

LUNKER HUNTER SPOONPLUGGERS MEETING MARCH 5, 2009

FISHING REPORTS

Art mentioned that there are many boats and shore fishermen in the Grand River below 6th Street Dam catching steelhead. Grant mentioned that there was good walleye fishing in the Saint Joe and Kalamazoo rivers before the season closed. John Stepanovich mentioned that steelhead were being caught off the Sagatuck piers.

MEETING

Don't forget to pay your '09 Lunker Hunter dues to Roger Bouwkamp (\$20.). Our club outing on Portage Lake and Lower Herring Lake was discussed. It will be held on May 29, 30, and 31. John Bouws and John Stepanovich have graciously offered the use of their cottages on these lakes. This is really a great opportunity for us. Last year many fish were caught. Both John Bales and Grant Hendrickson have mentioned these lakes for excellent fishing. It was brought up that many of us would like to honor John Bales in some way for all the effort and time he has spent helping our club and its' members. A good time to do that would be at the Lunker Hunter Spoonpluggers Muskegon Outing. Be thinking about what we might do and how we might do it. Don't forget to mark the Muskegon Outing on your calendar and plan to attend July 8-12, 2009! We get great support and attendance from other Spoonplugging clubs, and should try to attend their outings and events also:

Bama and Ohio Spoonpluggers-----April 15-19, 2009

Leoni Spoonpluggers, Jackson MI-----June 2-7, 2009

Northern Indiana Spoonpluggers-----August 7-9, 2009

Buck Perry Memorial Outing-----September 4-6, 2009

Check up in the latest "National Spoonplugger" newsletter for more details.

PROGRAM

Grant Hendrickson gave the program on "Spring Fishing Lure Presentation". Grant is a long-time participant with his son in fishing tournaments, and catches many fish. He is familiar with Spoonplugging concepts and his programs have reflected that, especially in terms of depth and speed. For spring he uses a lower gear ratio reel to have better speed control at slower speeds. He mentioned several types of presentations that can be used in the early spring, especially with lighter lures and slower speeds. He has found big catfish balled up in 40 feet of water in Muskegon Lake and that bass start to become active at around 50 degrees. Those who didn't attend missed a very informative program. Many thanks to Grant for sharing with us!

Chase Klinesteker