



Fishin' Lines

March 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 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

March 6th Meet & Swap



By Mike Noland

Got tackle? Got the wrong tackle? Got too much tackle? We have the answer . . .

Come to the March Fishin' Fools' Swap Meet! Bring what-ever fishing gear you no longer want /need to the March 6th club meeting and set up a table to swap or sell items with other members.

Anything from jigs to boats (just bring a picture of the boat, please) can be offered for sale / trade. If you are planning to sell please give Danny Cossich a call or an e-mail to reserve a table.

January Fish of the Month



Angler: Tom Cebula
Fish: Largemouth Bass
Date: January
Location: Subdivision Pond
Bait: Float-n-fly tipped with minnow

Congrats Tom!

Fishin' Fools' 2017 Tournament Schedule

| Date/Time | Location | F.O.D. |
|---|--|-----------------------------|
| March 18 th & 19 th 6:00 – 3:00 | Lake of Egypt (Pyramid Acres Marina) | Crappie / Bass |
| April 8 th & 9 th 6:00 – 3:00 | Braidwood Lake (South Ramp) | Catfish / Bass |
| May 20 th 6:00 – 3:00 | Heidecke Lake | Walleye |
| June 10 th & 11 th 6:00 – 3:00 | Sturgeon Bay | Bass / Perch |
| July 8 th & 9 th 6:00 – 3:00 | The Tony Cox Memorial Illinois River – Spring Valley Barto's Landing | Walleye / Other |
| August 12 th & 13 th 6:00 – 12:00 Note: Fishing must end at Noon on both days. Check- in is no later than 2:00 p.m. | Clinton Lake (Clinton Lake Marina) | Bluegill / Crappie |
| September 30 th & October 1 st 6:00 – 3:00 | Winneconne (Landing on the Wolf) | White Bass / Northern |
| October 14 th & 15 th 7:00 – 3:00 | Shelbyville West Dam Recreational Area (9 th St.) | Bass / Bluegill |

***All Tournaments are one-day Tournaments.
i.e. – August 12th & 13th will be two one-day
Tournaments.**

2017 Fishing Side Trips

| Date | Location | Member Sponsor |
|--|---------------|----------------|
| May 4 th – 7 th | Lake of Egypt | Brian Murphy |
| May 21 st | LaSalle Lake | Danny Cossich |

Lake of Egypt Side Trip with Brian Murphy

As I stated I am doing a side trip to Lake of Egypt Thurs to Sun May 4th-7th. I was able to rent a HOUSE ON THE LAKE, thru VRBO, for these days.

Perfect Lakeside Retreat for Your Trip to Lake of Egypt- Huge Home, Lot, & Doc! This house has:

Our lakeside retreat is located on the beautiful Lake of Egypt, popular for fishing, boating, and water sports. This tranquil waterfront home is situated on a private road and features vaulted ceilings, 3 queen bed bedrooms, 3 full bathrooms, a stone wood burning fireplace, and a large deck overlooking the lake. There is also a separate full basement studio unit with 2 double beds, Living Room, full Kitchen, and full Bath plus patio with beautiful lake views as well! Room enough for 2 families comfortably! The house has lake views in the front and back, and is situated off the ski area in a no wake zone with deep water off the dock. The dock is a newer covered one boat slip with huge 12'x28' sundeck to enjoy all the lake has to offer as well as the picturesque sunsets! There is also a private sand beach with toys provided and a built in fire pit for evening campfire activities!

There is room for 6 guys, unless you want to sleep with someone. LOL!! I will be going with my dad. Jon Olivet and Mark Corah have committed so that leaves 2 more beds available. There is room for additional guys but you would have to

cot/air mattress it. I would also have to check with the owners.

The total cost is \$871.65 which is \$145.28 per person. Nightly it is \$48.43. I must pay the full balance by March 1st, so any person going will need to pay me by that date. This is **NOT REFUNDABLE**. If you cannot go **YOU** need to find a replacement and get your money from that person! Sorry to have to do this, but I am taking all the risk on behalf of club members.

Lastly cost of a hotel in Marion is about the same per person. The advantage is not having to take your boat out or issues with finding electric hookups.

Call or email me with questions.

Update Feb 27th: Hello All Fishin' Fools:

This the last call for Lake of Egypt side trip May 4-7. The house has room for 4 more guys, but you will have to air mattress or cot it. I **MUST NOTIFY** the owner by MARCH 4th if more people are going to be staying. The max is 10 and we have 6 already.

