

# LUNKER HUNTER SPOONPLUGGERS MEETING DECEMBER 2, 2010

## FISHING REPORTS

Don Stephens fished Wabasis Lake with Mike Dordan and got 4 pike 25-30 feet down. The other day Don fished the Grand River near the Rogue with Bob Terpstra and they picked up a nice steelhead trolling very slowly upstream, so at least a few fish are in the river above 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Jim VanAsselt fished from shore near Branson, Missouri and caught some rainbow trout. Around here he caught some whitefish off the Muskegon Lake channel wall on a jig. Whitefish can get up to 5 pounds, so they can be a pretty decent size. Charlie Myers fished a lot last month with Terry Velting on Murray Lake for musky but they didn't catch any. Charlie did catch one fishing alone, however, and made some comment about a "jinx" or something! The 38 inch muskie put on quite a show, shooting straight out of the water near the boat! Terry did show a little luck when he fished Green Lake. He saw a bobber floating there and picked it up, only to find a 16 inch bass attached, the biggest one he had "caught" from that lake this summer!

## MEETING

11 attended the meeting. Roger reported we had \$680. in the treasury and reminded us that \$20. dues will be collected at the January meeting. Larry will update the Luncker Hunter Calendar by then also. The next board meeting will be at Cheers Restaurant on Plainfield Monday, December 27 at 9:30AM. All members are welcome to attend, as much planning for next year will be done then. Chase will call Mike Dordan to confirm and get some details about the Valentines' Dinner in February. We will be donating \$100. to Leisure Village to thank them for the use of their Activities Building for our meetings. Terry mentioned an interesting book titled "Beneath the Surface" that talks about plankton and fish movements, etc. within a lake daily and seasonally. He agreed to do a program on the subject in the future. Next months program will be about "Structure", so check out pages 27-31 in Buck Perrys' book. Roger will do January treats.

## BOARD MEETING 12/27/2010

Larry Simonsen will bring Q and A sheets on Basic Movements to the January meeting so we can review last months program material. We will have a Study Lake each month rather than a Target Lake, since most last year did not get on the Target Lakes ahead of time to fish (still a good idea). White Lake will be the Study Lake for the January Meeting. Don't forget to put the Valentines Dinner on the calendar for Friday, February 11, 2011. Mike and Nyann Dordan have already arranged for this at Safees Restaurant for 6:00PM. 18 signed up for it last year and all had a great time! Members should be reminded to check out the "National Spoonplugger" newsletter for Nov-Dec 2010. A Feature article on the front page is about our Youth Outing we had at Mona Lake last August, along with 5 pictures. Encouraging youth to get into fishing should be a top priority for all Spoonpluggers. We are planning on another youth outing this coming summer. There will be a first-time Kentucky Spoonpluggers Jamboree this coming October 6-9. Look for more information in the newsletter or contact John Bales. Many great memories exist from the Chattanooga Tennessee Jamboree, and this location on Kentucky Lake will allow us to get together more easily with our friends from the South. Mark down the date and plan to go!

## PROGRAM

Thanks to Jim Van Asselt for bringing the treats. That seems to sweeten up things a bit! We started the program with two study lakes, Cadillac and Mitchell, and maps were projected on the wall and discussed. Many thanks to Ron Vance for bringing us copies also. Ron is our Lake Map coordinator so if you want any contour lake maps of Michigan lakes, contact him at: [coachs4fun@aol.com](mailto:coachs4fun@aol.com). Don Stephens took the

lazer pointer and noted several structure areas in Mitchell Lake, which he fished much in the past. It was noted that both these lakes have very clear water, heavy weeds, and depths no greater than 27 feet, making for tough fishing. Both lakes have a fair number of walleye, but most fish caught are undersized.

Chase handed out a sheet for the program on "Basic Movements of Fish" that summarizes some of Buck Perrys' material in his book "Spoonplugging, Your Guide To Lunker Catches". Included were a few glossary terms and thoughts describing basic movements of fish (see attachments). In our programs we are planning to "get back to basics" as Buck had always stressed, going through the "Green Book" subjects in order. Understanding glossary terms is essential to grasping Spoonplugging concepts, so we went over the list first. Then "Basic Movements of Fish" was read and discussed. There was much discussion on what a cold front is. The conclusion was that weather is complex and no 2 days are ever the same. Using observed light as our guideline helps us simplify things so we can focus on other factors of fish behavior. It was brought up that shallow water fish behavior differs from that in deep water, and even that can vary somewhat due to water clarity and other conditions. Buck Perrys' Guidelines are just that: general guidelines under most conditions, but not specific absolutes in all situations, something important to remember when studying his material.

We often forget that fish do not move constantly or consistently, and actual activity periods are relatively short. When they are in a neutral or negative mood (inactive), we are required to get the lure directly in front of the fish (depth), and move it at the velocity (speed) needed at that time and under those conditions to trigger a reflex strike from the fish. In short, Bucks Guideline to "check all depths and all speeds" makes perfect sense here. The importance of weather stability was also gone over, as well as the types of structures fish use in the summer as opposed to those used in fall and winter.

All in all, we had a lively and interesting discussion on the basic movements of fish, and the members seemed to enjoy "Getting Back to Basics"!

Chase Klinesteker