



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 November 1st!

Catch of the Month



Ted was out on Lake Delevan one day in August, enjoying his retirement, when he caught these Large Mouth Bass just off the weed line. He has been fishing Lake Delevan for several years now and his hard work and dedication has been paying off. Great Job Ted! Keep the pictures coming!

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.

Last month's attendees:

Ted Malo
Bob Borst
Bill Lorch
and our trusty bartender Maureen Halleren

Last Meetings Recap

Raffle: Bob Borst won a vintage 2 tie 250 series spoonplug in the box. Congratulations Bob!

Attendance was down 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

Vic Saunders had a good tip about spinner type lures like buctails and Mepps spinner baits. If you bend the eye by approximately 45 degrees off center this will keep the lure running straight through the water without rotating. Thusly, you will prevent your line from becoming gnarled.

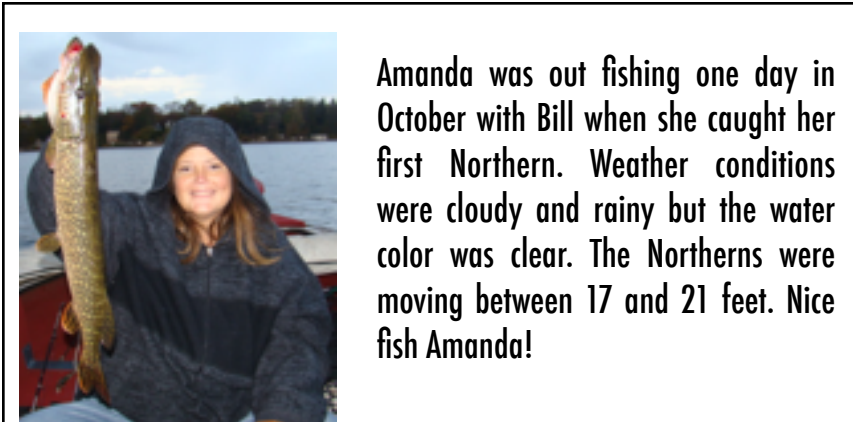
Dont' forget Taco Tuesday is until 8 o'clock!! Bring your appetite!

Fishing Report

Ted Malo has been fishing Lake Delevan and said he has been catching Walleyes by both catching and trolling both deep and shallow with success. Jerry and Chris have been on Eagle Lake in Canada. We hope to have stories and pictures to share in next month's newsletter. Locally, weather and water conditions have been relatively stable but fish still seem to be moving early and late on most lakes. We must put forth time and effort to make consistent catches. We also must practice discipline in correct lure presentation.



Here are some shallow water Walleyes that Ted Malo caught while trolling a 500 series spoonplug from the launch at Lake Delevan to the main lake. The water color is a very dark yellow-green in this shallow area. Ted caught the fish trolling back and forth in 2-4 feet of water. Sometimes the fish are shallower than you might think. Good job Ted!



Amanda was out fishing one day in October with Bill when she caught her first Northern. Weather conditions were cloudy and rainy but the water color was clear. The Northern's were moving between 17 and 21 feet. Nice fish Amanda!

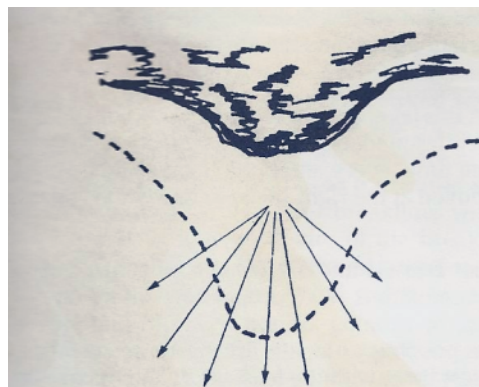


Figure 1

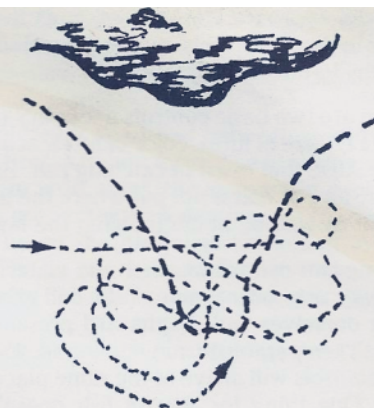


Figure 2

Figure 1 is a top view showing the basic procedure for casting a deep water structure (bar in this case). A series of casts are made, referred to as "fan casting." The casts are made into deep water and the lure allowed to sink all the way to the bottom before being retrieved. Speed control in the sinking process is controlled by the weight and shape of the lure; and, the diameter and tension on the line. The speed on retrieve is controlled by just how fast we move it.

Figure 2 shows many trolling passes normally used in working the deeper section of a structure, such as a "bar." The lures used must reach the bottom, as set forth in the Basic Presentation of Lures. Once the lure leaves the structure (bottom) on a trolling pass, the boat is turned for another pass, etc.

As stated, any suspended fish will be related in some manner to the structure, breaks, and breaklines. The casting and trolling procedures as given will take care of any suspension if it occurs. It is doubtful if any other presentation will so effectively handle suspension on/or around structure — regardless what you might see on the depth sounder.

Once suspension has been established for a particular species (and if), knowing where the suspension actually exists **will allow for better depth and speed control**, then it might be acceptable to use fish as a guide in presenting lures. But we will find, in the final analysis, much time and non-productive effort will be lost if suspended fish **only** is used as a guide — for finding them or for the presentation of lures.

To the left is a passage from Buck Perry's home study course, "Presentations of Lures."

Below is a picture of our teacher, E.L. Buck Perry with a nice stringer of Northern Pike and Smallmouth Bass.

