

# Illinois Spoonpluggers

## Newsletter

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

**November, 2007**

The next meeting of the Illinois Spoonpluggers will be on Thursday, November 8, 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 September meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM with 11 club members present. *Jim Perillo* is handling the lure order and collected the forms and money to send to Buck's Baits. Contact him if you have any questions. Upcoming November meeting business: 1) discuss jobs for the coming year and; 2) begin advance planning for Winter Seminar.

**2. HOLIDAY PARTY** - The final "meeting" of the year will be held at **Giordano's Pizzeria in Westchester on Thursday, December 13th at 7:00 PM**. Its a great time for everyone to get together (bring your wife or girlfriend!) and socialize, share fishing stories, and look ahead to the Holiday season and the coming year. The address is 10410 W. Cermak Road, Westchester, Phone (708) 531-1122. The restaurant is located at the corner of Cermak Rd. and U.S. 45/Mannheim Rd. Thanks to *Craig Hubbard* for making reservations.

**3. FISHING REPORTS** - *Craig Hubbard* reported on fishing at **Pierce Lake** and *Ed Zaremba* had some terrific pictures of huge northerns he and his nephew caught on the **Canadian boundary waters** and **Crane Lake, MN**. Those were some REALLY nice fish! *Scott Duff* has been exploring new waters and got into movements of big bass and northern pike on **Whitewater Lake** during a couple of recent trips. Whitewater's water color, structure situations, and population make it a fine Spoonplugging lake. Scott did his on-the-water mapping and was able to draw the lake and the features the fish were using with depths. He also identified several characteristics that make this lake particularly interesting from a Spoonplugger's point of view. *Jerry Hein*, *Jim Duplex*, and *Frank Cipria* spent a few days plying the waters of **Lake Waubesa** and caught a few muskies and northern pike earlier in the month with limited movements. *Jim Duplex* reported some coho action out of Northpoint Marina but salmon have been spotty, too. Taking advantage of our unstable weather periods, *Phil Szafranski* made a couple of trips to **Lake Nagawicka** to explore new waters. Nagawicka is quite clear and fairly deep but has smallmouth bass and large pike. Phil shared his findings as to the structure situations and interpretation while answering questions posed by the members. Definitely something to keep in mind for the future when the proper weather and water conditions are present. Last week, *Phil Szafranski* and *Jim Taylor* fished **Lake Waubesa** and found a couple of nice fish on the move simply by following their Spoonplugging procedures (see pix). *Jim Duplex* and *Gino Testone* confirm that the muskies are starting to move as they followed up with a nice fat fish this weekend. Nice going, guys! Fishing for muskies has been sporadic on **Pewaukee Lake** (6' vis.) and the **Fox Chain** (7 out of 67 boats caught muskies in recent tourney).

**4. National Spoonplugger** - The latest issue (vol. 9, No 2) has some great "Food for Thought":  
1) Mr. Perry's letter to Ray Bergman offers fascinating insights into his presentation of Spoonplugs (especially on the cast!) that we all could use and; 2) Terry's article on Mapping and Interpretation describes exactly how he used Spoonplugs as a mapping tool before the depth finder. This publication just gets better and better!

***Dates received for upcoming National Outings:***  
**Illinois Spoonpluggers Winter Seminar, March 15, 2008**  
**Lunker Hunters Muskegon Outing, July 9-13, 2008**

Reminder of new Buck's Baits mailing address...

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**Some On-The-Water Highlights From the Past Month:**

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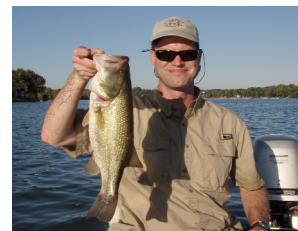


Phil Szafranski with Jim Taylor  
Lake Waubesa muskie 39"



...and 43"

Scott Duff finds the LM and pike on  
the move during October warm spell



Jim Duplex with 4# Coho Salmon



...and 40" muskie