

# HSV Lakes and Successfully Fishing Them

Presented By HSV Anglers Club,  
Lakes Management And Parks &  
Recreation

# Agenda

- Hot Springs Village Lakes
- Fishing Basics
- Knot Tying Demo
- Break
- Crappie Fishing
- Bream Fishing
- Demo Crappie & Bream Fishing Techniques

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- Bass Fishing Techniques
- Demo Bass Fishing Techniques
- Q & A

# Introduction

- Facilitator Don Langston
- Presenters
  - Don Langston
  - Todd Noles
  - Bill Goodwin
  - Dave Keith
  - Bob Brannan

# Introduction

- Mentors
  - Jim Watson
  - Jerry Swaim
  - Kirk Bixler
  - Frank Elliot
  - Robb Ferriman
  - Greg Osterhout
  - Bob Walker
  - Jim Garner
  - Pete DeVries

# Introduction

- Mentors
  - Robert Sonnen
  - Tim Brown
  - Mike Crews
  - Craig Schilling
  - Darrell Graham
- Attendee Sign in
  - Trent Cole
  - Jack Wohlfarth

# Introduction

- HSV Anglers Club
  - Purpose of the club is to promote fellowship through fishing
  - Membership is open to any property owner, permanent resident and resident dependents.
  - Meet on the first Tuesday of each Month at 7 pm in room 6 of the Coronado Center
    - Speaker
    - Tips and techniques
  - Mentor program for new members

# Introduction

- HSV Anglers Club

- Lake improvements

- Fish Habitat install
    - Donate Funds to improve Lake access
      - Docks
      - Fishing piers

- Events sponsored or co-sponsored

- Seminar
    - Annual Kids Fishing Derby
    - Team Tournament
    - Military Fishing Day

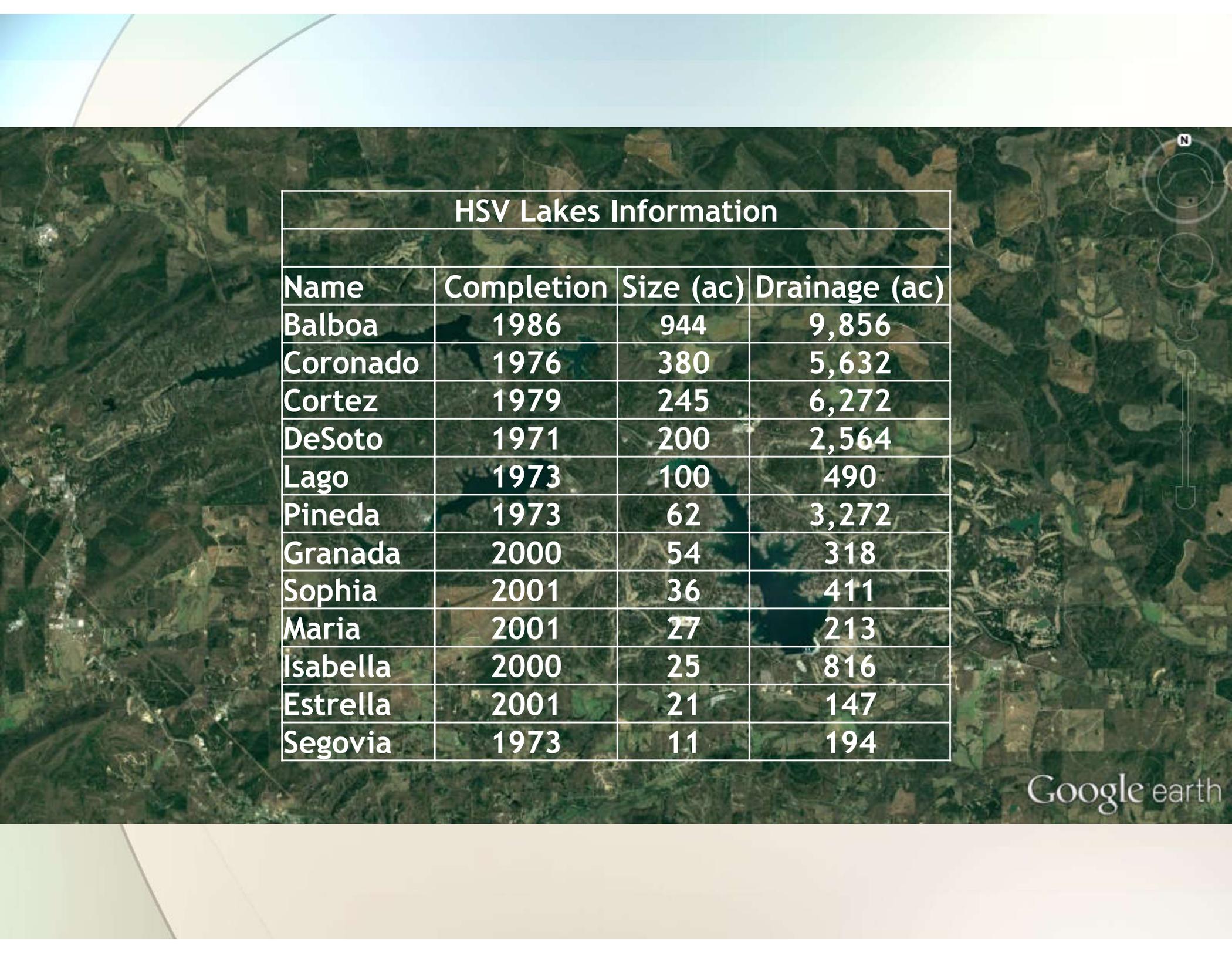
- More information at [www.hsvanglers.com](http://www.hsvanglers.com)

