades. I'm going to start out with how they use them for steelhead. In my next column we'll get into the rigging specifics for anglers who are after salmon.

"Steelheaders have been primarily using two different procedures," says Bobby Loomis, Mack's Lure director of sales and marketing. "The most popular method has been to use them under floats while drift fishing."

The size Smile Blade these steelhead anglers employ most of the time is the 0.8-inch blade, the smallest in the Smile Blade line. They're using a variety of colors. Those you'll see most often are the silver

sparkle, chartreuse sparkle, pink silver tiger, hot pink sparkle, silver mirror, pink mirror and flame.



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So how should you go about rigging these plastic blades for steelheading. "The conventional method," Loomis says, "is to slide 4mm beads down the leader to ride above your hook. The next step is to slide your Smile Blade down to ride above the beads."

You can if you choose, and I think it's a good idea, take one more step. That's to slide a Mack's Lure bobber stop onto your leader above the blade. That way the Smile Blade won't wind up sliding too far up the leader.

This is much the same set up I often use now when I'm fishing a plastic worm for bass. I've seen times when largemouth just couldn't leave the combination blade and worm alone. You're not, of course, restricted to any one way of rigging your Smile Blade or some of the other Mack's Lure fish attractors that work great with it. Some anglers use a glittering Wedding Ring on their rigs. Others employ floats of one kind or another.

The second method, and this one takes a little more doing, is to go ahead and snell your steelhead hooks as usual, but instead of cutting the end of the leader right off at the hook, leave a few inches of leader below it. Slide a Smile Blade up on this leader---again, it's behind

the hook---and then add 4mm beads for the blade to ride on.

The next step is to simply tie a knot in the end of the leader so the beads and blade can't slide off. Tie the knot so your bead and blade ride about 2-inches behind the hook.



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It doesn't take much imagination to visualize how that little blade twirling along behind your bait is going to attract attention. As I've mentioned in past columns, these remarkable little fish attractors also impart a wiggle to whatever is used along with them

"They do it," Loomis says, "whether the Smile Blade is above your hook or behind it. Steelhead anglers are getting results using it in either fashion."

Please note the illustrations that accompany this column. They'll be of help if you decide to give Smile Blades a shot---and you're missing a darn good bet if you don't--- in your own steelhead fishing

I catch myself wishing Smile Blades had been available decades ago when I was spending every winter weekend up to my butt in my beloved Toutle River fishing steelhead. The Toutle flowed out of Spirit Lake at the base of Mount St. Helens. The river I knew so well then was destroyed when St. Helens blew its top back on May 18, 1980.

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I loved that river. I've never had the heart to even go back to look at it since the mountain's eruption. They are again catching some fish in lower portions of the river and certain of its tributaries, but the old Toutle that I felt so deeply about is now but a memory.

This column has dealt only with using Smile Blades for steelhead. As I've mentioned, in my next column we'll take a look at how the experts are also using them for salmon. You won't want to miss it.

-To Be Continued-

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S<"The Wedding Ring is fantastic at attracting fish but why do you only offer the lure with the clear stones?

C< The clear stone reflects all colors of light and will especially reflect the colors of the beads that are next to it. We believe it is by far the best all around stone. Clarity is extremely important and why we use the highest grade of crystal rhinestones available. However we do realize a subtle change can make a huge difference on a tough day of fishing. That is why we begun offering colored Wedding Ring stones as a component.

### Photo of the Month



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