

Northern Illinois Spoonpluggers

Next Meeting July 1, 2015

Meetings will be held at the VFW in McHenry 3002 w. IL. Rt. 120 the first Wednesday of "Every month" 7:30pm-9:00pm April-December

Summer is here

The water is warming and the algae is blooming on some of our favorite lakes in Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin. The fish start moving on summer structure situations more consistently when surface temperatures get to 75 degrees and above. This means the Spoonplugger may need to work the deeper breaks and breaklines on his favorite structures. One thing we should not forget is that we



shouldn't spend all of our time working the deeper features. A good weather and/or water condition could put the fish shallower than you might expect from time to time. By taking the time to check the shallower features, especially when the deeper features aren't producing keeps us doing a more thorough job. Sometimes the Spoonplug may not be the lure of choice. At times a Spinnerbait or a Jigworm or even a top surface lure like a Buzzbait or a jerkbait would do the job

in the shallows. These bass were caught on top of the weeds at five foot with a Jigworm and a floating Rapala in August after catching a bass trolling tight to the weedline near the main structure.

BUCK SEZ

A great deal of material has been covered in the study of weather and water conditions and their effects on fishing results. At times, the student may begin to wonder if all can be remembered, but as he gains more experience in weather and water observations, all should fall into place.

We are quite aware that weather and water conditions control the movement and activity of the fish. **There may be quite a number of factors involved.** However, our best **visible** guide is **light** and with this in mind, we are on the road toward "tying" weather and water observations together.

Certain weather conditions will produce certain light conditions; certain water conditions produce certain light conditions. If the full force of the sun's rays are penetrating the water, fish react in a negative manner. If certain parts of the rays are filtered out by certain weather conditions or certain water conditions, the fish react in a positive manner, as far as the fisherman is concerned. If the light is strong-as observed after a cold front-then conditions are bad. If the water is clear, and some of the light is not filtered out, again conditions are bad, But if the light is less-due to weather or cloud cover, or dark dingy water-then conditions are good.

When conditions get too tough in a given area in a lake or reservoir, due to weather and water conditions, then the fisherman must do some migrating himself to find areas where conditions are less difficult. In most man-made reservoirs, better areas can be found somewhere in the reservoir, but in some natural lakes, the fisherman might have to migrate to another lake.