# Hot Springs Village Lakes

Todd Noles, Superintendent Common  
Property, Forestry, Lakes & Dams

# Who owns the Lakes in the Village?

- The state of Arkansas owns the water.
- All state boating and fishing regulations apply to Village lakes
- The POA owns the property under the water.
- The POA owns the property surrounding the water and controls the access to the lakes.
- HSV Lakes are considered private by Arkansas Game & Fish

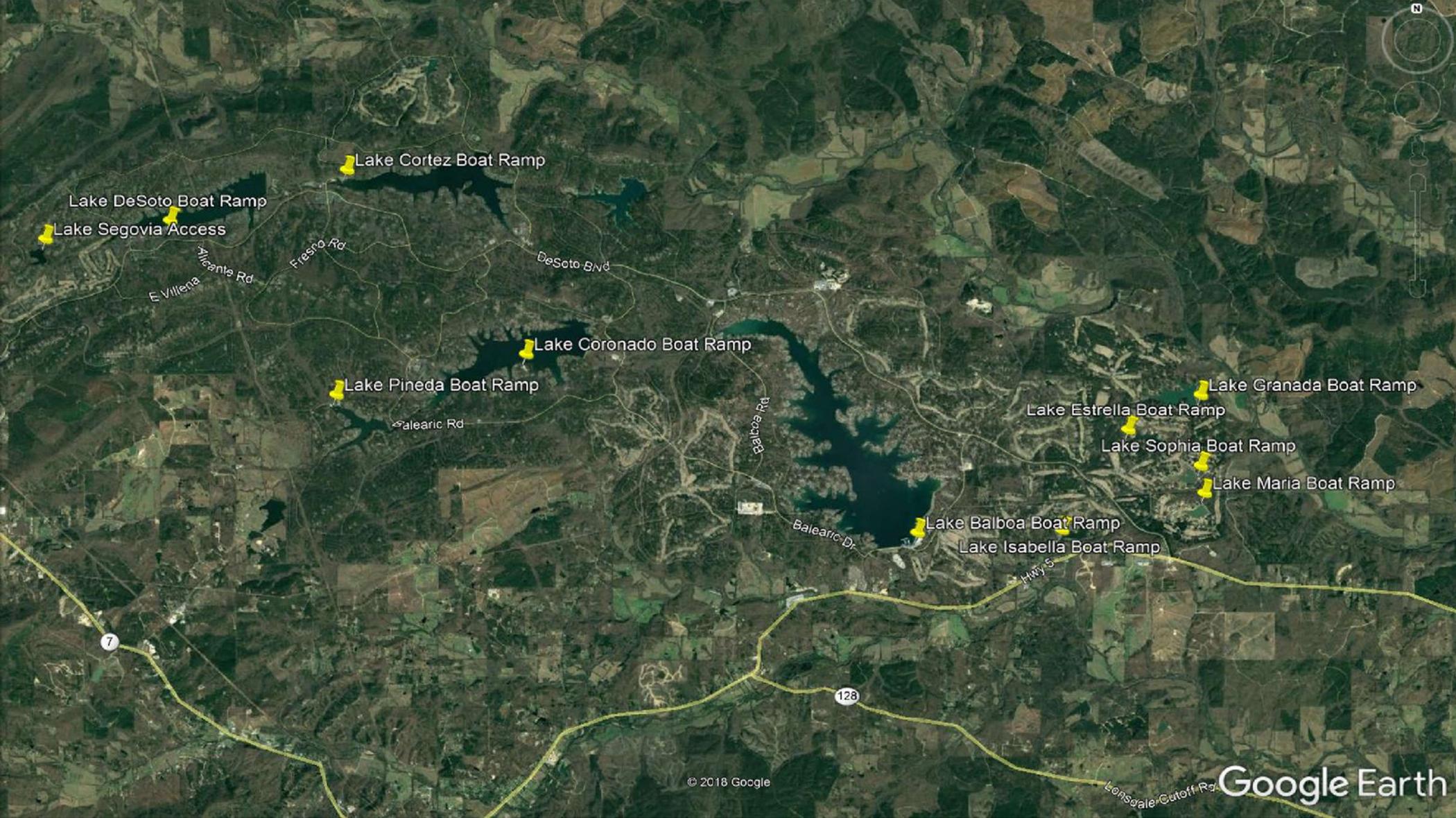


| HSV Lakes Information |            |           |               |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|---------------|
| Name                  | Completion | Size (ac) | Drainage (ac) |
| Balboa                | 1986       | 944       | 9,856         |
| Coronado              | 1976       | 380       | 5,632         |
| Cortez                | 1979       | 245       | 6,272         |
| DeSoto                | 1971       | 200       | 2,564         |
| Lago                  | 1973       | 100       | 490           |
| Pineda                | 1973       | 62        | 3,272         |
| Granada               | 2000       | 54        | 318           |
| Sophia                | 2001       | 36        | 411           |
| Maria                 | 2001       | 27        | 213           |
| Isabella              | 2000       | 25        | 816           |
| Estrella              | 2001       | 21        | 147           |
| Segovia               | 1973       | 11        | 194           |

# Dredging Schedule

|             |                            |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| 2022 - 2023 | Lake Cortez                |
| 2023 - 2024 | Lakes Maria and Sophia     |
| 2024 - 2025 | Lake Coronado              |
| 2025 - 2026 | Lake Balboa                |
| 2026 - 2027 | Lakes Estrella and Granada |
| 2027 - 2028 | Lake DeSoto                |
| 2028 - 2029 | Lakes Isabella and Pineda  |

