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PLAY

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Winter 1980. You weren't even born yet. The Empire Strikes Back, the sequel to the first "Star Wars," was playing in theaters. The Pittsburgh Steelers won the Super Bowl—ask your parents about the "terrible towels." The "Miracle on Ice," the U.S. Olympic Team's beating the Russians on their way to the gold medal, turned everyone into a hockey fan.

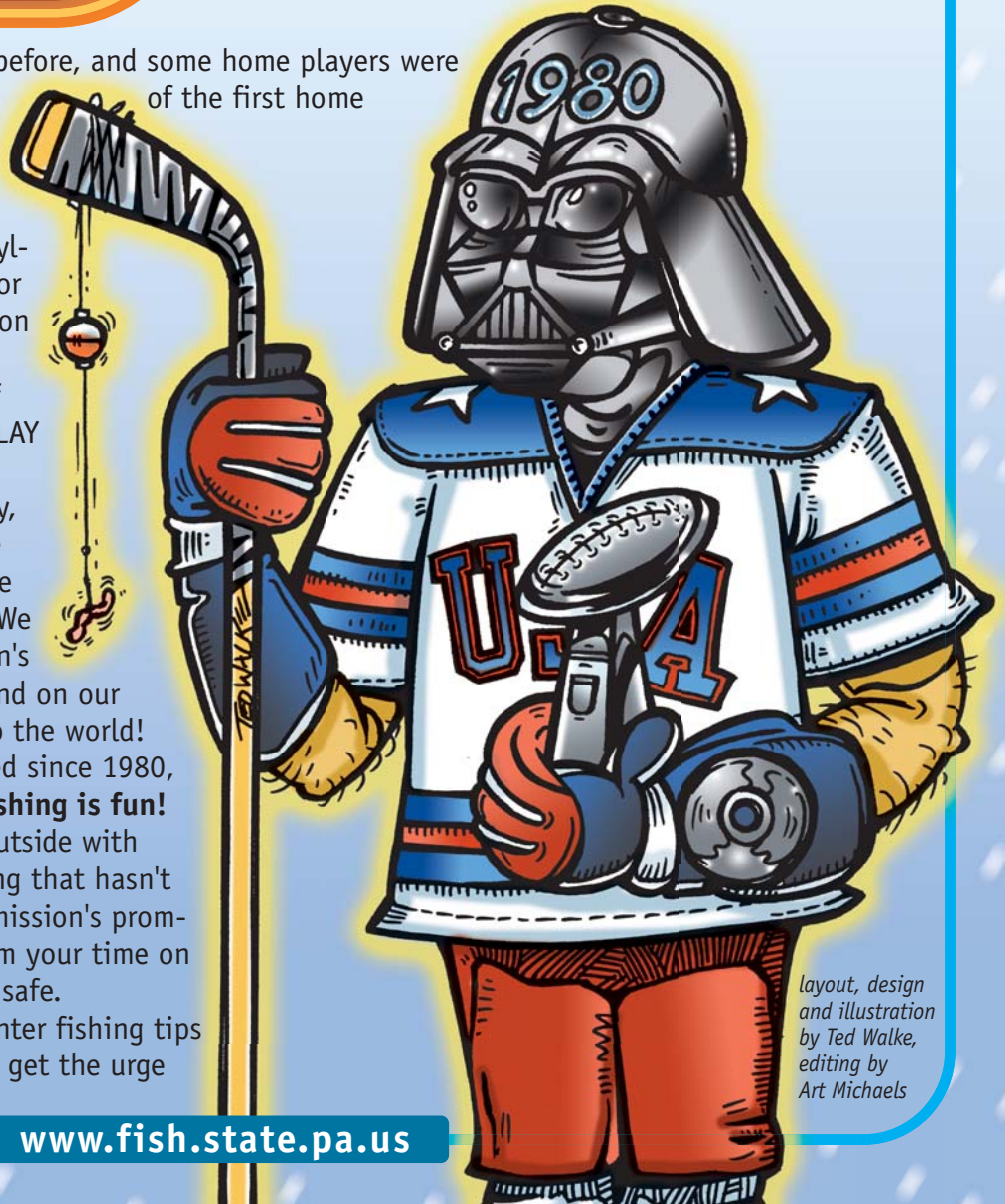
CDs were introduced the year before, and some home players were just becoming available. Some computers and VHS VCRs were available that winter, too.

That year was also when a program began called the Pennsylvania League of Angling Youth, or PLAY. Ralph W. Abele, Commission executive director, unveiled the program in the February issue of *Pennsylvania Angler*. The first PLAY newsletter was four pages long.

PLAY has changed a lot. Today, the newsletter is mailed to more than 1,000 classrooms, and there are more than 4,000 members. We also include it in the Commission's magazine, *PA Angler & Boater*, and on our web page, making it available to the world!

Even though much has changed since 1980, one thing remains the same: **Fishing is fun!** It's a great way to spend time outside with family and friends. Another thing that hasn't changed in 25 years is the Commission's promise to help you get the most from your time on the water—and to help keep you safe.

This issue focuses on some winter fishing tips and techniques—just in case you get the urge to fish this winter.



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