

Northern Illinois Spoonpluggers

Lake Michigan Report



Chris Angsten went out one day in December on Lake Michigan out of Milwaukee. Chris got on the water at 10:00 AM. North of the harbor in 40' to 60' there were many small humps that were probably made from dumping hard materials such as clay and rock etc. Many guys were trolling in the 40' to 50' range. Most of them were trolling their lures no deeper than 20' and most were gone by noon. Chris started trolling in the 50' range working the humps with one line on the bottom, one at 20', and another at 35'. He was looking for the old water intake and discharge structures because he thought they might be bigger. As soon as he found the first structure he hit a nice lake trout at 20' and that was it. It took a while but he found another good spot in 61' quite a ways from the first. It was a bigger hump and topped off at 49'. He caught two more Lakers and a good sized Brown Trout all on bottom working lines. One of the Lakers was big and shook the hook at the net. The harbor should be good in January and February for brown trout. You can still catch Lakers near the gaps. The Lakers are out of season all winter so you'll have to release them but it sure beats the heck out of ice fishing. When the Browns are going it's easy for one guy to catch 50 browns a day so give Lake Michigan a try in the winter!

Next meeting will be held on April 3rd 2012!

Meetings will be held at the VFW in McHenry (3002 w IL Rt 120) the 1st Tuesday of every month 7:30pm - 9:00pm. April - November.

Please be prepared to pay your yearly dues of \$25.00 per person. Our club treasurer, Ted Malo, will be collecting dues. This fee funds the newsletter, our monthly raffle, and Christmas party. We hope that 2012 will be a successful fishing year for all. Remember: Your photos and stories fuel this newsletter! If any members know of any potential spoonpluggers that might be interested in joining, invite them to a meeting. The first meeting is free to those who are testing the waters. Remember, the more members...the BETTER!

Please send fish pictures and stories to william.spoonplugger.lorch@gmail.com.

Dont' forget Taco Tuesday is until 8 o'clock!! Bring your appetite!

Senior Spoonplugging Advisors:

Jerry Borst, Vic Saunders, Chris "Hoss" Blatzhiem, Chris Angsten, Bill Lorch

Treasurer: Ted Malo **Trustee:** Bill Lorch

EDUCATION

The following is a passage from Buck Perry's Home Study course: Mapping and Interpretation Part II

When considering the fact that **MOST OF THE TIME, MOST OF THE WATER contains no fish**, there are so many factors involved, it is hard to say which is of the greatest importance. As far as the fisherman is concerned, he must be fully aware of this fundamental fact and **WHY IT IS SO**. It is in the answering of the **WHYS** that we are able to solve the problems created by this fundamental fact. In short, **when we understand why** most of the water is empty of fish most of the time, we will be able to find them.



**MAPPING IS THE KEY TO INTERPRETATION —
INTERPRETATION IS THE KEY TO KNOWLEDGE —
KNOWLEDGE IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS —
SUCCESS IS THE KEY TO SATISFACTION.**