# HSV Lakes & Boat Ramp Locations



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# Game Fish in HSV Lakes

- Arkansas Game & Fish (AG&F) provided initial stocking of bass, sunfish, catfish and baitfish for all HSV Lakes
- AG&F periodically stocked sunfish, catfish and baitfish in HSV Lakes thru 2014 including
  - Single stocking of walleye in Lake Cortez but Cortez doesn't provide environment for walleye to reproduce.
  - Single stocking of threadfin shad in Lake Balboa which now provide significant forage.
- In 2014 AG&F quit fish surveys and stocking of private lakes.

# Game Fish in HSV Lakes

- Stocking of game fish is now the responsibility of HSV POA with permits and permissions from AG&F.
- Successful stocking requires a fish survey to determine species and location that require stocking, if any.
  - POA Lakes Management has equipment required to conduct a fish survey
  - POA Lakes Management has permits from AG&F and is scheduled to do fish surveys of Village Lakes this spring
- Based on the results of the fish surveys POA has limited budget to stock game fish and/or baitfish

# Game Fish in HSV Lakes

- **Biggest Challenges**
  - Lack of fish habitat in all Village lakes
  - Low harvest rates on many Village lakes resulting in overpopulation of game fish and stunted growth
  - Controlling spread of invasive snails
- **Questions????**

# **Successfully Fishing Village Lakes**

**Don Langston**

**Bill Goodwin**

**Dave Keith**

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# What Do I Need to Get Started

- Fishing License  
(<https://www.agfc.com/en/>)
- Rod and Reel
- Line
- Hooks, Weights & Bobbers
- Baits
- Tackle Storage

# Fishing Reels – Features and Types



\$10 - \$100

## Spincast Reel

- Enclosed spool spin reel used on a baitcast rod
- Spool in-line with rod
- Pros – easiest to use – best for beginners – thumb button operation
- Cons – wind knots – knots may go undetected – line twist
- Zebco, Bass Pro, Shakespeare, Abu Garcia, and others



