



There's No Fool Like A Fishin' Fool

## *Fishin' Lines*

March 2018

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

## PRESIDENT DON'S POND - ERING



### HEY, lighten up!!

Last spring I discovered a new and exciting way to fish the season and it was all by accident, literally, I was home recovering from major shoulder surgery going stir crazy in the house when I was invited to ride along with a couple friends to Lake Geneva for

the day, well I just couldn't go empty handed so I took one rod just in case my arm could handle it, a medium light 6'2 rod and a small reel combo, I found that there was no fatigue after the day so when I recovered I brought that rod on every trip and started using it in all applications, spooled with 8# fire line for casting distance and strength with a fluorocarbon leader it was my go to rod for everything from rock bass, crappie, smallmouth and largemouth, I found my accuracy greatly improved and could handle bigger fish and a lot more fun, as we get older if your tiring out sooner that you want try downsizing your equipment, plus it can eliminate extra rods in the boat giving you more room and easier to pack for a trip, it was my primary rod for Winneconne catching white bass, largemouth, smallies and even a few northers. Try it, lighten up!!!

Good fishin' -- Don

## March Meeting Guest Speakers And Swap Meet

Our March meeting will begin with the annual Swap Meet from 6:30 – 7:00 PM followed by Eric Heckman of Corens' Rod & Reel Service who will talk about Rod and Reel Cleaning and Maintenance. This promises to be an informative talk so you may be well-advised to bring a pen and note pad.

Also speaking will be coach Tyler Boyle from Oswego High School and Coach Andy Brogan from Oswego East High School's fishing team/s.

SWAP MEET PARTICIPANTS . . . PLEASE . . . let Danny Cossich know if you will be participating in the swap meet so we have some idea as to how many tables will need to be set up! Call him *before* the meeting at: 815-735-0425.

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## CABIN FEVER 2018

(Follow-up story by Mike Noland)



Once again Ma' Nature tested our resolve to gather for our annual Cabin Fever Dinner with a blast of winter weather on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February as we slogged our way through the snow and cold to reach the warmth and friendly atmosphere of the Riverside Diner in Montgomery.

The evening went as advertised with appetizers and friendly conversation followed by dinner, games, awards, raffles and gifts!

There was a bit of trepidation following last year's "double booking" mix-up however, a repeat was not in the cards as the food was hot and tasty and the meeting went un-interrupted until we packed up our gifts (and left-overs) and bundled up for the trek home.

All-in-all, it was well worth the journey out and those who were able to make it had very positive things to say about the evening.

Special thanks to Lynda Cox who worked with me to create some well-received center pieces which were raffled off. Also thanks to Amy Andrews, Danny Cossich, Jim Frolich, Ginny Banning (fish-shaped cookies) and Don DeBoer for planning, set-up, appetizers, games, raffles, etc., etc. Much work deserves much thanks to all of these fine club members.

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## Bedford Sales Open House

(Follow-up story by Mike Noland)

Thanks to Jim Frolich for Co-Chairing our booth at the Bedford Sales Open House on Feb 17 & 18. Also thanks to Don and Tyler De Boer, Gene Walking and Mike Quill for helping to man the booth.



Bedford's owner, Sam Rosefsky has generously given us a booth at the event (without charge) for several years now which gives us an opportunity to promote our club to prospective members and the possibility of interacting with prospective speakers for our meetings and . . . garner some valuable news/tips that could be useful to our club members.

Since Sam always has several professional fishermen speaking at the open house, I thought it might be a great chance to "borrow" those speakers for a short interview that we could share with our members and prospective members.

We did talk to several visitors that showed interest in possibly joining our club and will be following up with an e-mail and a copy of the news-letter for the ones who gave us their e-mail address.

The video interviews will be posted on the club's website which Danny Cossich has recently updated (very nicely in my opinion).

Tell your friends and those you talk to about the Fishin' Fools, to check out our website. Invite them to a meeting and share with them your reason for joining. Our membership is ageing and we need to bring in new people if we are going to keep our club vital and growing. That's what promotions like our booth at Bedford's are about.

