



## Fishin' Lines

December 2017

The Oswegoland Fishin' Fools is a multi-species fishing club. We meet the 1st Monday of each month at 7 PM in the Allied First Bank Building, 3201 Orchard Road, Oswego Visit us on the Web at: <http://www.fishinfools.org>

If you have an article to submit, please send it to me at: [menoland@sbcglobal.net](mailto:menoland@sbcglobal.net) or if you would like help writing an article you can either email or call me at 630-730-3490. Thanks – Mike Noland

### OSWEGOLAND FISHIN' FOOLS

## Final Thoughts for 2017 Fools? Not

Just because our name says that we're the "Fishin' Fools", it does not follow that we are simple minded or foolish. I think we would all agree it's simply an emphatic statement of how our love for the sport of fishing goes well beyond what some people (non-anglers mainly) consider normal. At least, that's how it began.

When we started the club some 16 years ago I sensed even then that the people gathered around a small table in the bar of the Oswego American Legion, were eager to meet like-minded anglers and explore waters they had not fished before.

Over the years we've seen quite a few changes. We've tried many different activities such as kids' fishing clinics, family picnics, topical speakers, special awards and our annual "Cabin Fever" dinner, to name a few. We've also maintained a solid committee of officers and members who take care of seeing to it that our club continues to operate and provide activities and events that are of interest to our members. We should all thank them for their dedication and hard work.

Sadly, we've also seen the passing of several of our fellow members. I hope we can all take a moment to recall how much they loved our club and honor them by doing what we can to help it continue to grow and improve in the future.

Sentinel

Thursday, July 26, 2001

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Larry Motykowski, an Oswego resident since 1998, started up the Oswegoland Fish'n Fools fishing club this past winter. Here he reels in a fish during one of the club's regular monthly fishing trips last Friday at Heidecke Lake in Morris. The club meets on the first Tuesday of every month at the Oswego American Legion.

Above: Article from Thursday, July 26, 2001 re: new fishing club in Oswego "Started last winter"

Probably the key reason we are as successful as we are: we fish. Sounds simple, right? Isn't that the point of joining a "fishing" club?

Many clubs it seems have difficulty getting members involved. Some have requirements as to how active their members must be to maintain membership, etc., etc. Some have a lot of meetings and little real fishing. Some have big, expensive trips that only a small number of their group can afford.

We have always tried to offer a variety of destinations; some near, some a little farther away (but still do-able). The planning committee asks for member input and works very hard at putting together a schedule that has an attractive mix of events.

The one thing that can destroy a club however, is apathy. When the small group of dedicated people who give their time and energy to fulfilling the positions of club officers become burned-out (and they will) and no one cares to fill their shoes, any club, no matter how good will decay and eventually, collapse.

I would hate to see that happen to our great group. Please get involved. Everyone can contribute something. If work or other commitments prevent you from being an officer or committee member at least make sure you share your thoughts (preferably positive ones) with those who do the planning. You can also submit photos and your original articles to this newsletter; I promise you I too will get burned out if I have to write all the copy and provide all the photos.

On Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, we will elect a new President and Secretary. At this time, we have one candidate for President, Don DeBoer and no candidate for Secretary. We will accept nominations from the floor however, the person being nominated must be present and consent to becoming a candidate for that office.

Please consider running for a board position. We believe you can contribute to our club. You may advise any member of our nominating committee by December 4, 2017

The nominating committee consists of:

Mike Quill – Chairman, [Irish1321@att.net](mailto:Irish1321@att.net), 630-553-3828 Carl Fiorini – member, [Carl.fiorini@comcast.net](mailto:Carl.fiorini@comcast.net), 630-554-0345 and Dick Banning – member, [RLB5253@Comcast.net](mailto:RLB5253@Comcast.net), 630-807-9037.

I personally, am proud to be part of this small but passionate group of anglers.

Thanks to everyone that participated in the Events this year. Please STAY INVOLVED!

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## Where are we going fishing?

**By: Dick Banning**

Where are going to go fishing this time? This is the question we ask ourselves every fall to begin our thinking for a schedule the next year.

We have chosen to ask our members to list and/or rank your preference to lakes that we typically have fished before. We believe this should give us our best chance of selecting those lakes you, our members, have confidence in to catch fish.

Upon receiving your selections, we, the Planning Committee, collate and list the lakes in order of preference for us to take into account when making the final decisions for the schedule.

Once we have a listing of the lakes, we then try to place the lakes into the schedule based upon many factors that will provide us the best chance of having a good fishing outing. This list considers many factors but is not all inclusive.

- Away lakes
- Availability of restaurants and hotels
- Local lakes
- Cooling lake versus not a cooling lake
- Time of year for specific lakes
- Other boating traffic
- DNR requirements
- Ramp conditions and accessibility
- Possibility of flooding

- HP limitations
- Ramp fees and/or permit fees

Upon consideration of these factors, we assign lakes to a month in the calendar. We then review the month for holidays, possible vacation times, Park District functions, and assign a weekend to have the fishing outing. Our tentative selections are presented to the members for their consideration and comments. Once a schedule is completed, the Planning Committee Chairman applies for a permit via the DNR and their approval. This approval is on a first come – first served basis.

## October Fish of the Month



**Angler:** Roger Schmidt  
**Fish:** 50.5", 35 lb. Muskellunge  
**When:** October 18, 2017  
**Location:** Land-O-Lakes Cisco Chain

**Awesome Fish Roger!**

## Say it in Pictures!

Please send your fishing photos or your original articles to me, Mike Noland at:  
[menoland@sbcglobal.net](mailto:menoland@sbcglobal.net)

Thanks!

**Congratulations**

## Angler of the Year, 2017



**Tom Witzke**

## Just Around the Corner . . . CABIN FEVER 2018!

You don't want to miss the fun and excitement of our annual Cabin Fever party. Saturday, Feb 10, 2018 at the Riverview Diner, Montgomery. Be at the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting for more details!

WISHING HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

ALSO GREAT FISHING AND  
THE BEST NEW YEAR EVER!



