

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 10, 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 13 members present. **Craig Hubbard** is handling arrangements for the Holiday Party to be held on Thursday, December 10, 7:00 PM at Giordano's in Westchester. The jobs discussion was held with a few changes. **Scott Duff** announced he is handing over the newsletter due to increasing job responsibilities. Thank you to **Mike Lynch** for stepping up and offering to take over newsletter duties for the coming year. **Jerry Hein** will be in charge of the overhead projector. All other jobs remain the same. The Treasure's Report was summarized by Jim Taylor while **Jim Duplex** led a discussion about possible club needs and/or purchases. These included looking into a speaker/amp for the seminar, t-shirts, and getting the VHS library tapes converted to DVD.

2. FISHING SUMMARY - Numerous fishing reports were given. Even with the slow fishing overall there were a couple of spells where the fish were moving pretty good. Most members reported success with the muskies, pike, and some bass on Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan waters. Topping the list was **Bob Roels** with his 46" muskie on Madison Chain, his largest to date. Congratulations, Bob! **Rick Matus** has been on fire, too, and stressed the importance of casting this time of year to check the slower speeds including after dark, especially for the walleyes. Scott discussed how the Indian Summer type weather we have experienced stems from weather systems moving in a more "zonal" pattern, from west to east, with rather gentle movements of warm and cold air masses. Through much of November this pattern resulted in consistently above normal temperatures, and stretches of more stable weather conditions with improved fishing. Good catches of muskies reported include Rick Matus (44 1/2"), Jerry Hein (4 fish 40+"), **Frank Cipria** (42 1/2"), **Gino Testone**, and **Jim Perillo**. The week before Thanksgiving proved to be particularly productive. On Lake Allegan, **Scott Duff** got into a school of bass with 26 SM/LM and a 13" crappie on the cast. **Mike Lynch** has been hitting the Fox Chain where he contacted muskie, pike, and catfish. **Jim Taylor** picked up a rare, and heretofore unreported species of rockfish on the Madison Chain. Good going, guys! **Pictures from recent weeks to follow soon.**

Spoonplugger Web Sites:

Spoonpluggers of America: nsoa.info

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



BOB ROLES With a pair of nice Madison muskies



Rick Matus With a nice Muskie and a pair of walleye taken from a casting position



**Frank Cipria
&
Gino Testone
Wit a couple nice
Maddison fish**

