

# Illinois Spoonpluggers

## Newsletter

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

**May, 2009**

The next meeting of the Illinois Spoonpluggers will be on Thursday, May 14, 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 April business meeting was held at the Elk Grove Village Public Library and was attended by 12 members. It was great to see Bob Roels once again. Talk about history, Bob was cofounder of the Illinois Spoonpluggers back in the 80's when the club met in his living room! We also welcomed guest Spoonplugger Mike Lynch of Chicago. Phil Szafranski opened the meeting discussing the updated roster and e-mail lists.

**2. FISHING REPORTS** - Its been a rainy and windy month around Chicago, to say the least. Walleye action has been improving on Heidecke Lake with some good ones to 22" being caught. Gino Testone (and his HS coach Mr. G), Jim Duplex, Craig Hubbard, Phil Szafranski (with Joe Roth), Joe and Kevin Zaremba, and Scott Duff have all reported good action for the walleyes with a few bonus white bass, channel catfish and hybrids. Thanks to all who sent in reports. Boats were limited at times to the south pool due to the high water level and low railroad bridge. The Spoonpluggers have responded by seeking out additional productive features in the available area with positive results! LaSalle Lake continues to be a good option when its not too windy with hard fighting blue cats, plus LM to 22" by Mike Lynch. Local rivers have been at or near flood, with the Fox Chain no-wake with floating debris. Scott Duff reports an enthusiastic 24 students in his middle school fishing club. Following several meetings in the classroom, the first of five fishing outings planned saw everyone catching fish with a mix of bass, bluegills, and crappie. LM and SM bass reports coming out of Lake Geneva are terrific if anyone plans to head that-a-way!

**3. PROGRAM:** We had an in-depth discussion and review of the Winter Seminar. Quite a wealth of information and data was collected. The comments and feedback received on-line, via e-mail, and from the members present was greatly appreciated and will go a long way toward planning another successful event next year.

Jim Duplex showed off some on-the-water video clips he made with his new on-board video camera. Although still in the development stages, Jim's effort has a lot of potential when it comes to instruction and illustrating procedures when fishing the various structure situations. We look forward to more!

### ***Upcoming National Fishing Outings:***

**Leoni Outing, Jackson, MI, June 2-7, 2009**

**Lunker Hunters Muskegon (MI) Outing, July 8-12, 2009**

**Northern Indiana "Buck Sez" Outing, August 13-15, 2009**

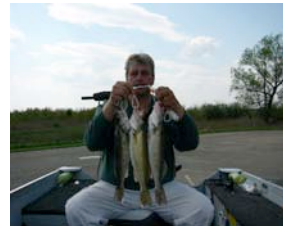
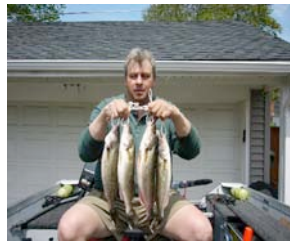
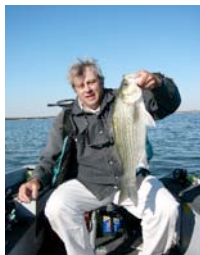
**Buck Perry Memorial Outing (NC), September 4-6, 2009**

**Chickamauga Reservoir Outing (TN), October 1-3, 2009**

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**Spoonpluggers of America: [nsoa.info](http://nsoa.info)**  
**Buck's Baits: [buckperry.com](http://buckperry.com)**  
**Discussion Board, links, and more: [spoonlugger.net](http://spoonlugger.net)**

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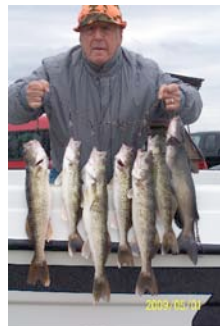
**Heidecke Lake is heating up....**



Phil Szafranski with blue sky, dark water color, and some nice catches!



Scott Duff with 20" walleye



Gino Testone and his HS wrestling coach Don Govoni (pictured) with limits of walleyes to 22"