

# Illinois Spoonpluggers

## Newsletter

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

**October, 2009**

The next meeting of the Illinois Spoonpluggers will be on Thursday, October 8, 7:15 PM at the Elk Grove Village Public Library. Club meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month.

**MEETING SUMMARY:** The September meeting was attended by 13 members. Lake specific fishing reports were given by most members, along with a presentation discussion led by Bob Roels involving casting positions for LM Bass on Whitewater. The club now has a couple of trolling rods and Penn reels for sale. If interested, please contact Jim Perillo for details. The price is \$63 for the rod and \$30 for the reel.

**FISHING REPORTS:** Several club members attended the Indiana Outing which was outstanding, as always! Over 74 were in attendance at the dinner. The fishing was initially rather slow (they had a severe storm to start the outing) but action picked up considerably including a 38" musky boated by **Wayne Dylo**.

Southern Wisconsin has seen a lot of action from our club over the past month. Summer action peaked with some very nice LM bass, muskies, walleyes and assorted pike being caught on several lakes. Time on the water and precise control were the keys.

**Bob Roels** has been a fishing fiend in recent weeks hitting Mendota, Whitewater, Browns, Little Muskego, and the mighty Crystal Lake with **Jim Taylor**. **Jim Perillo** has been experiencing consistent catches of pike on Whitewater, while **Jim Duplex** hit the **Mad Chain** with George Schauner over a couple of days. Jim and George described our odd summer peak this way: *High pressure currently over the area represents the longest period of stability we've experienced all summer. Unfortunately, it has coincided with the changing of the seasons as evidenced by the lowest night time temperatures all summer.* Movements of the larger fish have been hard to predict, to say the least. However, they have been moving as noted by several club members! **Jerry Hein** contacted muskies, northern and walleye on the Madison Chain during a multiple day trip to the area. **Rick Matus** was glad to be back on the water with his family as they spent several days camping at Babcock Park. Their efforts on Lake Waubesa were rewarded with walleye to 22", muskies 38"-40, as well as several pike. Nice going!

Given the overall tough conditions, spending multiple days at a lake or taking several trips to a lake has been the key to having a good chance at making a catch. Bob Roels, using his experience as his guide, got into a movements of big bass and pike with multiple trips to Whitewater, Browns, and Little Muskego. Bob found movements as early as dawn, and on other trips he has had to wait until almost sunset. Once again, the key during tough conditions is to be on the water, because you just never know!

**Gino Testone** spent a couple of days on the North Fox Chain and hit it right fishing an event in support of our troops. Gino caught a beautiful 45" musky and his partner, Dan, had a pike and a 35" musky. Both fishermen also had several follows in what turned out to be a busy early September

morning!

**Phil Szafranski** has been working new water focusing on close-to-home Round Lake (“only” means 40 miles from home) with bass and pike to 36”. Jim Taylor and Bob Roels encountered bass and muskie on the structures of Crystal Lake where the water color was surprisingly good.

**Scott Kramer** traveled to Canada in August and caught walleye to 30 inches. **Craig Hubbard** has spent time on a private lake with some of his family, while **Harvey Smith** caught some bluegill at Busse Lake. **Mike Lynch** had a really nice at LaSalle boating SM to 16”, LM to 17”, and a couple dozen blue catfish 5-15 lbs. Mike also spent some time in Michigan and found fishing to be tough.

Now that the fall cool down has begun in earnest we will be looking forward to the time when the leaves are gone from the trees and the water again becomes stable top to bottom. We continue to fish throughout the fall trying to avoid lakes that are in turnover (most unstable condition). The fish do move during the fall transition but expect movements to be very unpredictable. A period of stable weather can produce good results. For those who are able to fish during the often cold and brutal conditions of Late Fall, we know that the best fishing of the year is yet to come. For recent articles on this subject check out Terry O’Malley’s article in the National Spoonplugger, and John Bales in the current Northern Indiana Newsletter.

### **Upcoming Network Events**

**Illinois Spoonpluggers Winter Seminar - Saturday, March 13, 2010**

### **Spoonplugger Web Sites:**

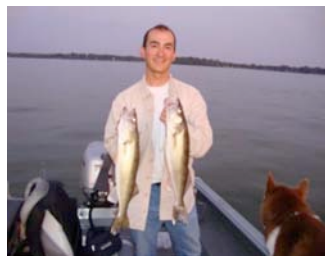
**Spoonpluggers of America: [nsoa.info](http://nsoa.info)**

**Buck’s Baits: [buckperry.com](http://buckperry.com)**

**Discussion Board, links, and more: [spoonplugger.net](http://spoonplugger.net)**

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Rick Matus-22” walleye



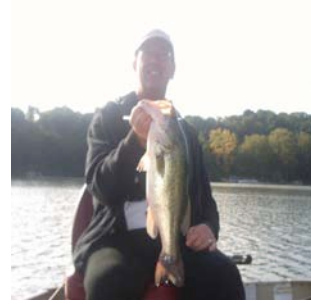
Lisa Matus - 40” musky  
clear skies, good water color!



Jim Duplex - 35" Pike



Bob Roels - nice LM Bass!



Bill Roth and Phil Szafranski - Waubesa Pike



Gino Testone  
Fox Chain 45" Musky