

Next Meeting
November 13, 2014, 7:00 P.M.
Elk Grove Library, 1001 Wellington Ave.

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Illinois Spoonplugger

November 2014

October Club Meeting

Attendees – Jerry Hein, Scott Kramer, Craig Hubbard, Jim Taylor, Jim Duplex, Jim Shell, Ed Zaremba, Bob Roels, Scott Duff, Phil Szfranski, Gino Testone

Discussions

Craig Hubbard Recognition Jim Duplex presented a spoonplugging rod in recognition for his years of tireless work with the club library, being at the meetings, and his assistance with the winter seminar.

Spoonplug Equipment Auction The remainder of donated of spoonplug equipment to further education of others was auctioned off. Several rods, reels, sets of spoonplugs, and No-Bo were sold.

Christmas Party Jim Duplex suggested a more centralized location. After some discussion the club decided to have the party at Home Run Inn Pizza in Addison, unfortunately they are closing. The Christmas party will now be held at Giordano's, **1323 W. Lake St., Addison, Il.** 630-458-0044 on Dec. 11, at 7:00 PM.

No-Bo vs Braid Jim Duplex passionately reminded us “USE NO-BO AND NOT TO USE BRAID”. IF YOU DON'T USE NO-BO, YOU MAY BE MISSING WHAT YOUR TOOLS ARE TRYING TO TEACH YOU.

Wire – When do use wire? Go deep, short line, and get smaller lures deep.

Braid – Braid has NO SHOCK STRENGTH AND LITTLE abrasion resistance. Ask Frank Cipria. Several fish broke Frank's braid when fishing with Jim Duplex. Other problem not discussed – Plug will follow bottom meaning less depth control, wind knots, and fraying.

Bob added Bucks says “Basic Presentation of Lures” is something you should be doing on each and every trip. It gives you the baseline to build your knowledge.

Fish Reports

Bob Roels rolled his boat and trailer on its side when exiting a donut shop and vowed to give up donuts. Boat and trailer stayed strapped together and several customers righted the trailer and boat. Surprisingly a small dent and scrape was the extent of the damage. No more donut stops for Bob.

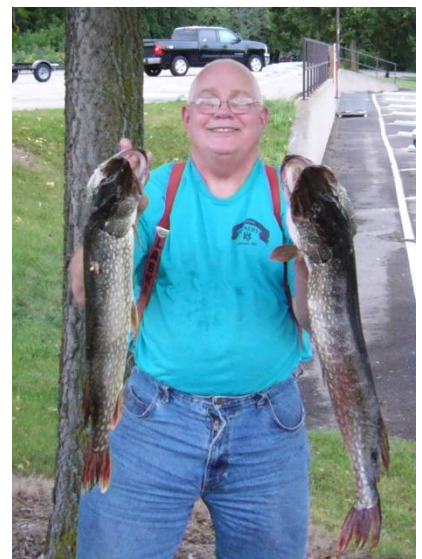
Scott Duff has been developing his skills using a bow mount electric motor (push/pull) foot pedal. He will prepare an article on his experiences in addition to his article on fishing Lake La Salle. I look forward to both articles. If you were not at the spring meeting Scott's explanation of the structures, breaks, and presentation of lures at La Salle was great!

Scott Kramer fished a small lake in upper Wisconsin. He caught walleyes to the surprise of a person who fished the lake for over twenty years and had caught only one walleye.

Jim Shell reported he and Casey ended their trip with John Bales when they were greeted with rain, snow, and sleet. Jim fished Gages Lake and although the water color is clear he lost a 4 pound bass at the boat. Bob and Jim have been fishing fall crappie at Wolf, Lake Wisconsin, and Fox Lake WI, and spring crappie at Shelbyville. Jim Duplex asked Bob and Jim or one of us will put together a ~~crappy~~ crappie article.

Phil Szafranski checked out Lake Rathburn in Iowa, unfortunately at a high water condition. The lake is over 10,000 acres, deep, and a white sandy in color. The lake did not muddy with the incoming water. The major structure has several fingers and the locals do not concentrate on the longest one. It is a walleye, white bass, and crappie lake.

Craig Hubbard has been fishing with Phil Szafranski. The last two trips were tough, but Phil managed to catch a walleye in a lake they are rare, and a 23” walleye in a lake where they can be mostly small.



Gino Testone fished Lake of the Woods NW quadrangle. Gino got to structure fish (spoonplug) for two days before his fishing companions tore off their motor's lower unit. Gino was kind enough to share his boat with them for the remainder of the trip. Attached is a walleye, one of the fish he caught on a long bar with several short fingers when he structure fished. Gino shared his map of the structure with the club. The pike was one fish he was able to catch from the back of the boat behind the persons who he shared his boat with. According to the lodge owner fall is the time to troll for big muskies.

Gino reminded us to have a good map and follow the channel markers if you go to LOTW. The reefs come up almost to the surface with no warning. Ask his companions.

