



## *Fishin' Lines*

*January 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

### Welcome 2018!

#### PRESIDENTS' PONDERING



Wow, as 2017 draws to an end, I am sitting here Pondering about what to write about. As this is my last "Pondering" as the outgoing President, I can only say one thing. THANK YOU to all my fellow fishin' fools for all the support you have given me and the club. This club would not be as great as it is without you guys and gals.

Thank you, Danny, for taking on the challenging task of being Planning Chairman, and Brian for donating your skill and time in being our Treasurer and tax rep, Dick Banning, for your secretarial skills and all the committee men and women for the extra 12 nights a year you give the club, Ginny and Mike Quill for running the raffles each meeting. Allied Bank for allowing us to use their facility without charging us for our meetings. And to all the members that attend meeting and functions.

I hope everybody gives our new incoming President Don DeBoer the support and respect you have given me. Until the next time we meet, I will continue to Ponder.

**Jim Frolich, President**

### January Meeting is Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>!

Dave VanDoorn. representative for Take a Vet Fishing will give a presentation on the TAVF organization and how it works.

Out-going Fishin' Fools President, Jim Frolich has been involved with this group in the past and would like to see us find a way to contribute to this program to give back to some very worthy veterans.

### 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 January 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting for more details and to reserve seats for you and a guest!

**Reminder:** Please remember to remit your membership dues for 2018 A.S.A.P. The small annual dues help us provide speakers, offset Cabin Fever expenses and provide other valuable benefits for our members. All officers and committee persons volunteer their time and none are compensated for their work on behalf of the club (in case you were wondering).

# Fish of the Month

## November



**Angler:** Gene Walkling  
**Fish:** 20" Largemouth Bass  
**Bait:** Scum Frog  
**Location:** Lake Jacksonville,  
Jacksonville, IL  
**When:** July 21, 2017

Nice Bass Gene!

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## Things to Do in the Off-season

By Danny Cossich

For those that are not fishing all year round here are a few things to do to help pass through the "winter blues".

### Organize your stuff

Although you may not be able to get to your boat, there are still a number of things you can do. If you are like me, you don't always put back tackle in an organized fashion at the end of the year. How far you go with this depends on how obsessed and anal you are. Make everything easily assessable and ready to tie on and cast within a minute or two. It sucks when you think you know where you placed your favorite lure only to find out when you are fishing that you misplaced it and you waste time tearing your tackle box apart looking for it. You say you are already organized? This next tip may hurt a little, but as a fisherman, we are hoarders; it's built into our DNA. There are lures

that you haven't used in years. Get rid of it. Collect all that stuff and bring it to our Swap Meet. You may make a few extra dollars and save fuel costs by eliminating that extra weight in your boat.

### Pre-Plan your Season

Now is the time if you know where and when you are going to plan your hotel stays, how to get there, read past fishing reports about the area, study maps, etc. Do your research now while you can instead of trying to make time right before a trip.

### Learn to use that Fish Finder

Most of our Fish Finders are removable. Invest in a AC to DC power converter. You can then power up your Fish Finder and play with it while sitting in your favorite lounge. Have your manual handy and go through all the functions. Setup your screens the way you want to see them. With a Navionics Chip, you can use your screen cursor and move it to your favorite lake and study the contours and other features.

### Practice

It's easy to set up a practice area in your garage or basement. How many times you missed your mark last season? Here is the time to practice that pitching. Place a bucket or some cups of various sizes in around and under stuff. Practicing can save you money too. How many lures you lost by getting them stuck in a tree or on shore and you couldn't retrieve them. With lures costing sometimes around \$6 or \$7 (or even a lot more), the costs add up fast. If you always wanted to learn to cast better with your other hand, here's the time to practice that too.

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## Say it in Pictures!

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Thanks!

