



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 October 4th!

Catch of the Month



Jerry was out on Lake Mendota one bright blue day in September when he hooked this 27 inch walleye. Jerry proves again and again that when conditions are tough you have got to fish deep on structure to catch fish.

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
Russel Lewis
Bob Borst
Jerry Borst
Jim Taylor
Bill Lorch

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Ideas that Work

When spooling your bait casting reel, be careful not to load too much line on the spool, otherwise, you may have backlash problems. Also, make sure you use extra tough line (17-20 lbs.) and don't try to cast lures that are lighter than 1/2 oz. If you do backlash your reel from time to time, it is always good, on occasion, to strip some line off or change the line out. This will help to give you optimum casting results.

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

Fishing Report

Jim Taylor went fishing on Whitewater Lake one day in August. Jim said that he was working outside the weed line from 8-10 feet when he caught some nice large mouth bass. He caught one that was 21 inches along with several others. He also caught some northern. He said that the weather conditions were stable and the bass were moving. Great job Jim! Keep those photos coming! Jerry and Chris were out on Lake Mendota one day in September. Jerry caught a beautiful 27 inch walleye and Chris caught a nice 38 inch northern. Conditions were clear most of the fish were deep. Bill and Maureen were out the same day on Lake Waubesa and Maureen caught a nice 20 inch walleye. The



Jim Taylor on Lake Whitewater with his 21 inch bass. He reported catching several bass and northern throughout the day.

skies were blue and the fishing was tough, but thanks to spoonplugging knowledge we still caught fish. Thanks Buck!



Maureen is living the high life with her 20 inch walleye that she caught on Lake Waubesa while fishing with Bill.



Chris Angsten with a nice 38 inch Northern caught on Lake Mendota

Last Meeting's Recap

Jerry Borst gave an informative deep water presentation. Jerry talked about trolling the deep break lines in Canada's Eagle Lake. He and Chris Angsten have been fishing lakes in Canada for some time now and know some of these deep lakes very well. Jerry drew out some of the structure situations that he has encountered on Eagle Lake and explained some of the rigging techniques that he uses to have better control of depth and speed at depths in excess of thirty feet. Jerry explained how, instead of spoonplugs, they use large deep-diving minnow imitation lures on wire line as to keep the line as short as possible to reach these deep break lines. Always keep this in mind, when running wire line: You don't run wire line just to run deep. You use wire line to work deep structure. These words of wisdom came straight from **Buck Perry's Green Book**.

The following is a passage from Buck Perry's Home Study course "Structure Breaks and Breaklines"

We know the many changes that occur in WEATHER throughout the year. But what is often overlooked, though, is the fact WATER can and does change. Water changes may not occur as fast as those of weather, but — nevertheless — this change can have a profound effect on our fishing approach and success.

In looking at weather and water changes, we **MUST** consider them from a daily standpoint, but of equal importance is the **seasonal view**. We could actually say the seasonal view, that is, the seasonal changes in water and weather, determines to a great extent **the action taken by fishermen on the daily level**. This seasonal view gives the understanding of changes that can and will take place in weather and water, **and the reaction of fish to these changes**. We could say the seasonal changes produce a third change — the **FISHERMAN'S change** — the change in fishing tactics that are necessary as the changes occur in weather and water conditions.