

Illinois Spoonpluggers

Newsletter

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

August, 2009

The next meeting of the Illinois Spoonpluggers will be on Thursday, August 13, 7:15 PM at the Elk Grove Village Public Library. Club meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month.

MEETING SUMMARY: The July meeting was attended by 9 Spoonpluggers and we welcomed new member, **Mike Lynch**, to the club. Mike has been Spoonplugging for a number of years and learned under the tutelage of an old Spoonplugger, Ed Schaeffer. Good to have you aboard, Mike. The Thursday night gathering was on the small side as a number of the Illinois club were participating in the Muskegon Outing.

Lure Order - Jim Perillo passed out the lure order and reported that prices have remained unchanged from last year. Our purchases reflect a 20% discount for lures and a 10% discount on any other items. We appreciate the service and discount from Scott Jenkins and Buck's Baits and we'll probably be putting in another order in the fall. If you're in need of Spoonplugs or tackle, take advantage of the club's pricing and remember, the discount is only available by placing your order with the club. Special thanks to Jim for handling this job, good work.

Mark Your Calendars - Craig Hubbard reported that the 2010 meeting dates at the library will be submitted next month. In addition to the regular meetings, Craig will also request Saturday, **March 13, 2010** as the day for our Winter Seminar. Please add the date to your calendar. Thank you Craig, for handling the arrangements.

Note to Members - We've had a number of new individuals join the Illinois Spoonpluggers this year and a discussion ensued reviewing the dissemination of club information, maps, etc. to non-club members. It was stressed that the information shared at meetings and through fishing reports is proprietary and is for the personal use of members only. These should not be shared with those outside the club as much effort has gone into assembling maps and fishing information. It would be unfair to those who have freely shared their fishing knowledge and have received no compensation for their contributions.

Presentation/Tools - Jim Duplex brought a camera stand that he uses to take pictures on the boat when he is alone. He detailed its construction and set up as well as providing some tips for taking pictures. Buck has stated that a camera is a necessary tool for Spoonpluggers to have as it serves to document catches, inspire others, and act as a happy reminder of past accomplishments as well as a source of inspiration for the future.

FISHING REPORTS: The **Muskegon Outing** featured comfortable conditions and spotty fish movements but, as usual, the Spoonpluggers were up to the challenge. The darker water lakes produced big pike, walleye, and smallmouth, as well as limits of big bass. As has been the case during this cool summer, the key to catching fish has been timing: "Being in the right place, at the right time, fishing in

the right manner.” (hey, that sounds familiar!).

The Lunker Hunters put on a great outing once again with over 50 attending this year’s event. Hats off to Chase Klinesteker and all the Lunker Hunters for their hard work. A BIG thanks goes to Mike and Nyann Dordan (cooks extraordinaire), and Mark and Mike Brown (Valpo-Velvet Ice Cream) for the wonderful Saturday night dinner! Great comederie, nightly Spoonplugging discussions, and detailed fishing reports highlighted another successful outing. Thank you to John Bales for so freely sharing his wealth of knowledge and experience. Illinois Club members participating were: **Jim Taylor, Scott Duff, Jerry and Mary Hein, Wayne and Callie Ruth Dylo, Dave Mucha, Phil Szafranski, Marty and Sue McAvoy.**

Jim Duplex and **George Schauner** headed down to Lake Barkley catching 90+ fish, including dozens of bass and a 23” LM for George! **Scott Duff** has been busy on the Fox Chain and reports plenty of action from muskies, pike, and walleyes. **Jim Perillo** reported on his July outing to Heidecke that resulted in a couple of keeper walleye on a day when others were skunked. **Mike Lynch** has been scouting lakes in Michigan and also got into a couple of nice muskies and some walleye at Heidecke. **Craig Hubbard** was up to Loon Lake but high water and no wake made for a tough day. **Bob Roels** spent some quality time with his father fishing Browns Lake catching pike and bass. **Clay Russell** reports walleye to 23” and some pike. Bob teamed up with Clay on Mendota where they got into bass and pike before being driven off the water by high winds and heading to Whitewater. **Ed Zaremba** went up to Crane Lake on the Minnesota/Canadian border and reported tough fishing for walleyes. Smallmouth action helped pick up the slack with most fish being in the 16"-17" range. **Dave Mucha, Frank Cipria, and Jim Perillo** have been enjoying the summer pike action in S. Wisconsin. **Frank Yavarski** seems to have been everywhere lately fishing waters in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Ohio. Good catches of walleye were made on Lake Erie and jumbo perch were taken from the waters off Chicago's Navy Pier. **Jim Taylor** and Bob Rives have been fishing Lake Tawakoni in Texas. **Gino Testone** is hoping to hook up with some big muskies on Mille Lacs in Minnesota.

Great job guys, we'll look forward to your reports!

Upcoming National Fishing Outings:

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

Spoonplugger Web Sites:

Spoonpluggers of America: nsoa.info
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George Schauner with a pair of beauties from Lake Barkley!



Frank Cipria - S. Wisconsin Pike



Scott Duff - Michigan Pike