
Illinois Spoonpluggers

June 8, 2006

Elk Grove Library, 7:15 PM

Our next meeting will be held at the Elk Grove Library on Thursday, June 8, 2006 and we will begin at 7:15 PM.

The May meeting was attended by 7 members who disregarded the inclement weather and gathered to discuss fishing reports and the upcoming season. Last year at this time we had a number of Illinois Spoonpluggers on the disabled list. *Harry Caliban*, *Gino Testone*, and *Wayne Dyllo* are ready to rejoin the team and *George Schauner*, just returned from Florida, has recovered from back surgery and is looking for fishing partners. He left his boat down south and hopes to share some on the water time with club members.

Phil Szafranski has made a couple of trips down to southern Illinois and continues to learn. His latest trip resulted in a catch of over 30 bass. He wrote in his report: *"All fish but one (were) caught on the same structure and taken from anchored positions. The use of the "bass pass" aided me in finding fish deeper on the structure during the last movement of my trip. My first pass onto the structure from the channel area (over 100 yards of line) contacted a bass just beyond the end of the structure. Once this contact was made, a second anchor position was established deeper on the feature. I immediately was back into the bass and in larger numbers.*

The above mentioned feature was found on my last trip and it's a good one. When fishing a reservoir, many bars exist leading to deep water. The real key here is locating the features in close proximity of the channel.

Without Bucks knowledge, I certainly would not have been fortunate enough to make such a catch..... Understanding movements during this stable condition allowed me to get off the water during the heat of the mid day, and immediately go into the anchor position upon returning without worrying about having missed something."

Great report, Phil, we're looking forward to seeing your maps at the meeting.

Jim Perillo reported on a couple of successful outings on Heidecke Lake with his wife, Dolores. It seems the action was pretty consistent and they had a few doubles to make for a pleasant day in the boat.

Jim Shell visited his favorite lakes in central Illinois over the Memorial Day weekend and got into a couple of schools of bass. The action down south has heated up along with the weather.

Fishing reports have been coming in with some regularity and **Jim Duplex** sends along this reminder: **WHEN EMAILING A FISHING REPORT PLEASE SEND IT TO ALL MEMBERS ON THE 2006 ROSTER.** There is no need to route reports through one individual as this allows for greater communication among club members. Create a mailing list or copy the addresses from a current report and send any information you'd like to share to all members with access to the Internet.

Local fishing has been slow this spring and we hope that having our club at full strength will once again put us on the winning track. Remember, it's a long season and we still have a chance to make this a good year. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Topic of discussion: Fishing reports.

NOTE: The 2006 ILLINOIS FREE FISHING DAYS will be this weekend Friday, June 9th to and including Monday, June 12th, 2006. "During this time, it is legal for anyone to fish in water wholly or partly within the jurisdiction of the state without possessing a sport fishing license, inland trout stamp or salmon stamp. This includes the Illinois portion of Lake Michigan . You can find more information at www.ifishillinois.org."

Dates for 2006 National Outings

Leoni Spoonpluggers Outing, Jackson, Michigan, June 20-24, 2006; Land of Lincoln Spoonpluggers, Crab Orchard Reservoir, June 29-July 2, 2006; Michigan Lunker Hunters, Muskegon Outing, July 19-23; Northern Indiana Spoonpluggers "Buck Sez" outing August 10-12, 2006; Buck Perry Memorial Outing, September 6-9, 2006 We will pass other dates along as they become available.

2005 YEAR IN REVIEW

By Jerry Hein

This was a good year despite the spotty weather. The cool summer with a steady passing of fronts

made for tough fishing most of the year. I stayed mainly on lakes that I was familiar with. Any time spent on new lakes was brief and with little expectation. Total number of days on the water: 37. Fortunately, a few days were very good which made up for the many not so good. Having a good number of days on the water will allow for some good catches in spite of the poor weather and spotty movements.

Overview: more time on the water means more learning opportunities. I caught fewer fish but found more opportunity to learn. After reviewing the notes I found many areas to improve both the observations and the application of Bucks material.

THE SEASON HAS BEGUN



Phil continues where he left off last year. These bass come from a recently mapped bar. Nice work, big guy!





Wayne isn't smiling this year. Heidecke keeper walleyes have been few and far between!



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