

# MORE FISH IN THE NET

Tips to improve your success on the water

## POPPER-DROPPER FOR SMALLMOUTH BASS

Now is the time of year when rivers and creeks containing smallmouth bass are running low and clear.

One of the most effective techniques to target these creek bass is a popper/dropper combo.

Cast this combo next to boulders or in shady areas. Let the popper sit for a few seconds then pop it. Fish the popper as both a topwater fly and as a strike indicator. This set-up allows fishing on top and a few inches under water at the same time.

### THE POPPER-DROPPER RIG

Tie a size 4 or 6 cork or foam bodied popper to your tippet.

Tie 18 to 24 inches of tippet to the hook shank of the popper and tie an unweighted, or very lightly weighted, size 6 or 8 rubber legged nymph (or bushy nymph like a woolly bugger) on as a dropper.