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## Notes from the Planning Committee (by Danny Cossich)

### Tournament Changes

First, all boat owners are strongly encouraged to carry insurance, especially liability coverage. Participants must sign a waiver prior to fishing in a tournament.

As most are aware, we could not do a Tournament at Shabbona because the State doesn't allow Tournaments on weekends due to too much fishing pressure for a small lake. In lieu of Shabbona, we moved Big Green Lake to that Weekend of July 14th and 15th and in place of Big Green Lake, which was scheduled for October, we put Lake Kincaid on October 13th and 14th hoping that it would be a little warmer down south than in Wisconsin.

So now our Fishing Events are now set for the year. If you are going to Winneconne, be sure to let Amy know as soon as possible to reserve your room. Start getting your partners now and reserving your rooms, because at a number of our Fishing Events, there are Fishing Tournaments besides ours going on and as you well know, rooms go fast once people start signing up for these other Tournaments.

### Bass Pro Meeting Change

Please note that we have a meeting Change for our July Meeting at Bass Pro. We originally were going to try to meet on July 2nd, but with it being the 4th of July Week, the Planning Committee decided to

change it to July 9th. We will have Mike Norris speaking at this meeting on Big Green Lake.

## Fish & Hook Sports Show

Mark your calendar. The Fishin' Fools will have a booth at the Fish & Hook Sports Show on March 17th at the American Legion Hall on Renwick Road in Plainfield. We will not need any additional help because this show is pretty cramp and there is only enough room for two people at the Booth, but please come out and see us. This is the 14th Year of the Show, and they have given us a free table for the last few years. Not all items sold at the show are new, they also sell used items which makes it unique to other shows. Vendors come from Northern Illinois, Wisconsin, Northwest Indiana and Michigan. You can visit the Shows website at <http://www.fishandhook.net>.

## 2018 Fishing Events

Date	Location
April 14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> Tournaments on both days launching at the South Ramp	Braidwood Lake
April 28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> Tournaments on both days launching from the Marina	Clinton Lake
May 19 <sup>th</sup> Tournament on Saturday Only	Heidecke Lake –
May 20 <sup>th</sup> No Tournament	LaSalle Lake
June 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tournament at Springfield Lake on Sunday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lake Jacksonville
July 14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> Tournaments on both days	Big Green Lake, WI
August 18 <sup>th</sup> August 19 <sup>th</sup> Tournaments on both days	Spring Valley (Barto's Landing) Ottawa (Allen Park)
September 29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup>	Winneconne
October 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> Tournaments on both days	Lake Kincaid, IL

***\*We offer Tournaments to all members during Events when noted above. It's not***

*required that you participate in the Tournaments. All Participants in the Tournaments are required to provide a copy of their Boat Insurance and sign a Waiver prior to the Tournament start.*

## January Fish of the Month



Not to be out-fished, Roger Schmidt braved frozen water and cold air to bring in a very nice (through the ice) Bass.

**Angler:** Roger Schmidt  
**Fish:** 15 in. Largemouth Bass  
**Bait:**  
**Location:** Local Farm Pond  
**When:** Jan 21, 2018

**Nice Catch 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!

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## Lake of Egypt Side Trip

(Update)

May 3-6, (4 days, 3 nights)

There is currently space open at the house for 2 people on this trip with a cost of \$100 per person (prepaid) for the 3 nights. Either the first floor apt or the 2 bedrooms on the main floor. A kitchen is available on each floor and a separate bathroom. This house is on the water with a dock. You will only need to launch once and pay one fee. I have a client on the water and business. They are from Batavia and stated we can leave our trailers on their lot. Fishing has ALWAYS been good at this time, as I have been doing this trip for 10 yrs., check with Mark Corah. Weather is usually in the 70s. I will be cancelling the 2nd house reserved in Feb since it is not needed at this time.

If you have additional questions at a meeting, please talk to Mark Corah and he can answer some of them.

If interested please email me ASAP at: [Briancpamv@aol.com](mailto:Briancpamv@aol.com)

-- Brian Murphy