\$20 - \$300

## Spinning Reel

- Open spool w/ bail – used on a spin rod – hangs under
- Spool in-line with rod
- Interchangeable left/right reel handle
- Pros – casts farther – easier to learn – easier w/ light baits
- Cons – wind knots – looping – line twist



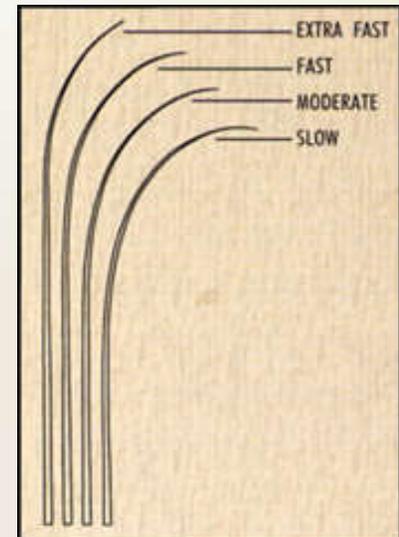
\$40 - \$500

## Baitcast Reel

- Open spool w/ thumb release – used on baitcast rod
- Spool in perpendicular to rod
- Can get w/ left or right reel handle, but not interchangeable
- Pros – more accurate casting/control
- Cons – backlashes (bird's nests) – most difficult to cast

# Fishing Rods – Features and Types

- **Types** – Spin and Casting
- **Lengths** – Various depending on use
  - Bass – 6'6" to 7'2"
  - Crappie – up to 10'
- **Power** – Overall stiffness of the rod (Backbone)
  - Rated – UL, L, ML, M, MH, H, XH
  - Recommendations of line size and lure wt.
  - Medium & Medium Heavy for Bass
  - Med Lt & Light for Bream or Crappie
- **Action** – Slow, Moderate, Fast, Extra Fast
  - faster the action - bend is closer to the tip
  - faster the action – more sensitivity
  - moderate & fast for bass
  - slow to moderate for bream & crappie
- **Cost** - \$30 ++



# Fishing Lines – Features and Types

**Most common lines:** Monofilament and Fluorocarbon

## Typical Pound Test Fishing Line Choices

2-6 lb. test – Bream, Crappie, Trout

6-12 lb. test – Bass, Cappie, Catfish, Walleye

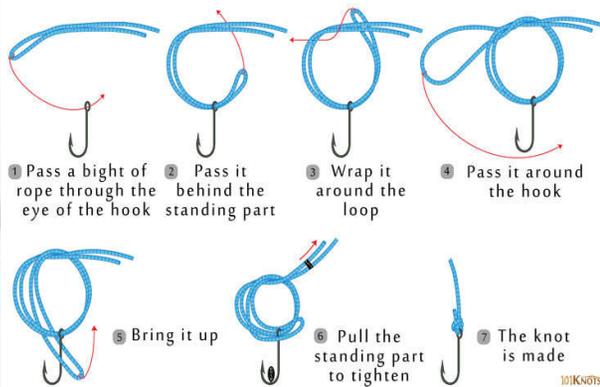
14-20+ lb. test – Catfish, Hybrids, Strippers

| Feature             | Mono | Fluoro   |
|---------------------|------|----------|
| Castability         | Good | Fair     |
| Memory              | Med  | High     |
| Visibility          | Med  | Very Low |
| Stretch             | Med  | Low      |
| Floats              | Yes  | No       |
| Abrasion Resistance | Good | Fair     |