Gino is hesitating to go to LOTW again due to the damage to his trailer from the gravel road and is considering coating the trailer with bedliner if he returns. Others reported they have heard it will work.

I don't know many people as nice as Gino, who would have shared his boat and fished their way. Gino – you are a saint!



Jim Duplex reported that on the last trip he was recognized by two regular Heidecke fishermen for his YouTube videos. Both thanked Jim for teaching them the fish use the road. Jim again also caught several nice walleyes on the road on the last day of the fishing season on Heidecke. Wow!

FIND YOUR DREAM MUSKY

ASK GINO



I would like to thank Gino for his wonderful sense of humor when I did this column!

Madison Chain Outing - Saturday November 22nd and Sunday the 23rd. We will meet for dinner at Culvers by Babcock Park at dusk. To prepare us for the outing Jim Duplex gave us a refresher of his previous presentations on Waubesa. Although this is not new material, I found it helpful.

The discussion was excellent and in depth. If the fish are moving and you follow Jim's teachings and material you will be one of the fisherman who catches fish on that day, maybe the biggest. And if that does not get you excited to come to the outing then listen to the trash talk from Wisconsin. Follow the links below and listen.

"YOU CAN'T CATCH FISH"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jJgRhQAFy94>

"WE WANT SOME CRAPPIE"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=loen8o1QL8>

"One Pike, Two"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-a5O90yfSw>

Let's see if we can show the "Ya hey ders" how to really catch fish. Be at the outing!



Summer Meetings Attendance

Bob expressed his concern about summer attendance. We have our regulars Craig Hubbard, Ed Zaremba, and Jim Taylor who always attend and deserve a gold star, but it would be nice to be able to share what is happening while spoonplugging can be at its most productive time of the season, and an excellent time to LEARN from others.

Gino and Jim Duplex also had been sharing ideas about summer attendance and fishing club memberships in general. Gino reported Muskies Unlimited has limited attendance and most members are old. Young persons are not joining clubs like Muskies Inc. or Walleyes Unlimited as in the past. In reviewing the newsletters July and August are our worst months for attendance.

After some discussion, several ideas to consider for the business meeting are as follows:

1. Meet on the third Thursday well after the National outings, since many members miss this meeting because of the schedule conflict.
2. Have an outing rather than a meeting.
3. Meet at a restaurant for one of the dates. Perhaps a little food might inspire some attendance.
4. Let others know of the club, by posting in Outdoor Notebook.

Fall fishing

Bob reported fishing the salmon run can be a thrill. Scott Duff has experience fishing Kenosha Harbor. Bob's experience is fishing Racine Harbor and Waukegan Power Plant, and Jim Shell and Brett Christensen have been fishing Milwaukee harbor.

If you plan to give it a try the WDNR gives weekly fishing reports at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/lakemichigan/outdoorreport.html> Racine fish activity the Root River Steelhead facility fish reports fish counts at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/lakemichigan/rootriverreport.html>

The info will help you gauge when migration is in full swing. Fall/winter brown, coho, lake trout fishing is starting. Check live Milwaukee Harbor conditions at <http://www.lakefrontcam.com/>

Buck History - Attached

2014 Club Calendar

November 13 - Club meeting, Elk Grove Library – BUSINESS MEETING
December 11 - Christmas Party, Giordanos Pizza, Addison

Member Resources – Is there any interest? If not, I will not continue.

Mapping (By the book on paper) – Jim Duplex, Phil Szafranski, Rick Matus

Illinois Lakes

Bangs Lake – Brett Christensen, Bob Roels
Braidwood - Bink
Chain-O-Lakes - Scott Duff
Clinton - Jim Shell, Bob Roels
Coffeen - Jim Shell, Jerry Hein, Frank Cipria
Crab Orchard - Jim Shell
Kinkaid - Phil Szafranski, Scott Duff
Heidecke - Jim Duplex, Blnk, Jerry Hein, Phil Szafranski
La Salle – Bink, Scott Duff
Lake of Egypt – Jim Shell
Lake Michigan Salmon (Northpoint and Waukegan) – Bob Roels, Wayne Dylo
Long Lake – Phil Szafranski
Loon (East and West) – Jim Duplex, Phil Szafranski
Newton – Scott Duff, Phil Szafranski
Round Lake – Phil Szafranski
Sangchris – Jim Shell, Bob Roels
Shabbona – Jim Duplex, Jerry Hein
Shelbyville – Jim Shell, Joe Zaremba

