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## Illinois Spoonpluggers

October 13, 2005

Elk Grove Library, 7:15 PM

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Our next meeting will be held at the Elk Grove Library on Thursday, October 13, 2005 and we will begin at 7:15 PM.

The September meeting was attended by 9 Spoonpluggers. Fishing reports and the future of Spoonplugging dominated the discussion.

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1. *Jim Duplex* gave a report detailing the on-line chat room that has been established at [spoonpluggers.net](http://spoonpluggers.net). The first chat was held on September 7, 2005 and the plan is to hold a monthly chat on the first Wednesday of the the month. A notice will be sent out to members as well as being posted on the bulletin board, in General Discussion, of the website.
2. Those in attendance voted to reimburse *Jim Shell* for the cost of establishing his website at [spoonpluggers.net](http://spoonpluggers.net). Jim has worked hard to set up and maintain the site and it has benefited both our local club and the National. He should be applauded for his efforts!
3. A lengthy discussion followed concerning an appropriate tribute to the memory of Buck Perry. *Scott Duff* had made an earlier suggestion that a fitting memorial might be some kind of plaque placed in the Spoonplugging museum of Buck's Baits. This was further expanded to include either a bust of Buck or a statue of his likeness. The cost and scope of the project will be explored by Scott and *Gino Testone* has agreed to lend a hand.

Fishing reports consumed the remainder of the meeting and it's obvious that this has been a good season for our members. Scott detailed his success up on the Madison Chain and *Phil Szafranski* reported on his recent catch of bass on Tichigan Lake. *George Schauner* lamented his lack of success while fishing with Jim at the August, Indiana outing. He managed to get busted off using wire, braided, and No-Bo line; quite a feat! *Craig Hubbard* registered his frustration in fishing the Madison Chain. A recent trip with Scott resulted in another shut out. The general consensus was he

**just needed more Time On The Water.**

**HERE'S WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING OUT ON THE WATER.**

***Jim Perillo*** has been fishing the Fox Chain and reports some success with muskies. ***Walt Kulikowski*** continues to ply the waters of Indiana but reports limited action for northerns and walleye. Jim hasn't been out to Shabbona for 5 years but reports that the muskies are still using the same structures. Check out his maps of the structure situation. ***Chase Klinesteker*** and ***John Bales*** recently fished the St.Clair river and though the fishing was tough a lot of knowledge was gained. ***Mike Zaborny*** reported better success when he took a 52" fish from the same waters.

***Topic of discussion:*** Fishing reports, an update on Buck's memorial, and plans for the upcoming Winter Seminar.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** A map finder has been added to bottom of the newsletter. Just type in your address and it will give you directions to the Elk Grove Library. Try it out!

**Dates for 2006 National Outings**

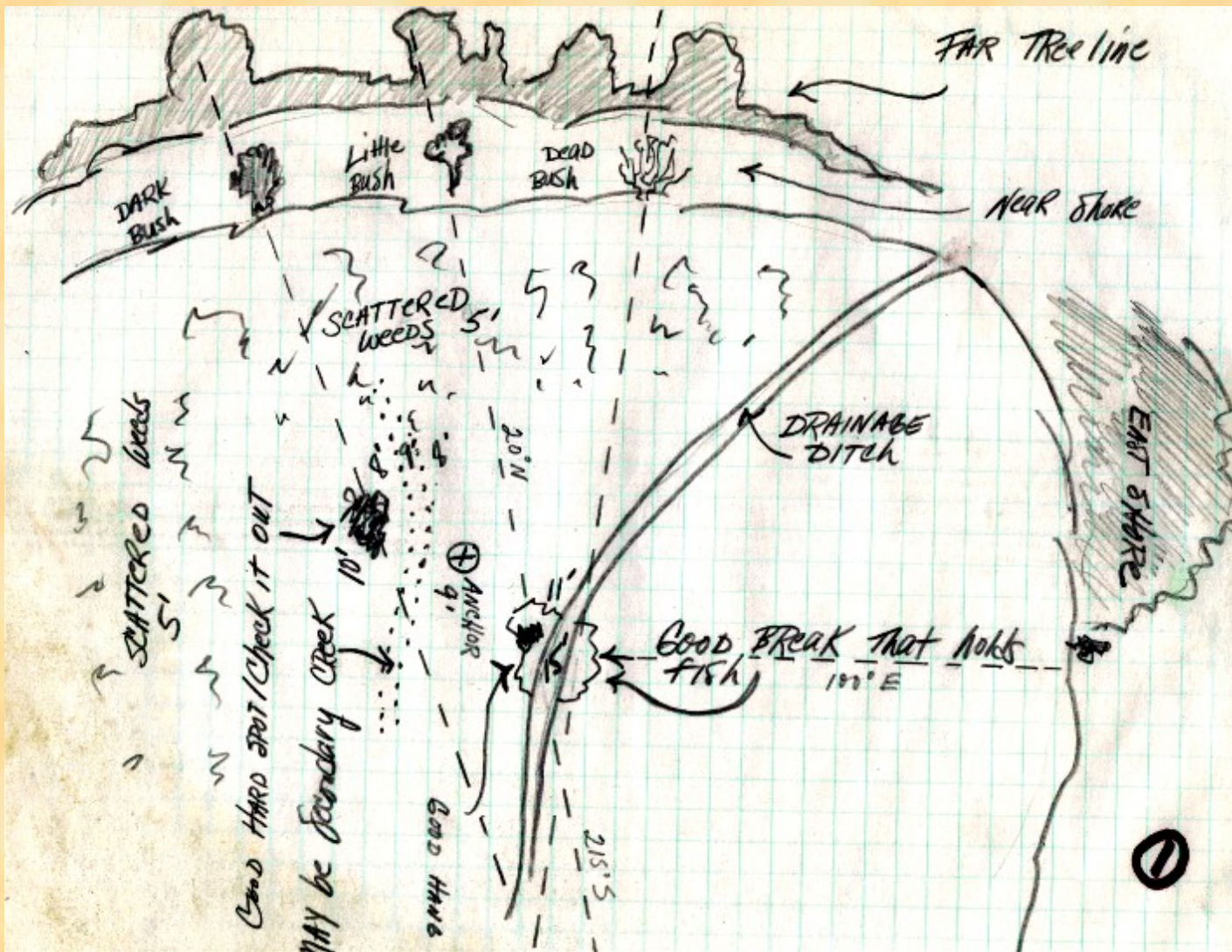
***Northern Indiana "Buck Sez" outing August 10-12, 2006.***