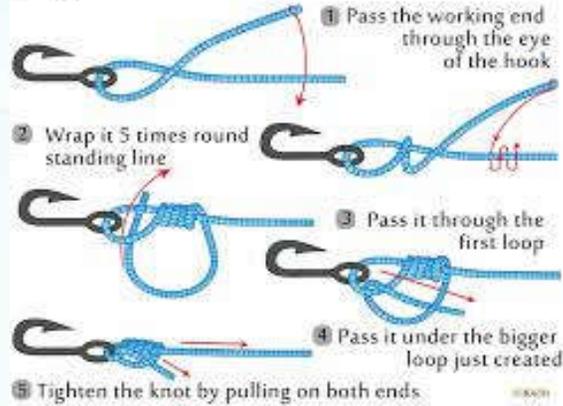
# Fishing Knots

## Knots for attaching line to a hook or lure

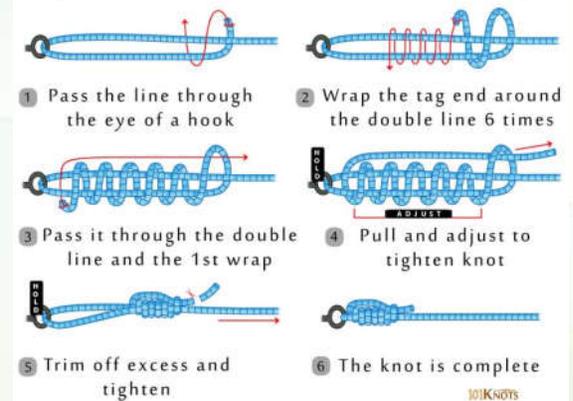
### Palomar Knot Instructions



### Improved Clinch Knot Instructions

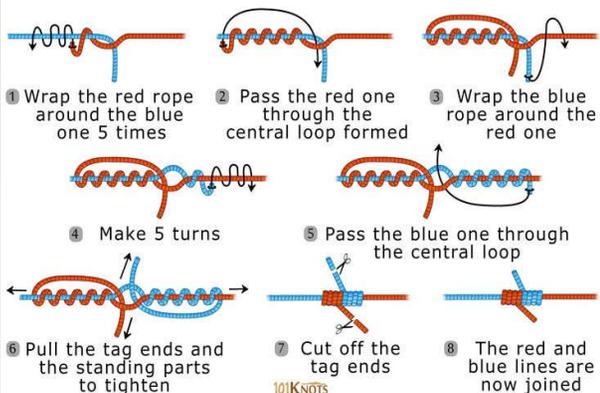


### Tying a San Diego Jam Knot

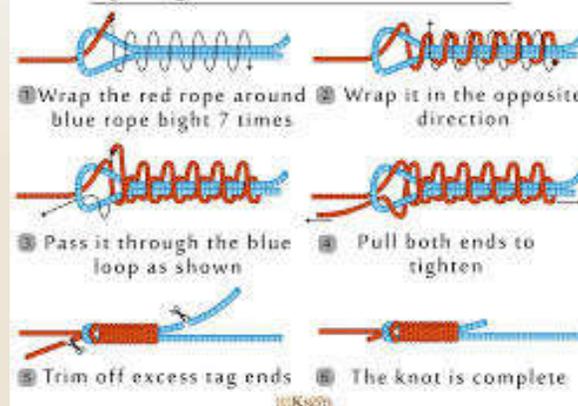


## Knots for attaching leaders (line to line)

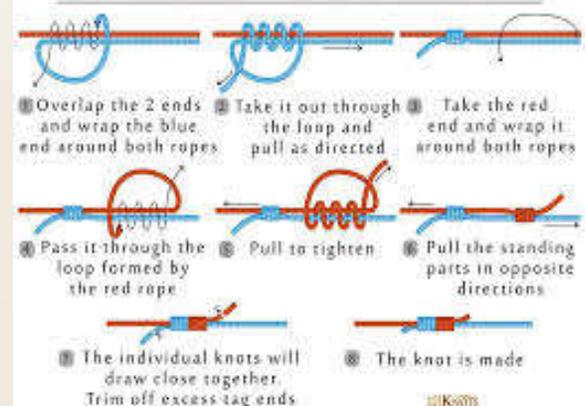
### Blood Knot Directions



### Tying an Alberto Knot



### Double Uni Knot Instructions



# Fishing Knot Tying Aids

- Apple and Android apps
- YouTube videos
- Animated knots at

<https://www.animatedknots.com/fishing-knots>

# Break & Demo

- Tying a Palomar knot
- Tying a double uni or Alberto knot

# Bream Fishing



**Longear sunfish**



**Green sunfish**



**Warmouth**



**Bluegill**

# Bream Fishing



**Redear sunfish**

# Bream Fishing

- Location (what to look for)
  - Docks
  - Water Willows
- Techniques
  - Slip Bobber
  - Other