Indiana Lakes

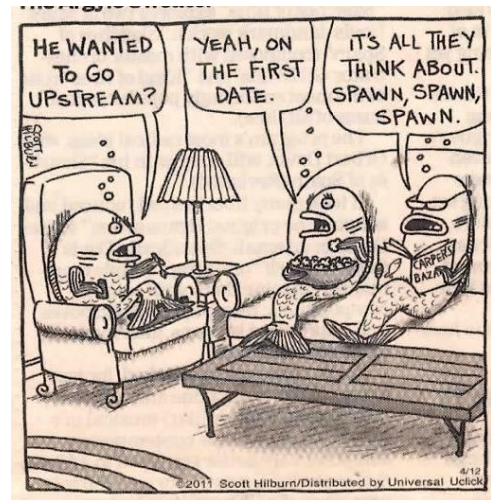
Webster Chain – Jerry Hein

Michigan Lakes

Detroit River – Jim Shell
Lake Erie – Frank Yavarski
Paw Paw – FrankYavarski

Wisconsin Lakes

Beulah – Brett Christensen, Bob Roels
Bohners – Jim Duplex, Phil Szafranski
Green Bay – Frank Yavarski, Jim Shell
Kegonsa – Jim Duplex



Lake Geneva – Brett Christensen, Jim Duplex, Bob Roels
 Lake Wisconsin – Bob Roels, Jim Shell, Wayne Dyló
 Little Muskego – Joe Zaremba, Jim Duplex, Bob Roels
 Mendota – Jim Shell, Bob Roels, Jim Duplex
 Monona – Jim Duplex, Jim Shell, Bob Roels
 Petenwell – Jim Shell, Bob Roels
 Phantom – Brett Christensen, Bob Roels
 Powers Lake – Brett Christensen
 Waubesa – Jim Duplex, Rick Matus, Jerry Hein, Phil Szafranski, Frank Cipria
 Whitewater – Jim Duplex, Frank Cipria, Bob Roels
 Wind – Phil Szafranski

Other Lakes

Chickamauga, TN – Jim Shell, Bob Roels
 Lake Barkley, KY – Jim Duplex, Phil Szafranski
 Kentucky Lake, KY – Jim Duplex, Joe Zaremba, Bob Roels
 Reedy Lake, FL – Bob Roels

Other stuff

Penn Reel Repair – Bob Roels
 Rod building and repair – Gino Testone, Bob Roels
 Custom Musky Lures and Blades – Gino Testone
 Do-it Molds – Tail spinners, Sea Horse jigs, Blades, and Vibrato imitation. ~~Lead spoons~~ I am not happy with the Do-it mold spoons.

Spoonlugger Resources

Equipment/materials	Supplier	Contact
Quarterly newsletter, videos, spoonplugging guides	National Spoonpluggers of America	http://nsoa.info/
Book, home-study guide, spoonplugs, No-bo line, and rod	Buck's Baits Inc, www.buckperry.com	Scott Jenkins, 828-428-4650 scottjenkins@bellsouth.net
Blades, and JB's	Johnny B's, John Bales	http://johnnyb-lures.com/
Plug Knocker	Jerry Borst	jborst@joltmail.com
Custom Spoonplug rods	Mike Beck	Mwbeck54@gmail.com , 612-716-2265
Videos	Spoonlugger films	Stephen Gillian
	Structure Fishing	Jim Shell, http://structurefishing.com/ jshell@structurefishing.com

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If you actually read this, please call Frank Cipria at 815-793-4379 and let him know the Christmas Party will be at Giordano's, 1323 W. Lake St., **Addison**, Il on Thursday, December 11, at 7:00 P.M.



3/4/94

yeah - got a call from Terry O'malley.
Poor like you got a new neighbor.
Sure glad he's fishing again.

Bob -

Thanks a million for the letter, report, and publications,
you fellows are certainly busy, & the "Spamplugging"
efforts are outstanding.

- We're still growing & more clubs -
- It's a little difficult to keep the Directory up-to-date.
but we try -
- my wish would be that every newsletter of ~~a~~
a club should be received by every club.
- Have you seen that new Southern Indiana
newsletter? -- first one & it's super. - I wonder
if they can keep it up. (?)

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- Earlier in the year we went to check the winter movements
in several lakes in Mississippi, Arkansas & Texas -
 - Cold & wet weather did not allow me to find out
much - - Ice & snow in Mississippi -- etc, etc.
 - Come back home when we found Arkansas & Texas
was the same. Lot of low water at that time - some
lakes couldn't even launch boats.

Took off for all of February (just got back) to check again.

In Mississippi - the lake rose 10 ft right before our eyes -

Real Flood - still rising when we left. (over)

P.O. Box 66 Hickory, NC 28603

- Arkansas - Same thing
- Texas - Same thing.
- Got to launch the boat 2 times for about an hour,

Wound up in SW Texas Big Bend Country of the Rio Grande. ---

Links said (Jeri & Pat Webber) if we can't fish - lets go get some "rocks" (Rock pounds) This we did in a dry desert environment. (Good show)

Back home - wet - Cold -

Shop operations running smooth. These young people are doing great -
Business good -

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- More traffic, more development of Necker place.
 - More interest in our property -
 - It's more at my price now of these days -
 - Will build a new plant when old stuff sold -

mail piled high - lots of work to do at shops -
(repairs on "loading" etc -

Harbor again for report - Took cane & XXX Beck
good fishing