

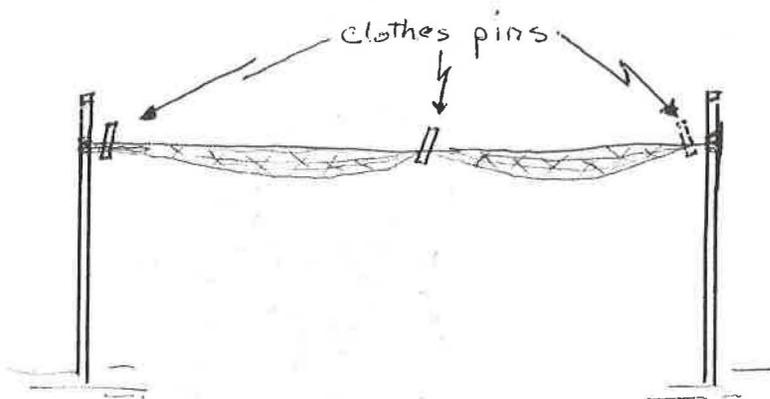
FURLING DEVICE
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The writer, after shifting to aluminum electrical conduit poles for permanent net lanes, has had a considerable amount of trouble with the ears of nets dropping down when furled, unless securely tied close to the poles with cord. This is quite a chore when any number of nets are set daily.

Three to four cords are needed per 12 meter nets. If the cords are knotted nylon they frequently become entangled in the mesh of the nets. If the nets are left furled for long in high winds they sometimes work loose from restraining cords, thus becoming a menace to flying birds if unattended.

Through the use of new spring type clothes pins this problem has been entirely eliminated. I say new pins because old ones with weak springs and chipped jaws will not give perfect results - if they are of no use to the wife they are of little value to the netter.

When the net is in operation the clothes pins are simply clipped to the top ears of the net where they are ready for immediate use. This is very important when sudden rain squalls develop.



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