

Illinois Spoonpluggers

Newsletter

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

October, 2008

The next meeting of the Illinois Spoonpluggers will be on Thursday, October 9, 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 had 9 members and 2 guests in attendance. Fishing reports included *Wayne Dyllo's* trip to the **National Outing in North Carolina**. Fishing at the outing was on the tough side but the hospitality and having the opportunity to speak with *Terry O'Malley* made it worth the trip. Local fishing here around Chicago had been a challenge but has started to turn around. For many weeks there were very few days of weather allowing for full shallow movements. A group discussion was also held discussing a shallow, dirty lake and the challenges faced in presenting lures. The discussion also involved how fish move in this lake type.

At the October meeting we will need to make initial plans for the Holiday dinner and nail down the date for the seminar. October is also the meeting to discuss ideas and suggestions relating to club operations prior to the final business meeting of the year which will be held November 13th. Also a reminder to all, jobs for the 2009 year will be set at the November meeting.

2. CLUB FISHING REPORTS -

Fishing has picked up following a rather slow August. The recent flooding rains in the Chicago area bypassed Southern WI and the Fox Chain setting those areas up for some decent early fall fishing. Reports indicate that action is also heating up in the harbor areas of Lake Michigan. Area rivers are now close to normal levels so look for improved fishing there, too.

August Reports:

Bob Roels and *Jim Shell* continued to have multi-species success on Lake Mendota as well as other S. Wisc. lakes. On Lake Delavan, Bob used depth and speed control to target northerns in a short but intense movement around dusk along with some other scattered northerns, SM and walleye. On Lake Geneva, northerns were caught at a variety of depths from just over the weeds down to 35'. *Jim Taylor* picked up some bass on Crystal Lake while *Craig Hubbard* and *Scott Duff* plied the waters of Lake Mendota for a mix of northerns, walleye, and SM. During tough conditions, *Phil Szafranski* focused on a small natural lake in S. Wisc.

September Highlights:

Rick Matus hit Lake Mendota (8 Northern Pike to 34", 7 SM to 17", catfish +20"), and had success on Lake Delavan for northern and LM.

Jim Duplex found the Whitewater northern active at times. As noted in many reports, LM have been scarce although Jim did catch one dandy 6# LM 20 1/2". He also teamed up with Phil Szafranski for a trip.

Phil Szafranski hit the familiar waters of Pewaukee Lake where muskies can be “feast or famine.” Just one muskie 30” this time. Phil also has put in some time on Lake Delavan and Whitewater and was rewarded with northern pike to 35”.

Bob Roels notes the importance of checking the depths. He reported the northern pike caught a few days apart on one lake from 7’-10’ moved down to 28’-32’. Lesson learned: You have to check it out!

After boating the biggest fish at 3 consecutive national outings, *Wayne Dylo* made a trek to his favorite lake on Lake Wisconsin where he caught sauger 18” and numerous northern to 34”. Wayne, *Dave Mucha*, and *Gino Testone* also got into the pike and a few bass on Whitewater Lake.

Jim Shell made an annual trip to Lake Wisconsin targeting crappie and caught a bunch (11”-11 1/2”), as well as white bass, 21” walleye, 10 lb catfish, and a few drum. Jim will be heading to NE Wisconsin soon and we look forward to his report. Good luck!

Spoonplugger Web Sites:

Spoonpluggers of America: nsoa.info

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

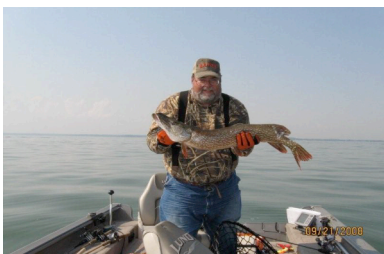
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Gino Testone: Lake Delavan Pike



Jim Duplex: 6# 20 1/2” LM Bass



Wayne Dylo: Lake Mendota Pike 30” & 36” and his 43” Lake Webster Muskie