

# Northern Illinois Spoonpluggers

## Last meetings recap

Members talked about nearby lakes in Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin and reviewed contour maps and and showed how helpful they can be in getting us to the fish. Members talked about the structure situations in the Detroit River and how to control your fishing in current.

**Next meeting will be held on August 7, 2013!**

The new embroidered Spoonplugger golf caps are now available. Bill Lorch and Ted Malo will be taking orders at the next meeting. Caps and shirts ordered at club meetings will not be charged the \$ 8.00 shipping fee. Golf caps are \$20.00. Color shirts are \$30.00. Black print shirts \$25.00. A \$8.00 shipping fee will be added on all mail orders. To order online go to [william.spoonplugger.lorch@gmail.com](mailto:william.spoonplugger.lorch@gmail.com) All orders must be paid for in full in advance. See the flip side for pictures.

Meetings will be held at the VFW 3002 w. Rt. 120 in McHenry the first Wednesday of every month 7:30pm to 9:00pm. April to November.

## Last month's attendees

Bill Hutchinson  
Chris Blatzheim  
Ted Malo  
Bill Lorch  
Chris Angsten  
Don Dayton  
Jerry Borst  
Maurren Halleran







N.I.S. members Jerry Borst, Chris Angsten, Bill Lorch and John Matthesius went to the Detroit River in June for some of those Detroit River ski's and 'eyes. A few big Muskies were caught. One was reported to be 53" long and 40 pounds. Numbers of smaller muskies and decent size walleyes were caught too. Bill Lorch snagged into this 61" Sturgeon we figured to be 100 pounds or more. Bill was one tired dude after that battle. Johnny landed this chunky 43" Muskie. Jerry and Chris said they boated good numbers of decent size Walleyes too and some smaller Muskies. Bill was fishing on a local lake in Southern Wisconsin when he boated this chunky 36" Northern.

**Please send fish pictures and stories to [william.spoonplugger.lorch@gmail.com](mailto:william.spoonplugger.lorch@gmail.com).**

# BUCK SEZ

## SPOONPLUGGER'S BASIC GUIDELINE

The "home" of the fish (where he spends the greater part of his time – a sanctuary from a changing or hostile environment) is somewhere in the deep, or deepest, water in the area being fished. When in the sanctuary depths, the fish are normally so dormant, and/or so deep, they are almost impossible to locate or catch. As fisherman we are saved due to the fact the fish do not stay so dormant, or so deep, all the time. Once or twice on an average fishing day they will become active and may move toward shallower water. We are saved again, because when the fish become active and move toward shallower water, they do not go in just any direction. The route they take has bottom features (structure, breaks and breaklines) that show them the way. As the fish move along a bottom feature (structure situation) they will pause or stop at things (breaks and breaklines) on the bottom. How far they go (along a migration route toward the shallows) and how long they stay (at a "break" or "breakline" before turning back to deep water) is dependent upon (controlled by) the weather and water condition at that particular time.

If you and I desire to consistently catch fish whenever or wherever we go fishing, we must control the depth and speed of our lures (or bait) on, and/or around the bottom features the fish are using in their movements and migrations.

## WHAT IS INVOLVED HERE

1. THE MOVEMENT OF THE FISH
2. LAKE FEATURES - STRUCTURE, BREAKS, BREAKLINES
3. WEATHER AND WATER CONDITIONS
4. LAKE TYPES
5. MAPPING AND INTERPRETATION
6. CONTROLS AND TOOLS
7. PRESENTATION OF LURES
8. MENTAL ATTITUDE