



Northern Illinois Spoonpluggers

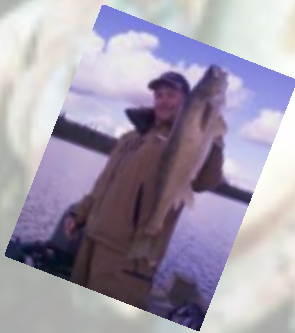
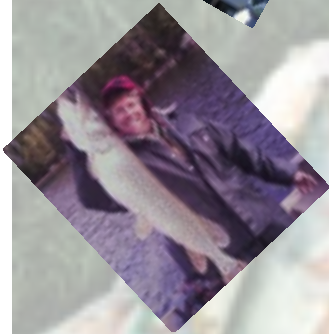
Senior Spoonplugging Advisors:

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

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

Next meeting will be held on December 6th! This will be the last meeting until April 3rd 2012.

Catches of the Month



Chris Angsten and Jerry Borst went to Canada in October and reported catching over 300 fish. This year most of the fish were caught casting and/or vertical Jigging. Not a lot of fish were taking trolling. No Muskies were reported but numbers of sizable Walleyes, Northerns, Smallmouth and Lake Trout were caught from depths in excess of 40 feet. Fishing deep water can be very lucrative as long as you are fishing deep on productive structure. Good job guys!

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 - December.

Last month's attendees:

Ted Malo
Bob Borst
Bill Lorch

and our trusty bartender Maureen Halleren

Last Meetings Recap

Raffle: Maureen won a vintage two ring 200 series spoonplug.
Congratulations Maureen!

Attendance was down again this month. Please remember that regular attendance is crucial to the integrity of the club. We hope to see you next month!

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

Ideas that Work

Before Anchoring the boat, be sure to throw a marker on the exact spot that you wish to anchor. Now placing the boat is not such a chore. You have a visible reference as to where and how to position the anchor to arrive at the marker. When the boat is in position, a second anchor should be set in place to keep the boat from wandering.

Dont' forget Taco Tuesday is until 8 o'clock!! As a Holiday treat the club will be providing the tacos and beverages. Bring your appetite!

Correction and Education

Our deepest apologies to Brother Ted Malo. An error was made in last month's newsletter in the "Catch of the Month" section. These bass were not caught on Lake Delevan, they were, in fact, caught on Long Lake in Northern Illinois. Long Lake has a long history of being a good spoonplugging lake with good water color, structures, and a fair population of largemouth bass and northern pike. Ted has been fishing this lake for several years and has had considerable success. Most Illinois fishermen flock to Wisconsin on opening day and spend a very limited amount of time on our home waters in Illinois. Lakes such as Long Lake and the Chain O' Lakes have structures at depths that will allow for precise lure presentation both casting and trolling. There is much to be learned from our own lakes where fishing is not as easy. This is especially true on the Fox Chain O' Lakes. These lakes have true trophy potential whereas most lakes in Southern Wisconsin are more action oriented. A knowledgeable spoonplugger is able to catch fish at home as well as abroad.



Fishing Report

Lakes in the region are turning over. Conditions are unstable at this time. Although, catches can be made if we continue to put forth time and effort on lakes with the best potential. Lakes with good water color such as the Fox Chain O' Lakes in Illinois and the Madison Chain O' Lakes in Wisconsin are good potential spots to concentrate our efforts as these waters contain Muskie. The Muskie, this time of the year, is our target as this fish is more active and catchable at this time of the year. So, don't hang your rods up yet.

Tips for the Winter Months

This time of the season when the boat is in the garage and there is ice on the water, this is a good time to re-familiarize ourselves with basic fishing facts that we may have forgotten. Studying Buck Perry's green book or the home study course is a good way to keep our knowledge sharp in preparation for the upcoming fishing season. This is also a good time to study maps of new lakes that we may want to visit next season. We may find ourselves doing things a bit different as our knowledge grows in areas that previously caused us problems. If answers to your questions cannot be found here, we will surely try to answer them at the meetings. Remember strange water is our teacher.

As a final thought, let me say: **The day you become an "expert" is the day your fishing growth stops. . . . The day you become selfish in your fishing is the day your fishing growth stops. . . . The day you forget depth and speed control, and put faith in size, color, and action (aids) is not only the day your fishing growth stops, but is the day you start downhill. Pretty soon, you'll be asking yourself, "What happened?"**



*Good fishing
Buck Perry*



Ted Malo and five year old Grandson Garrit (above) were fishing one day this summer when Garrit caught this nice 18 inch Largemouth Bass. Ted says that Garrit loves to go spoonplugging with his granddad. Good job Garrit. We hope to see more of you in the future!

We wish you all a Happy Holiday Season!! See you all next year in April.

