

Next Meeting  
April 10, 2014, 7:00 P.M.  
Elk Grove Library,  
1001 Wellington Ave.

# Illinois Spoonplugger

## May 2014

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### Dues!

Jim Taylor continues to accept dues. Dues are \$20. All checks should be made out to James Taylor, and if you cannot make the meeting send your payment to James Taylor, 1367 Loch Lomond Dr, Crystal Lake, IL 60014

### April Club Meeting

**Attendees** - Jerry Hein, Scott Duff, Joe Zaremba, Craig Hubbard, Jim Taylor, Brett Christensen, Scott Kramer, Jim Duplex, Gino Testone, Bob Roels

### Winter Seminar Review

- Attendance was 53! Back to normal
- Income was greater than \$100
- Sales of rods etc. need to be in parking lot
- Room
  - Disadvantages - Crowded, long, and narrow.
  - Advantage - Closer to each other for better sharing.
- Drinks - unknown purchase policy needs improvement.
- Group exercise
  - Unexpected loss of person to assist Jerry Hein most likely led to confusion (stuff happens)
  - Too many details to consider
  - More input from CSI's would be great
  - Map interpretation not helpful
- Explanations from different CSI is not consistent. Vary from simple to more detailed.
- Suggestions
  - More discussion from CSIs
- Considerations for next year
  - Can we use cafeteria currently used for conceal and carry training, or
  - Do we stay at Library?
  - CSIs panel discussion

\*To protect the hard work and research it takes to find a lake with a fish population, learn the structures, follow the daily movements, and seasonal migrations fishing reports are probably best shared through e-mails to club members. Unless instructed otherwise, I have decided to share the lessons learned, pictures, and the name of the member so you may contact them directly for more information.

### Fishing Reports

*Scott Duff* explained in excellent detail his recent catch of over 200+ pounds of catfish in one day on a manmade lake. Scott hopes to write an article if time permits, so I will do my best to give my interpretation of his report. In elevated manmade the dikes are built from soil excavated from holes in the future lake. When excavating these holes there can be ramps for trucks or dozers to move the soil out of the hole. And there will be roads/paths for trucks to dump the loads of soil to build the dikes to hold the lake. Sometimes the fish are on the edges of the holes, the points formed as they build ramps into the holes or places for the shovel to stand on, the road beds used to deliver the soil to the dikes, and remains of the pile areas where dirt was placed to fill the trucks. Scott made his FANTASTIC catch on the shallow humps adjacent to these holes. Slicks from the baitfish was visible in these areas. The humps are most likely the areas where dirt was placed to load the trucks. Scott has refined his approach to depth and speed by trolling a bottom bumping lure and using boards to cover a wider area and since there are no snags. He checks all structure situations not just the humps. Behind the boards he trolls blade

baits with a snap on weight ahead of the lure to control depth. He does this to help get stripers, which may pick-up the lure off the bottom when it settles or lays on the bottom while he is catching fish on another line or during turns. It was a great reminder Spoonplugging is about controlling the depth and speed of your lures to find and catch the fish (not the lure).

Tom Coleman and Jerry Borst are two spoonpluggers who troll with multiple lines and rod in rod holders and Buck recognized Tom Coleman as a great spoonplugger. Jerry Borst also has GREAT SUCCESS.



*Jim Duplex* showed us how important roads are to successful fishing on man-made lakes using images. He pointed out the roads are often visible if you look at the shorelines for roads that headed directly into the lake. At times they may become the boat ramp. Jim emphasized these roads are often lead away from the shoreline and other fisherman. If you read your e-mails Jim is using his knowledge of the structure in this lake and keeping in touch with the daily movements as the fish make their seasonal migrations As Jim demonstrates by his recent picture on the left -**Get off the road or get caught by The MAN!**



#### **Education – Google Earth**

*Brett Christensen* showed how he used Google Earth to help him interpret a lake. Brett used his laptop and projector to demonstrate Google Earth and Navionics live. John Bales share how he interpreted Google satellite views of reservoirs at the seminar. Brett share how he used Google Earth satellite views to see weedlines and water color to help him interpret a lake he has become successful at. The topic fascinated club members in attendance and all appreciated Brett's sharing of this tool. You really have to try it to see how it can help you. How can you miss the weedline and hump on the next page? Why wouldn't you use google maps or earth?



**Other April Fishing Pics**

**Brett Christensen (No it is not the same fish!) Time to check the shallows.**



**2014 Club Calendar**

**May 5-11 - Lake Erie SMB! Bass Islands, Contact Brett Christensen**

**May 8 - Club meeting, Elk Grove Library**

**3rd May Weekend - Return to Lake Saint Clair, Contact: Jim Duplex**

**June 12** - Club meeting, Elk Grove Library

**June 17-22** - Leoni Spoonpluggers' Outing, Jackson, MI Contact: John Zaborny - [jszaborny@yahoo.com](mailto:jszaborny@yahoo.com) 517-414-3596

**July 10** - Club meeting, Elk Grove Library

**July 9-13** - Lunker Hunters' Outing, Fisherman's Landing Contact: Chase Klinesteker - [Ckspoonpl1@aol.com](mailto:Ckspoonpl1@aol.com) 616-949-8665

**August 13-16** - Northern Indiana Spoonpluggers' "Buck Sez" Outing, Tippecanoe, Webster, Wawasee Lakes, Forest Ridge Campground (260-327-3551) Contacts: John Bales - [johnspoon@embarqmail.com](mailto:johnspoon@embarqmail.com) 260-854-3921, or Ted Walter: [ahbwalter@gmail.com](mailto:ahbwalter@gmail.com) 260-668-0216,

**August 14** - Club meeting, Elk Grove Library

**September 11** - Club meeting, Elk Grove Library **October 9** - Club meeting, Elk Grove Library

**October 11** - Buck Perry Memorial Outing, Taylorsville, NC, Contacts: Terry O'Malley 828-855-0746 and Jeri Perry 828-632-8058 [buckperry90@gmail.com](mailto:buckperry90@gmail.com)

**November 13** - Club meeting, Elk Grove Library

**December 11** - Christmas Party, Giordanos, Westchester

### Spoonplugger Resources

Equipment/materials	Supplier	Contact
Quarterly newsletter, videos, spoonplugging guides	National Spoonpluggers of America	<a href="http://nsoa.info/">http://nsoa.info/</a>
Book, home study guide, spoonplugs, No-boline, and rod	Buck's Baits Inc, <a href="http://www.buckperry.com">www.buckperry.com</a>	Scott Jenkins, 828-428-4650 <a href="mailto:scottjenkins@bellsouth.net">scottjenkins@bellsouth.net</a>
Blades, and JB's	Johnny B's, John Bales	<a href="http://johnnyb-lures.com/">http://johnnyb-lures.com/</a>
Plug Knocker	Jerry Borst	<a href="mailto:jborst@joltmail.com">jborst@joltmail.com</a>
Custom Spoonplug rods	Mike Beck	<a href="mailto:Mwbeck54@gmail.com">Mwbeck54@gmail.com</a> , 612-
Videos	Spoonplugger films	Stephen Gillian
	Structure Fishing	Jim Shell, <a href="http://structurefishing.com/">http://structurefishing.com/</a>

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