

Illinois Spoonpluggers

Newsletter

Dedicated to the teachings of E.L. "Buck" Perry
The Father of Structure Fishing

January, 2012

Happy New Year!!!

The next meeting of the Illinois Spoonpluggers will be on Thursday, January 12, 2012, 7:15 PM at the Elk Grove Village Public Library. Club meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month.

Well, winter finally arrived, at least for a few days. The extended boating season has allowed some nice fish to be caught well into December. Jim Duplex, Gino Testone and Rick Matus reported continued muskie activity and bass reports from Indiana have also been excellent. Looking back at 2011, much has been accomplished in the past year as the base of knowledge and skill among club members (and the National) continued to grow. Sharing this knowledge is what makes Spoonplugging unique, whether by attending outings, participating in discussions at meetings and online, working out fishing situations on the water, or by sharing maps and fishing reports. To quote Mr. Perry, "The more I learn, the more I see there is to learn!" So true. Let's work to make 2012 another great year in Spoonplugging!

MEETING SUMMARY - The annual Business Meeting was held on November 10 with 13 club members in attendance. Club duties for 2012 were reviewed and are listed below. Good news!!! Joe Zaremba announced that the Elk Grove Village Library has committed to providing the conference room (and occasionally the large meeting room) for our monthly meetings for the entire 2012 year starting in February. The small size of the rooms available to us has been a concern of late but fortunately the situation will be improving. THANKS, Joe!

Club outings were discussed and it was decided to hold outings this year at Lake Shelbyville (June) and the Madison Chain (July). Bob Roels will take the lead in coordinating. The club also voted to create a position of Education Director to provide/coordinate educational content for newsletters and meetings. Contact Phil Szafranski if interested; we will continue discussions at the next meeting. Members agreed to purchase some lure knockers to add to the Spoonplugging tools available for club use.

Club Responsibilities for 2012:

Meeting Facilitator-Jim Duplex
Treasurer-Jim Taylor
Newsletter Editor-Scott Duff
Club Library-Craig Hubbard
Club Maps-Brett Christianson
Lure Orders-Jim Perillo
Club Attire-Bob Roels
Education Director-TBD

The annual Holiday Party was held in lieu of the December business meeting at Giordano's in Westchester. About two dozen members and their families attended and an enjoyable evening was had by all. Jim Duplex took pictures and sent them around. Everyone had a chance to share fishing stories, talk Spoonplugging, and relax while catching up during the Holiday Season.

2. MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The Illinois Winter Spoonplugging Seminar will be on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at the Elk Grove Village Public Library. A detailed seminar discussion will be on the agenda of month's meeting (Jan. 12). Your input is important! Watch for the flyer and registration material soon.

3. CLUB DUES - The coming of the New Year also means that club membership dues are up. Dues remain unchanged at \$20 and are DUE BY THE FEB. 9th MEETING. Make the check payable to: JAMES TAYLOR (not Illinois Spoonpluggers). If you'd like to write one check to cover your club dues (\$20) and the seminar fee (\$20), that's fine (total \$40).

Mail checks to: James Taylor
c/o Illinois Spoonpluggers
1367 Loch Lomond Drive
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

4. MONTHLY EDUCATIONAL FEATURE - To expand the newsletter's educational scope, Phil Szafranski has posted a lake map and some guided questions at the end of this newsletter (see page 4). What are your thoughts about our mystery lake? Would you fish it? How would you fish it? Watch for a follow-up in next month's newsletter.

Current dates for upcoming National Outings:

Illinois Spoonpluggers Winter Seminar, March 24, 2012

Leoni Outing, Jackson, MI, June 20-24, 2012

Lunker Hunters Muskegon (MI) Outing, July 11-14, 2012

Northern Indiana "Buck Sez" Outing, 16-18, 2012

Jamboree at Ken-Lake State Park & Resort on Kentucky Lake, Oct. 4-6, 2012

Spoonplugger Web Sites:

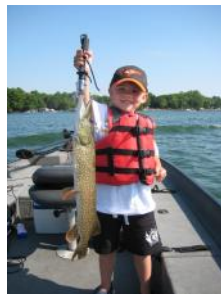
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