# Bream Beds on Side Imaging Sonar



# Crappie Fishing



**Black crappie**



**White crappie**

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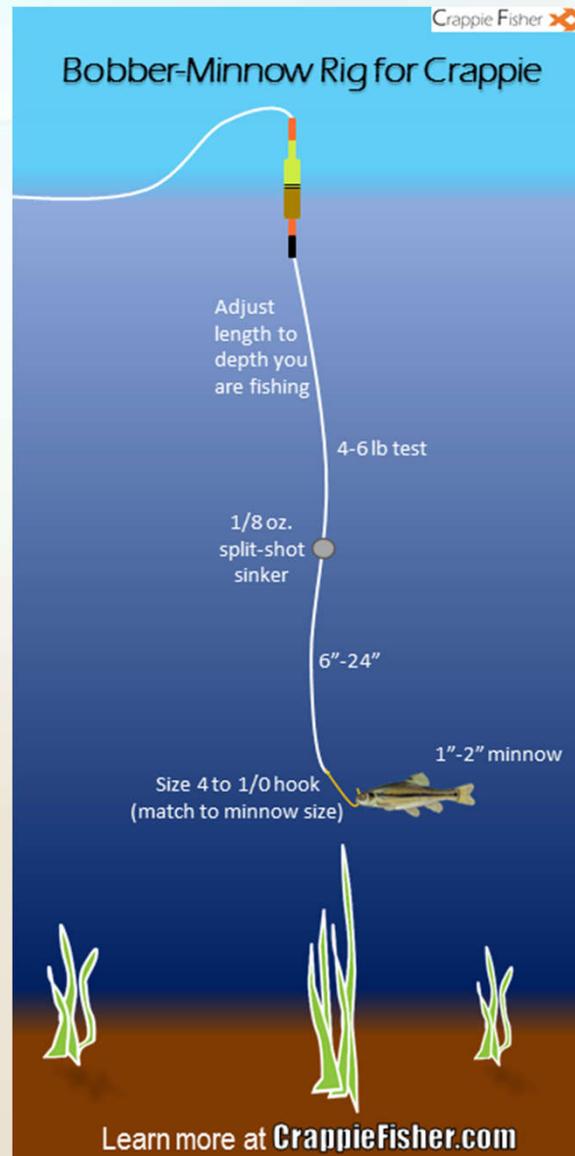
- Where are they
  - Docks
  - Brush Piles
- Baits
  - Small minnows
  - Jig head with plastic bait
    - Jig head type and color
    - Types of plastic baits and color



# Crappie Fishing

- Baits (continued)
  - Beetle Spin or Road Runner
- Techniques
  - Count down
  - Retrieve speed
  - Slip Bobber

# Crappie Fishing



# Demo

- Slip bobber rigging
- Crappie jig rig

# Bass Fishing

- Wacky
  - Rigging
  - Baits
    - Plastic worms
      - Trick worm
      - Finesse worm
    - Senko
    - Color
      - Green pumpkin
      - Watermelon
    - Retrieve techniques



# Bass Fishing

- Texas Rig
  - Hooks & weights
  - Rigging
  - Baits
    - Plastic worms
      - Trick worm
      - Finesse worm
      - U-tail worm



# Bass Fishing

- Baits (continued)
  - Color
    - Green pumpkin
    - Watermelon
- Retrieve techniques

# Bass Fishing

- Carolina Rig
  - Hooks & weights
  - Rigging
  - Baits (use same as Texas-rig)
  - Retrieve techniques



# Break & Demo

- Wacky Rig
- Texas Rig
- Carolina Rig

# Bass Fishing

- Jig head
  - jig head, Darter head
    - Rigging
    - Baits
      - Plastic worms
        - Trick worm
        - Finesse worm
        - U-tail worm
      - Color
        - Green pumpkin
        - Watermelon
  - Retrieve techniques



# Bass Fishing

- Drop shot
  - Rigging
  - Baits
    - Plastic worms
      - Trick worm
      - Finesse worm
      - U-tail worm
    - Color
      - Green pumpkin
      - Watermelon
    - Retrieve techniques



# Demo

- Jig head
- Drop Shot

# Bass Fishing

- Topwater
  - Popper
  - Plopper
  - Spook
  - Buzz Bait



# Bass Fishing

- Crankbaits
  - Deep Diver
  - Square Bill
  - Lipless
  - Jerkbait



# Bass Fishing

- Spinnerbaits
  - Tandem
  - Double willow



# Bass Fishing

- Jig and Trailer



# Question & Answer

- HSV Anglers Club

<http://www.hsvanglers.com/>

- Local Sporting Goods Stores -

- Hot Springs - Walmart and Trader Bills

- Little Rock - Academy, Southern Reel Outfitters and Bass Pro

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