

Illinois Spoonpluggers

February 10, 2005

Elk Grove Public Library: 7:15 PM

Our next meeting will be held at the Elk Grove Library on Thursday, February 10, 2005. We will begin at 7:15PM. The January meeting was attended by 12 members and Wayne Dylo brought along his fishing buddy, Tom, as a guest. Welcome back to Ed Steigelmann of Naperville. Ed had been a member of our club for a number of years but has been absent as of late. Good to have you back in the fold, Ed.

In last January's newsletter, *Walt Kulikowski* submitted a written summary concerning the 2004 fishing season. In it, he cited the following mapping procedures:

**"dry-run contouring each prospective feature, coupled with tossing marker(s) where significant changes in configuration occurred.*

**At these "marked" points, one follow-up pass (straight-line) would be invested to establish the degree of their deep-water relationship.*

**Once this gathering process was completed, it would provide data critical for formulating an educated interpretation.*

**This same intelligence would then be projected through a more tangible outlet- lure presentation, but only in the following manner: confined, exclusively to areas where potential breaks were noted, in both the shallows and deep."*

At last month's meeting, Walt utilized the overhead projector and highlighted profiles of some of the features where he applied these techniques. He also elaborated upon the "where's & why's" of these efforts, and concluded with a very familiar theme - patience & perseverance!

The meeting also served to consolidate plans for the upcoming seminar and many of those present stepped forward to offer their services. Below is a listing of responsibilities for the seminar. We still need a volunteer with a video camera to record the day's events and discussions. If you've got a camera and are willing to video tape the proceedings, we'd appreciate your help. Contact Scott Duff.

Here is a summary of the Seminar 2005 discussion at the January club meeting:

The Seminar will be at the Elk Grove Village Public Library, Saturday, March 12, 9:00 AM-4:30 PM. The library doors open at 9:00 AM.

Reservation/Space: Joe Zaremba

Coordinator: Scott Duff

Copying/Cover Sheet: Joe Reynolds

Folders/Labels: Phil Szafranski

Overhead project: Phil Szafranski (transparencies, markers)

Laser Pointer: Jim Duplex

Camera: Jim Duplex, Craig Hubbard

Video Camera: **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Coffee Pot: Wayne Dyle (decaf. coffee, sugar, cream, etc.)

Rolls: Joe Reynolds

Sandwiches (Quiznos): Craig Hubbard

Pop/Water/Chips: Scott Duff

Paper Goods/Cups: Mike Pukacz

Plastic Bags: Jim Duplex

Jerry Hein has the markers ready, and Walt Kulikowski has the Silver Buddies for 36 members.

Scott Duff will send the registration reminder letter next weekend (Jan. 29-30). This will include directions and a map to the Elk Grove Village Public Library (1001 Wellington Avenue, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007, phone 847-439-0047).

The initial mailing (e-mails and/or US Mail) was sent to: 1) All Illinois Spoonpluggers members; 2) All other attendees of 2004 Seminar; 3) Bill Lorch, past President of Northern Illinois Spoonpluggers; 4) Ted Walters, Secretary of Northern Indiana Spoonpluggers; 5) Brent Robbins, President of Lunker Hunters; 6) Spoonpluggers On-line group via Ted Walters, 7) Buck and Jeri Perry. The Winter Spoonplugging Seminar was listed as a National Network Event in the recent National Spoonplugger issue!

At the February 10 meeting we'll need to finalize the agenda and decide what materials and presentations we want to include, how to split up moderator duties, etc. Remember, we decided to take the group photo before one of the breaks (maybe that could be the first one in the early afternoon).

Scott Duff ordered 50 Cabela's Bass Tackle Shop catalogs to include in the folders. Handout materials can be put on the table for attendees or sorted into the folders in advance (whatever is more convenient).

Again, the topics are: 1) Mapping, 2) Weather and Water, 3) Anchoring Positions, 3) Specific Species and the Spoonplugging Application, and 5) Organizing One's Time on the Water.

Phil will e-mail submitted questions to Walt and Scott, and generate labels (name tags/folders) from the registration info received.

ILLINOIS SPOONPLUGGERS WINTER SEMINAR

March 12, 2005: Elk Grove, IL

The Illinois Spoonpluggers will host the 3rd Annual Winter Spoonplugging Seminar on Saturday, March 12, 2005 at the Elk Grove Public Library in Elk Grove, Illinois. The seminar will run from 9:00 AM-4:45 PM.

The cost will be \$15 per person, and will include coffee, rolls, lunch, and handout materials.

SEMINAR - Building on the success of this event over the past two years, the upcoming seminar will include a variety of topics and presentations designed to share Spoonplugging knowledge and increase your success on the water. Our primary goal here is to address specific issues that may be of concern to you, so the following requests have been submitted to achieve this end...

#1 - TOPICS / QUESTIONS: All Spoonpluggers who plan to attend are asked to submit TWO QUESTIONS they would like addressed by the attendees. The following topics will be considered for March Seminar 2005:

Mapping - Constructing an "On the Water Map"

Weather and Water - Including seasonal considerations

Anchoring Positions - How, When, and Where

A Specific Species and the Spoonplugging Application - Muskie?

Organizing One's Time on the Water

#2 - BEST PRACTICE IDEAS: Secondly, members have the opportunity to share a personal fishing success or offer a tip that relates to equipment/best practice. It would be most informative to have a variety of contributions in this area. Presentations can be very brief or more involved. Those providing tips are encouraged to bring handout material to share with other members.

#3 - REGISTRATION & FEE: Submit your questions, along with an enclosed check for \$15 PAYABLE TO "ILLINOIS SPOONPLUGGERS." Mail to Phil Szafranski, 1028 Glenlake, Park Ridge, IL 60068, phone 847-384-6819, or contact him by e-mail at

Phil.Szafranski@handleman.com. A deadline for receipt of these items is set for February 8, 2005.

If you would like to make a presentation relating to best practice/equipment/sharing a personal fishing success please let Phil know. That way we'll be better able to schedule the presentations throughout the day.

You may also direct inquiries regarding the seminar to the following Illinois Spoonpluggers: Walt Kulikowski, wmkulik@prodigy.net and Jim Duplex, jjd82@juno.com

Hope to see you at the seminar,

Scott Duff

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Registration Form

Winter Spoonplugging Seminar

March 12, 2005

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Topic of Discussion: We will finalize preparations for the upcoming seminar and continue with year end reports.

Dates for 2005 National Outings

Illinois Spoonpluggers Winter Seminar, Elk Grove, IL, March 12, 2005; Lunker Hunters Muskegon Outing July 17-23, 2005; Northern Indiana Spoonpluggers August 11-14, 2005; We will pass other dates along as they become available.