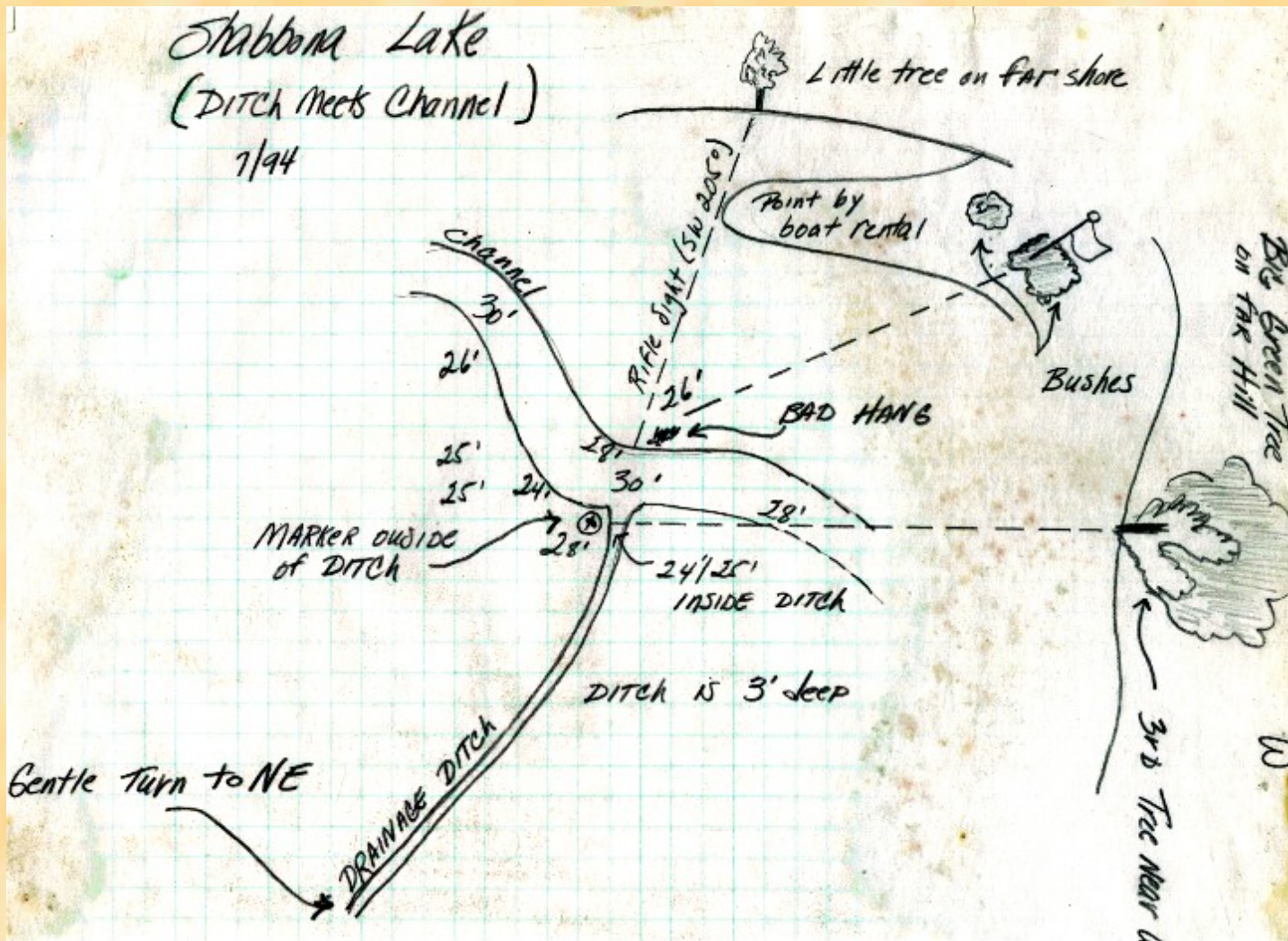
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**The Season Is Not Over!**



**Jim took this muskie from Shabbona as he continues to fish water close to home.**





This ditch goes all the way and connects with the main channel. How far they move and how long they stay is determined by the weather and water conditions.





**Some successful Spoonpluggers fishing the Detroit area have taken to wearing disguises to conceal their identity! Can you guess who these muskie hunters are?**



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