

Illinois Spoonpluggers

Newsletter

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

November, 2008

The next meeting of the Illinois Spoonpluggers will be on Thursday, November 13, 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 October meeting had 7 members present. Thanks to *Craig Hubbard* for setting up the library meeting reservations. Meetings will continue with the same location and time through July '09. A letter was received from Carl Walker, a Spoonplugger in Mississippi, who extended an offer to provide his Spoonplugging equipment to the club since he is no longer able to fish due to health reasons. A discussion followed to be continued at future meetings. No treasurer's report was given. The **Holiday Party** will again be held at Giordano's Pizzeria in Westchester on Thursday, December 11, 7:00 PM. A tentative date for a club outing at the Madison Chain was set for Saturday, November 15.

2. CLUB FISHING REPORTS -

Jim Shell and *Bob Fishrup* teamed up for a trip to Green Bay/Fox River (muskies) and Little Sturgeon Bay (smallmouth). The muskies and smallmouth were on vacation but they did pick up a couple of nice pike and a bonus jumbo catfish.

Dave Mucha and his dad enjoyed some quality time fishing in southern Wisconsin on Whitewater Lake. They were rewarded with good catches of LM bass and northern pike.

Harvey Smith made it out to Busse Lake's south pool and located the crappie and northers on the cast.

Phil Szafranski continued to focus on Southern Wisconsin and noted the importance of the subtler, flatter, deep features which require straight line passes for proper interpretation and control of the lures.

Wayne Dylo gave a terrific report on the Chattanooga Lake Outing, complete with detailed drawings on the overhead. He and his wife Callie caught many LM bass up to 18" during their trip. Delta situations and the associated washes provided most of the action.

Joe Zarembo returned from a fantastic trip to Canada's Jack River with his sons, and man, did they ever get into the walleye and pike! Joe also reported a couple of good days on Whitewater Lake and slow fishing at Heidecke.

Frank Yavarasky headed east and hit Paw Paw Lake (where he made nice catch of LM/SM bass from 27') and Lake Erie where he did some SM bass fishing with John Bales and the Brown brothers. We look forward to hearing his reports.

Jim Duplex made the most of a side trip to the Toledo area and scouted out Lake Erie and a local reservoir, Lake Hudson, where he picked up a 34" muskie. Jim will have more to say about these waters

at the meeting. Nice job!

Scott Duff reports some shallow muskie action on Lake Waubesa with the deeper fish close to going (48F) as of last weekend. The bigger and deeper fish will turn on in the next couple of weeks with Indian Summer now history and the water temperatures quickly cooling and becoming more uniform from top to bottom.

Thank for the reports, guys!

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Jim Duplex
34" Muskie-Ohio



Jim Shell
40" Northern Pike-Green Bay



Phil Szafranski
S. Wi Bass



Scott Duff
33" Muskie-Lake Waubesa



Jim Shell
Flathead-Fox River/Green Bay