
Illinois Spoonpluggers

January 12, 2006

Richport YMCA: 7:30 PM

Greetings for the New Year! Our next meeting will be held at the Richport YMCA on Thursday, January 12, 2006 and we will begin at 7:30PM.

There was a very small turnout for our Christmas party that was attended by 5 members and one spouse. A blizzard hit at rush hour and the roads were basically impassable. *Jim Duplex* decided to stop on his way home and arrived about a half hour early. *Phil Szafranski* was coming back from business in Indiana and came in 5 minutes later. *Joe and Gloria Renholds* live close by and entered right at 7:00 PM. It was about an hour later, just as the party was breaking up, that *Scott Duff* straggled in. As this group prepared to call it a night, *Harvey Smith* struggled through the door. Phil and Scott kept Harvey company as the others headed for home. If there is any interest in rescheduling the holiday party, we'll discuss it at the meeting.

Several members have inquired about putting in a lure order. Enclosed you will find an order form and color chart. We will attempt to put in an order following the meeting. Please have your sheet filled out with checks made payable to ILLINOIS SPOONPLUGGERS.

NOTE: THERE IS A PRICE DIFFERENCE FOR POLISHED/POWDERED LURES OR PAINTED LURES. PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE!

The topic of discussion for January's meeting will be the year in review with Scott Duff giving his perspective on the 2005 season. We will also continue with final preparations for the March seminar.

These things and more will be discussed when we gather for the first time in 2006. We're looking forward to seeing you there.

F.Y.I. Now is the time to take a look at your tackle and make any repairs that may be necessary. Coren's Rod and Reel Services carries parts for the Penn reels and offers repairs and cleaning of all types of reels at a reasonable price. Their address is: 6001 N. Nina Ave., Chicago, IL, 60631-2411, 773-631-5202

Dates for upcoming National Outings: Illinois Spoonpluggers Winter Seminar, Elk Grove, IL, March 11, 2006; Northern Indiana Spoonpluggers "Buck Sez" outing August 10-12, 2006; We will pass other dates along as they become available.

If you haven't already sent in your dues for 2006, they are \$20 and should be mailed to Jim Duplex, 1212 Heatherton Drive, Naperville, IL 60563-2229. . Please make checks payable to *Illinois Spoonpluggers*. They are due by January 31st. This will be your last reminder!

ILLINOIS SPOONPLUGGERS WINTER SEMINAR

March 11, 2006: Elk Grove, IL

The Illinois Spoonpluggers will host the 4th Annual Winter Spoonplugging Seminar on Saturday, March 11, 2006 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 \$17 per person, and will include coffee, rolls, lunch, and handout materials. **LATE REGISTRATION AT THE DOOR WILL BE \$20.**

ABOUT THE EVENT - Building on the success of this event over the past three years, the seminar will feature a variety of topics and presentations designed to increase your success on the water. Our primary goal is to address specific topics

that may be of concern to you. Last year we had 50 Spoonpluggers in attendance from six states! If you are planning to attend please help us organize the day's agenda by responding to the following:

#1 - TOPICS / QUESTIONS: All Spoonpluggers who plan to attend are asked to submit **TWO QUESTIONS** they would like addressed by the attendees. Questions should refer to actual on-the-water experiences (not hypothetical situations). Please label each question to indicate the appropriate category.

Mapping and Interpretation

Weather and Water

Basic Movement of Fish

Structure, Breaks, and Breaklines

Lake Types

Presentation of Lures

Tools and Controls

Mental Aspects

#2 - REGISTRATION & FEE: Submit your questions, along with an enclosed check for \$17.00, PAYABLE TO "ILLINOIS SPOONPLUGGERS." Mail to Phil Szafranski, 1028 Glenlake, Park Ridge, IL 60068. Contact Phil by phone at 847-384-6819, and e-mail at szafranski1@sbcglobal.net.

THE BEST PRACTICES PRESENTATIONS WILL INCLUDE:

~ How to Draw a Spoonplugger Map

~ Narratives from Experienced Spoonpluggers (How did they do it?)

NOTE - The deadline to submit written questions for the seminar discussion is Thursday, February 2, 2006. This will allow our club time to prepare the seminar agenda (questions and special features) at its February business meeting.

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CONTACT: You may direct inquiries regarding the seminar to the following Illinois Spoonpluggers: Jim Duplex, jjd82@juno.com and Walt Kulikowski, wmkulik@prodigy.net. Remember - the deadline for questions is February 2, 2006.

Hope to see you at the seminar,

Scott Duff, Seminar Coordinator

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Registration Form

Winter Spoonplugging Seminar

March 11, 2006

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Telephone Number:

E-mail:

Did I mention that the deadline for questions is February 2, 2006?

Question #1

Questions #2