The Lake Tree Inn has 2 rooms and some other hotels have availability. Finally if more guys want to go let me know, I may have a line on another house on the lake.

Please email me if interested.

- Brian Murphy

ALL MEMBERS ATTN: Your Club is AT RISK!

For the first time in club history we had to cancel an event for non-participation. Is this a sign of things to come? We should all look at this as a warning. These events are what we consider our "Promotional Events" because it gives our club the needed exposure to keep the club going. Members come and go from the club for various reasons and these events help put our

name out there to draw in new members. Without new members, we will not be able to keep membership up, and without a certain level of membership we can't get speakers for our club meetings.

This brings us to our next concern. Our largest event, Northern Illinois Hunting and Fishing Days, is on the verge of being canceled unless we can get commitments from our members. There are many clubs that require a certain number of hours worked at events as a requisite of membership. We don't want to become one of these clubs. So when you are planning your club fishing trips, keep in mind that these trips are made possible by your commitment in helping at our "Promotional Events". Planning to help out at one of these events should be no different than planning a fishing trip. We will have the signup sheets at all our club meetings and if you aren't able to attend the meeting, just give me a call and I can put you down. Just remember, without participation, there would not be a club. With last year being our largest participation for fishing events in club history, let's do the same for our other events. Below are our Promotional Events for the year:

March 18th - Fish and Hook Show
June 17th - PrairieFest Kids Fishing
September 23rd & 24th - Northern Illinois Hunting and Fishing Days
October 7th - Fishing with Dad

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Northern Illinois Hunting & Fishing Days

(An article worth repeating- Mike N.)

By: Dick Banning

As we continue our planning for the year, the planning committee would like to see the support we will receive in September for NIHFD. In this event we need booth and tournament (Sunday only) volunteers. Our

day can be made up of three hour sessions or any greater number of hours. We need two minimum for properly manning the booth. The club gets publicity for hosting the tournament and running the DNR fishing machine for interested kids to try their luck at catching a King Salmon. NIHFD will provide the club booth space at no charge. A cooler of water will be provided by NIHFD.

The tournament on Sunday will need a minimum of six; two in registration and four to walk the pond. Help will be needed to setup/take down the rods/reels. An entire day may be from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. The tournament runs from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Radios will be provided for communicating the participants name, length measurements, and species to registration.

The booth will require someone to run the interactive fishing machine for kids and an occasional adult. We also need someone to hand out our brochure and talk to interested people about joining the club.

Your help is appreciated and needed for us to host these two activities. We want the club to do a great job for our publicity. Please consider volunteering for this event September 23-24, 2017. We do not want to commit to do this without your help. Once we commit, we need your help.

Wisconsin Fishing Report:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Fishing/lakemichigan/OutdoorReport.html>

Fish & Hook Sports Show

For those that are not going to the Lake of Egypt Event, the Fishin' Fools will have a booth at the Fish & Hook Sports Show on Saturday, March 18. The show will be held at the American Legion Marne Post #13 in Plainfield located at 24741 Renwick Road. This show is unlike most shows in that it features used fishing equipment and sporting goods that are sold and swapped with Vendors from Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, Northwest Indiana and Michigan.

PRESIDENT'S PONDERING

By Jim Frolich

Hello fellow Fishing Fools. It is just about that time of year to start our fishing trips. First thing I want to say is be safe out there when on and off the water. We have many great trips to go on this year. If you would like to fish a certain event coming up, make sure you contact another member in the club to fish with. Remember, it your responsibility to find a fishing partner. We have sign-up sheets at our meetings or it just takes a few phone calls and you will be able to find somebody to fish with. Also, if you are a non-boater, remember that there are numerous expenses associated with owning a boat, so make sure you help your partner out and share the gas, oil, and launch fees with your partner. Hope to see everybody on the water.

Until next month. after I do some 'Pondering', Think fishing.

Jim

P.S. In case you forgot . . . 2017 dues are NOW being accepted. Enjoy waaaay more than \$40 worth of benefits when you join or renew a membership.

AND . . . Why not bring a friend along and get them involved?

AND . . . Why not join our planning committee and really get involved with making our club better for everyone?

AND DON'T FORGET . . . all fishing licenses need to be renewed by the end of March

