
Illinois Spoonplugger

December 8, 2005

Giordano's Restaurant, Westchester, IL: 7:00 PM

Season's Greetings! The November meeting, held at the Richport YMCA and attended by 10 members, was highlighted by the presence of *Harry Caliban* who is still recovering from a nasty skiing accident suffered last spring. He's down to using only one crutch and it was great to see Harry hobble in and participate in the discussion. Good to see you back!

The December 8, 2005 meeting is our annual Christmas party and will again be held at *Giordano's* in Westchester, *10410 W. Cermak Rd.*, 708-531-1122. We will convene the festivities at 7:00 PM. The restaurant is about 2 miles north of our meeting site at the Richport YMCA. Take I-294 to the Cermak Rd. exit and head east about 3 miles. Or, you can exit the Eisenhower expressway at Mannheim Rd. and go south 1 mile. The restaurant is located on the northwest corner of Cermak Rd. and Mannheim Rd. (Rt. 45).

The November get together at the YMCA constituted our business meeting and jobs for next year will remain the same. *Craig Hubbard* will be in charge of our tape library, *George Schauner* will act as our treasurer with Jim filling in until he returns from Florida, *Joe Zaremba* will handle maps, and *Jim Duplex* will continue with the newsletter. *Harvey Smith* will be snapping up your pictures for inclusion in our photo album, *Phil Szafranski* will oversee that the overhead is available for meetings, and *Jim Perillo* will be in charge of satisfying our insatiable desire for Spoonplugs and related items by handling lure orders.

Our sincerest gratitude and appreciation go out to these individuals who make it possible for the club to exist. They put in extra time and energy and it's through their efforts that the Illinois Spoonpluggers is a successful organization. A special thanks to *Joe Renholds* for arranging our December meeting at *Giordano's*.

4TH ANNUAL WINTER SEMINAR

Plans for the March 11, 2006 seminar are beginning to take shape. *Scott Duff* will again coordinate

the day's activities and he led the discussion detailing the plans for the event. The following decisions were agreed upon by those attending last Thursday's session:

- Seminar registration fees have been changed for this year: for Spoonpluggers who pre register the cost will be \$17; for those registering at the door the cost will be \$20.
- Last year's seminar was not videotaped. Craig, Joe Renholds, and Jim will look into having someone do it for us.
- A firm cutoff date for questions submitted by attendees will be February 2, 2006. This will allow time for the questions to be formatted and delivered to Joe Renholds for printing.
- Scott has posted information concerning the seminar at Spoonplugger.net
- A registration form and final details will be sent out with the January newsletter.

The following subject topics will be considered for the March presentation:

- ~ The Movements of the Fish
- ~ Structure, Breaks, and Breaklines
- ~ Weather and Water
- ~ Lake types
- ~ Mapping and Interpretation
- ~ Controls and Tools
- ~ Presentation of lures
- ~ Mental Aspects

Best Practice Ideas:

- ~ How to draw a Spoonplugger map
- ~ Narratives from Experienced Spoonpluggers (How did they do it?)

Here's what's been happening out on the water:

As can be expected, fishing activity is slowing down along with the colder weather but a few guys are still getting out. *Gino Testone* was up to the Chippewa flowage for a week and reports that the fishing for muskies was slow. Scott trailed out to the Illinois River where he picked up some sauger and walleye. Jim's been out scavenging on Shabbona where the best he could do was an old reel sans the rod. Geez, Jim, get a life!

Dates for 2006 National Outings

Illinois Spoonpluggers Winter Seminar, March 11, 2006; Northern Indiana "Buck Sez" outing August 10-12, 2006.

Note: Plano Tackle has an outlet store located in Plano, IL where you can purchase tackle boxes and accessories at reduced prices. Now might be the time to pay them a visit.

Dues for 2006 are again \$20. Please send your check made out to Illinois Spoonpluggers to: Jim Duplex, 1212 Heatherton Drive, Naperville, IL or give them to Jim at the next meeting.



Phil had an excellent year on Heidecke as evidenced by this nice catch.

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