

# Illinois Spoonpluggers

## Newsletter

**Dedicated to the teachings of E.L. "Buck" Perry**  
**The Father of Structure Fishing**

**June, 2007**

The next meeting of the Illinois Spoonpluggers will be on Thursday, June 14, 2007, 7:15 PM at the Elk Grove Village Public Library. Club meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month.

**1. MEETING SUMMARY** - The May meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM in the conference room with 15 members and 1 guest present (Frank Yavarski). It was good to see Jim Shell with his two children, Emily and Casey, while Joe Zaremba was accompanied by his sons Brian and Casey. Joe passed on the club map portfolio to Wayne Dylo who will handle this job. Jim Taylor asked members be reminded that checks be made out to JAMES TAYLOR for any and all club expenses, memberships, etc. In addition, all bills should be presented with a receipt and he will cut a check for reimbursement in a timely fashion.

**2. CLUB OUTING** - Mark your calendars: The Illinois Spoonpluggers' Lake Barkley/Kentucky Lake Club Outing is July 28-August 5. Members are encouraged to attend whatever dates they are available. Jim Duplex will be sending out information about accommodations soon. We will be staying at the Days Inn in Kuttawa, Kentucky. Jim and George Schauner will be heading down there this week to scout out conditions.

**3. FISHING REPORTS** - Jim Shell has been up to Lake Wisconsin and reports good catches of early season sauger. Close to home, Heidecke Lake has been the club hotspot where fishing has been noticeable improved this year. Water levels and color have fluctuated but Heidecke has been a consistent producer for several species on many structures. *Jim Taylor, Rick Matus, Jim Duplex, Phil Szafranski, Larry Petri, Jim Perillo, Gino Testone, Scott Duff, Craig Hubbard, and Harry Caliban* have all reported good to excellent catches. *Phil and Larry* arrived at the meeting straight from Heidecke and commented that they took a load of fish but had no keepers to report. Structure types and lure presentation were discussed at the meeting. Most walleye have been 15"-17" with a few above 20". *Gino Testone* shared some Spoonplugging knowledge with one of his employees by taking him fishing for a day. They did the mapping, followed procedures, and got into some stripers and walleyes. Nice job, Gino! *Scott Duff* and *Jim Duplex* have been reporting active walleyes, as well as some larger striper and catfish. During one trip *Scott* experienced 40 minutes of nonstop walleyes in the boat (!) as a large school moved up all the way in an evening movement.

*Jim Taylor* invited Spoonpluggers to come on up to take a look at his home lake, Crystal Lake. *Scott* also reports that his school fishing club has had a very successful season. For one of their outings, 35 students and family members had a day of fun fishing and enjoyed a cookout lunch on the island of a 21 acre private lake. The catch included a whole bunch of nice crappies and bluegills, as well as some bass and catfish.

**4. NATIONAL SPOONPLUGGER OUTINGS** - The National Outings are a golden opportunity to experience some terrific fisheries, meet Spoonpluggers from other areas, and learn a whole lot in just a few days. The Carbondale, Muskegon and Northern Indiana Outings were all well attended by our club members last year. We look forward to seeing many out there again this summer. Be aware that the Southern Illinois (Carbondale) Outing leads into the Fourth of July weekend, so some may want to head down a couple of days early.

Try to do whatever you can to take advantage of these fine opportunities. The outings are worth every bit of the drive and effort involved. Spending time on waters different from what we are used to at home expands our fishing horizons and makes Buck's material come alive. Experiencing fishing success and fellowship with other Spoonpluggers on outstanding lakes is really what its all about.

### **Dates for upcoming National Outings:**

**Carbondale Outing, June 27-July 1, 2007**  
**Muskegon Lunker Hunters Outing at Fishermen's Landing, July 18-22, 2007**  
**Northern Indiana "Buck Sez" Outing, August 9-11, 2007**  
**North Carolina Outing, September 6-8, 2007**  
**Chicamauga Reservoir, October 4-6, 2007**

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**Gino Testone and brother Angelo with a nice stringer  
of Lake Geneva crappies**

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