

Illinois Spoonpluggers

Newsletter

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

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ILLINOIS SPOONPLUGGERS HOLIDAY PARTY
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 7:00 PM
GIORDANO'S PIZZERIA IN WESTCHESTER
Spouses and guests are welcome!

Located at the corner of Cermak Road and
Mannheim Road (US 12-20-45) in Westchester

1. MEETING SUMMARY - The November meeting was called to order with 12 members and 1 guest present. Craig Hubbard is handling arrangements for the Holiday Party to be held on Thursday, December 11, 7:00 PM at Giordano's in Westchester. The jobs discussion was brief and all agreed to continue their responsibilities for the coming year. The Treasure's Report was read by Jim Taylor. Jim Duplex read the letter from Carl Walker and discussion followed regarding the best use for the the spoonplugging equipment he donated to the club. Given the situation presented, it was unanimously agreed to offer Carl club membership since he is already a member of the National. A discussion about meeting formats yielded a consensus that meeting topics (typically centering on Mapping & Interpretation) should be expanded. Suggested topics included lake overviews, equipment, and questions generated by fishing reports.

2. FISHING SUMMARY - *Phil Szafranski* gave a follow-up report from October in SE Central Illinois where he experienced good midday movements of LM Bass over several days. Phil reported good results with fish up to 20" and a solid population. Reports at the meeting were also given by *Scott Duff*, *Gino Testone*, *Wayne Dylo* and *Jerry Hein* on Southern Illinois, Southern Wisconsin, the Fox Chain. Jim Duplex also filled us in with details about the fishing situation he experienced during his trip to Ohio. Locally, the muskies have cooperated BIG TIME with numerous movements of large fish reported in November. Many members reported multiple fish days. In fact, the results at times were spectacular. Quite a few 45+" muskies were caught (including *Frank Cipria*, *Phil Szafranski*, *Jim Duplex*, *Gino Testone*, *Jim Perillo* and *Scott Duff*). *Jim Duplex* netted his personal best 48" muskie fishing by himself in snow squalls with an inch snow in the boat!

3. MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The Illinois Winter Spoonplugging Seminar will be on Saturday, March 14 at the Elk Grove Village Public Library.

Spoonplugger Web Sites:

Spoonpluggers of America: nsoa.info

Buck's Baits: buckperry.com / Discussion Board, links, and more: spoonplugger.net

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Some Highlights from November's Mostly Muskie Mania!!!



Gino Testone - Mille Lacs



Phil Szafranski 44"



Rick Matus 45"



Angelo Testone 35"



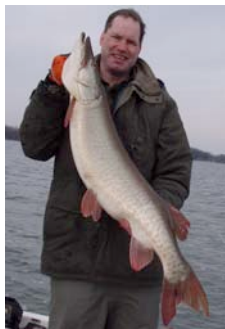
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Jim Taylor 38"



Jim D. 22" walleye



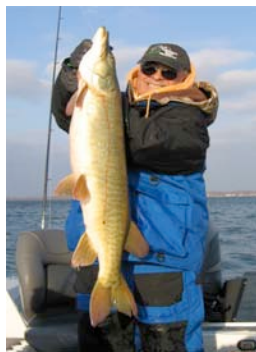
Scott Duff 45"



Phil Szafranski 45"



Gino Testone 40+"



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Jim Duplex's 47" & 48"

